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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

April 8, 2025

Chairman Thomas H. Prol, Commissioner Ryan Peters, Commissioner Jon-Henry Barr, Legal Counsel Edwin R. Matthews, Executive Director Amanda Haines, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, 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, Finance & Administration Director Christopher Mistichelli, and Executive Secretarial Assistant Maureen Tilbury were present. Commissioner Norma R. Evans, IT Specialists Elias Amaya and Ken Colandrea participated via Zoom.

A court reporter was present to transcribe 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 11:02 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 March 18, 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 March 18, 2025.

4. Executive Director's Report

Executive Director Haines presented the Executive Director's Report, which updated the Commission on the following:

- The 2026 budget and a supplemental appropriation to support the gubernatorial public financing program for the 2025 primary election;
- The status of A3540, S4277, A5505, S4329 and A5559; and
- Several speaking engagements by ELEC staff members.

5. Report on 2025 Gubernatorial Public Financing Program

Compliance Director Vazquez-Alexander updated the Commission on the status of any public matching funds submissions received.

6. Advisory Opinion Request No. 03-2025

Deputy Legal Director Miccio briefly described the request from Hoboken Councilwoman Tiffanie Fisher and indicated the receipt of a written public comment on the request.

7. Public Comments

Chairman Prol opened the meeting to public comments.

No one came forward, so Chairman Prol closed the meeting to public comments.

8. 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 March 18, 2025;
- Advisory Opinion Request 03-2025;
- Report Review Results;
- Prospective Compliance and Enforcement Initiative;
- Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints;
- Draft 2024 Annual Report with Legislative Recommendations;
- New Deep Fake Law; and
- Potential Regulatory Needs.

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 the matters noted above.

9. Return to Public Session

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

10. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for March 18, 2025

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the Executive Session Minutes for March 18, 2025.

11. Advisory Opinion No. 03-2025

Deputy Legal Director Miccio summarized the recommended Commission response. On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Evans, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved Advisory Opinion No. 03-2025.

12. 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. Springer;
- 2022 General Election: 2. Fuzy;
- 2023 Primary Election: 3. Smith; and
- 2023 General Election: 4. Doogan, 5. DiPietro.

13. Draft 2024 Annual Report with Legislative Recommendations

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the draft annual report with legislative recommendations that will be released on May 1st with the discussed additions to complete the draft.

14. Compliance and Enforcement Initiative

Chairman Prol announced a Compliance and Enforcement Initiative for 2025.

15. Public Comments

Chairman Prol opened the meeting to public comments.

No one came forward, so Chairman Prol closed the meeting to public comments.

16. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Peters, seconded by Commissioner Barr, and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as true
and correct,

Amanda S. Haines
Executive Director

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