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### PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

January 10, 2000

Chair Martin, Vice Chair Linett, Counsel Wyse, Senior Staff, and Deputy Legal Director Nedda Gold Massar were present. Commissioner Ware was not present. Commissioner Franzese participated by phone.

#### 1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Chair Martin called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., adequate notice of the meeting of the Commission had been filed with the Secretary of State's Office and distributed to the entire State House Press Corps.

The meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. in Trenton, New Jersey.

#### 2. Approval of Public Session Minutes of December 15, 1999

On a motion by Vice Chair Linett, seconded by Chair Martin and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission approved the Public Session Minutes of December 15, 1999.

#### 3. Executive Director's Report

##### A. Staff Activities

Executive Director Herrmann announced that Assistant Compliance Officer Amy Davis has been promoted to Assistant Review Officer. According to the Executive Director, Ms. Davis will be conducting investigations under the supervision of Director of Review and Investigations Carol Hoekje. The Executive Director said that Ms. Davis is a night student at the Rutgers Camden School of Law.

Executive Director Herrmann indicated that the investigative staff has been registered for a March 2000 training course in computerized analytic methods offered by the Division of Criminal Justice Training Academy.

B. Computer News

The Executive Director noted that detailed contributor data for G-99 Assembly candidates has been placed on the web site. According to Executive Director Herrmann, due to the new computer system this project was completed a year earlier than in the past.

The Executive Director said that more web site improvements are being planned that include:

- ELEC regulations
- copies of complaints and final decisions
- the most recent white paper
- rule proposals

Executive Director Herrmann reported that ELEC has received the highest score for online disclosure in a national survey funded by the Joyce Foundation of Chicago. Executive Director Herrmann mentioned that the report stated that ELEC's digital disclosure efforts have been well funded by the Governor and the Legislature and that the money "was obviously well spent." It said that ELEC's new "state-of-the-art database" is "exceptionally complete and easy to use." Executive Director Herrmann advised the Commission that the report stated further that "other states looking for ways to design a user-friendly site should take a look at what New Jersey has accomplished." He said that it concluded by pointing out that ELEC's database "contains the most historic itemized disclosure data of all 50 states."

C. Winter Meeting Schedule

- February 17, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. in Trenton
- March 13, 2000 at 11:00 a.m. in Trenton

4. Resolution to Go Into Executive Session

On a motion by Vice Chair Linett, seconded by Commissioner Franzese and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to go into closed Executive Session to discuss the following matters which will become public as follows:

- A. Final Decision Recommendations in violation proceedings which will not become public. However, the Final Decisions resulting from those recommendations will become public no later than 35 days after mailing.

- B. Investigative Reports of possible violations, which reports will not become public. However, any complaint generated as the result of an Investigative Report will become public no later than 50 days after mailing.
- C. A report on written requests for investigations of possible violations, which report will not become public. However, any complaint which may be generated as a result of a request for an investigation will become public no later than 50 days after mailing.

5. Adjournment

On a motion by Vice Chair Linett, seconded by Commissioner Franzese and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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