

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

September 24, 1980

*PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman

Josephine S. Margetts, Member

Andrew Axtell, Member

Lewis B. Thurston, Executive Director

Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel

William Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director

Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

*M. Robert DeCotiis, Commission nominee, attended as an observer.

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 10:05 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Commission Meeting of September 17, 1980
On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the public session of the Commission meeting of September 17, 1980.
2. Adoption of Interim Regulations Re Public Financing of Gubernatorial Primary Elections
The Commission reviewed its proposed interim regulations on this subject, made several modifications, and, on a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, adopted these regulations to be effective September 25, 1980.
3. Executive Session
On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the determination of enforcement cases from the 1979 municipal, 1979 general, 1980 municipal and 1980 primary elections. Upon conclusions of these discussions, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Commissioner Margetts seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0.
4. Adoption of ELEC Budget Request for Fiscal Year 1981-82
The Commission reviewed the staff recommendations for this budget and, on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 3-0 approved the recommendations as the Commission's budget request to be submitted to the Division of Budget and Accounting by October 1, 1980.

5. Advisory Opinion Requests

The executive director reported on a meeting requested by and held with Harold Ruvoldt, attorney for Mayor Thomas F. X. Smith of Jersey City, on September 18. He indicated that he anticipates receipt of an advisory opinion request from Mr. Ruvoldt on behalf of Mayor Smith concerning a number of matters relating to the public financing of gubernatorial primary elections.

Mr. Thurston also indicated that a letter had been received from Henry Ramer, treasurer of the Friends of Pat Kramer Committee, which raised certain questions concerning activity of that Committee prior to the effective date of the new public financing statute for primary elections for Governor. The Commission reviewed and discussed this letter and agreed that general legal counsel would forward a response to this advisory opinion request immediately. The response will indicate in part that the Commission would need additional information to render an advisory opinion.

6. ELEC Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed to cancel the meeting of the Commission scheduled for October 1, 1980. The next meeting of the Commission is scheduled for October 15, 1980.

7. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



LEWIS B. THURSTON, III
Executive Director