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### PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

January 21, 2025

Chairman Thomas H. Prol, Commissioner Ryan Peters, Commissioner Norma R. Evans, Commissioner Jon-Henry Barr, Legal Counsel Edwin R. Matthews, Executive Director Amanda Haines, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, Legal Director Theresa Lelinski, Deputy Legal Director Scott Miccio, Compliance Director Aurea Vazquez-Alexander, Review and Investigation Director Shreve Marshall, Information Technology (IT) Director Anthony Giancarli, IT Specialist Lou Solimeo, and Legal Secretary Maureen Tilbury were present. IT Specialists Elias Amaya and Ken Colandrea participated via Zoom.

A court reporter was available to record the proceedings.

The Public Session Minutes will be available online on the Commission's website at: <http://www.elec.state.nj.us>.

Chairman Prol convened the meeting at 11:14 a.m. in Trenton.

#### **1. Open Public Meetings Statement**

Chairman Prol 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. It was also posted on the Commission's website.

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Approval of Public Session Minutes for December 17, 2024**

On a motion by Commissioner Barr, seconded by Commissioner Peters, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the Public Session Minutes for December 17, 2024. Commissioner Evans abstained because she was absent from this meeting.

#### **4. Executive Director's Report**

Executive Director Haines presented the Executive Director's Report.

Next Commission Meeting

February 18, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

**5. Public Comments**

Chairman Prol opened the meeting to public comments.

- Ronald Gravino

Chairman Prol closed the meeting to public comments.

**6. Chairman Prol Read Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session**

Whereas, there exists a need to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following matter/matters, which fall within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq. to wit.

**Matter/Matters (OPMA Exception)**

- Discussion of Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2024;
- Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints;
- Update on Enforcement Initiatives; and
- 2025 Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

Whereas, it is unknown at this time when such discussion to take place in Executive Session may be disclosed to the public.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Election Law Enforcement Commission as follows:

1. This Executive Session Meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall be closed to the public for discussion of the aforesaid referenced matters.
2. The matters discussed during this Executive Session Meeting shall be disclosed to the public at such time when reason for discussing and acting on same in Executive Session shall no longer exist.

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission resolved to enter Executive Session to discuss anticipated litigation and current litigation, which will become public as follows:

- A. Final Decision Recommendations in complaint proceedings which will not become public. However, the Final Decisions resulting from those recommendations will become public not later than seven business days after mailing to the named respondents.
- B. Matters under current litigation, the substance of discussions of which will not become public in order to protect the attorney-client privilege and the deliberative process. However, any litigation in which the Commission is currently a party is a public matter and will become public subject to the above limitations and privileges.

**7. Return to Public Session**

Chairman Prol stated that the following items were discussed in Executive Session:

- Discussion of Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2024;
- Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints;
- Update on Enforcement Initiatives; and
- 2025 Gubernatorial Public Financing Program.

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission returned to public session.

**8. 2025 Gubernatorial Public Financing Program**

Compliance Director Aurea Vazquez-Alexander reported to the Commission the status of public matching funds submissions received on January 7, 2025.

**9. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2024**

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the Executive Session Minutes for December 17, 2024. Commissioner Evans abstained because she was absent from this meeting.

**10. Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints**

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints as follows:

- 2022 Primary Election: 1. Sarabando
- 2022 General Election: 2. Cox
- 2023 Primary Election: 3. Brady 4. Perdomo 5. Londono 6. Bracken 7. Sloyer
- 2023 General Election: 8. Washington

**11. Public Comments**

Chairman Prol opened the meeting to public comments.

- Ronald Gravino

No other public comments.

Chairman Prol closed the meeting to public comments.

**12. Adjournment**

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn the meeting at 11: 45 a.m.

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Respectfully submitted as true  
and correct,

Amanda S. Haines  
Executive Director

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