

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

June 15, 1981

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew C. Axtell, Member
M. Robert DeCotiis, Member
Lewis B. Thurston, III, Executive Director
*William R. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel
*Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

The chairman called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and that copies have been posted in the State House Annex, and mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House press corps.

The meeting convened at 10:10 a.m.

1. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter and to approve the minutes of the executive sessions of the Commission meetings of May 26 and June 9. At the conclusion of the discussion of these matters, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 4-0.

2. ELEC Meeting Schedule

The Commission decided to reschedule the meeting planned for Monday, June 22 to Wednesday, June 24. Additionally, the Commission added Monday, June 29 to its meeting schedule.

3. Approval of Minutes of Public Sessions of Commission Meetings of May 26 and June 9, 1981

On a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the public session minutes of the above-cited meetings.

4. Advisory Opinions

The Commission reviewed the following advisory opinion

*did not attend portion of the meeting dealing with personnel matters.

requests and agreed upon advisory opinions in each case:

0-29-81 - Vincent P. Fox
0-30-81 - Philip J. Cocuzza

5. Auditing of Primary Election Candidates for Governor
The assistant executive director reported on discussions with the State Division of Auditing and State Division of Purchase and Property concerning procedures and possible contract arrangements with accounting firms to conduct such auditing.
6. Compilation of ELEC Regulations
The staff counsel reported that a compilation of Commission regulations is being prepared, in part because the printed compilation from the Office of Administrative Law is 1½ years behind schedule.
7. Lobbyist Regulations
The Commission directed the general legal counsel and staff counsel to begin redrafting the Commission's regulations dealing with financial reporting by lobbyists in view of the enactment very recently of a new statute providing a different statutory base for such reporting and the deleting of the law which was the basis for the existing Commission regulations in this area.
8. Question Re Chargeable Expenditures to Gubernatorial Candidate
One of the campaigns for a candidate in the primary election for Governor raised the question of whether expenses of workers cleaning up campaign headquarters after the election or the cost of a survey as to why the election was lost would be campaign expenditures which would count against the candidate's campaign expenditure limit. The Commission reviewed the question and concluded that such expenses would be campaign expenses which would count against the candidate's expenditure limit.
9. Executive Session
On a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss current litigation. At the conclusion of the discussion, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 4-0.
10. Adjournment -
The Commission adjourned the meeting at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director