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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

February 18, 2025

Chairman Thomas H. Prol, Commissioner Ryan Peters, Commissioner Jon-Henry Barr, Legal Counsel Edwin R. Matthews, Executive Director Amanda Haines, 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. Commissioner Norma R. Evans, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, 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 11:04 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 January 21, 2025

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the Public Session Minutes for January 21, 2025.

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Haines presented the Executive Director's Report.

Next Commission Meeting

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

5. Report on 2025 Gubernatorial Public Financing Program

Compliance Director Aurea Vazquez-Alexander reported to the Commission the status of any public matching funds submissions received.

6. Important Dates for 2025 Primary Election Debate Sponsor Applications

March 17, 2025 is the deadline for Debate Sponsor Applications.

7. Public Comments

Chairman Prol opened the meeting to public comments.

- John Tummino, PIX11 News in New York City.

Chairman Prol closed the meeting to public comments.

8. 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 January 21, 2025;
- Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints;
- Complaint Recommendations/Enforcement Actions;
- Gubernatorial Requests for Investigation; 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 Barr, 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.

9. Return to Public Session

At this time, Commissioner Evans left the meeting.

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission returned to public session.

10. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for January 21, 2025

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 January 21, 2025.

11. Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints as follows:

- 2022 Municipal Election: 1. Summers-Johnson
- 2023 General Election: 2. Richardson 3. Southard

12. Public Comments

Chairman Prol opened the meeting to public comments.

No other public comments.

Chairman Prol closed the meeting to public comments.

13. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as true
and correct,

Amanda S. Haines
Executive Director