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### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

### February 20, 2015

Chairman DeFilippis, Vice Chairman Timpone, Commissioner Saunders, and Legal Counsel Matthews participated by telephone. Executive Director Brindle and Deputy Director Donohue were present. Special Programs Analyst Scott Fagerty was present for the purpose of recording the minutes.

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

The meeting convened at 10:00 a.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," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq., notice of this special telephonic meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission was announced for February 20, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices, and was distributed at approximately 11:30 a.m. on February 17, 2015, 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.

Executive Director Brindle said that the Commission believes that it is in the public interest to act expeditiously upon this matter under litigation. The substance of discussions of matters under current litigation 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 any action taken by the Commission will become public subject to the above limitations and privileges.

The agenda of the meeting will be limited to discussion in Executive Session of an urgent litigation matter.

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.

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## 2. Resolution to go into Executive Session

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 matter in litigation.

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## 3. Adjournment

On a motion by Vice Chairman Timpone, seconded by Commissioner Saunders and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn at 10:19 am.

Respectfully submitted as true and correct,

Jeffrey M. Brindle Executive Director

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