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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

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Chairman DeFilippis, Vice Chairman Timpone, Commissioner Saunders, and Legal Counsel Baron participated by telephone. Executive Director Brindle, Deputy Director Donohue and Legal Director Hoekje were present. Director of Review and Investigation Shreve Marshall was also present. Report Review Officer Lovinsky Joseph was present for the purpose of recording the minutes.

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

The meeting convened at 3:00 p.m. in Trenton.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Chairman DeFilippis called the meeting to order, and Executive Director Brindle announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 *et seq.*, notice of this special telephonic meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission was announced for January 31, 2012, at 3:00 P.M., at the Commission's offices, and was distributed at approximately 2:58 P.M., on January 27, 2012, to the entire State House press corps and was filed with the Secretary of State's Office. It was also posted on the Commission's website.

The agenda of the meeting will be limited to discussion in Executive Session of a personnel matter. The Commission believes that it is in the public interest to act expeditiously upon this personnel matter. The Commission could not have reasonably foreseen the need for this meeting at a time when adequate notice could have been provided.

In light of the fact that notice for this special meeting may not have been made at least 48hours prior to the meeting, the Executive Director suggested that there be a motion and vote to enact a resolution authorizing the holding of this special meeting to establish that a delay for the purpose of providing adequate notice would result in substantial harm to the public interest.

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On a motion by Vice Chairman Timpone, seconded by Commissioner Saunders and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to hold the special meeting.

2. <u>Resolution to go into Executive Session</u>

On a motion by Vice Chairman Timpone, seconded by Commissioner Saunders and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter.

Return to Public Session

The Executive Director noted that no members of the public were present.

3. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Saunders, seconded by Vice Chairman Timpone and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeffrey M. Brindle Executive Director

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