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### **ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION**

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#### **PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**

#### March 27, 2017

Chairman DeFilippis, Commissioner Holden, Commissioner Jaso, and Legal Counsel Matthews participated by telephone. Executive Director Brindle, Deputy Director Donohue, Legal Director Roberts, Compliance Director Olivo, Deputy Legal Director Haines, Director of Review and Investigation Shreve Marshall and Assistant Legal Director Michelle Levy were present. Personnel Officer Judy Sheridan was present for the purpose of recording the minutes.

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

The meeting convened at 12:00 noon in Trenton.

Executive Director Brindle thanked the Commissioners for taking time out of their busy schedule to deal with this emergent matter. The Executive Director mentioned members of the Commission and staff participating in the meeting. He also noted that no members of the public were in attendance.

## 1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Chairman DeFilippis called the meeting to order. 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 March 27, 2017, at 12:00 noon, at the Commission's offices, and was distributed at approximately 2:30 p.m. on March 23, 2017, 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 a matter of importance, specifically in regards to the notice of proposed readoption of the Commission's regulations that were set to expire on March 25, 2017 at midnight.

# 2. Proposed Readoption: N.J.A.C. 19:25

The Commissioners discussed proposed readoption of N.J.A.C. 19:25. Because the chapter expiration date falls on a Saturday, the 180-day expiration date extension shall take effect if the filing of

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the notice of proposed readoption occurs no later than March 27, 2017, the next business day after the expiration date. As the Commission will file this notice of readoption with the Office of Administrative Law on March 27, 2017, the expiration date is extended 180 days to September 21, 2017. The rules of the Commission implement the provisions of the following laws: the New Jersey Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44A-1 et seq. (Campaign Reporting Act); the Gubernatorial Legislative Disclosure Statement Act, N.J.S.A. 19:44B-1 et seq. (Financial Disclosure Act); the Legislative and Governmental Process Activities Disclosure Act, N.J.S.A. 52:13C-18 et seq. (Lobbying Act); and, the Uniform Recall Election Law, N.J.S.A. 19:27A-1 et seq. (Recall Act).

On a motion by Commissioner Jaso, seconded by Commissioner Holden and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission directed staff to file the proposed readoption with the Office of Administrative Law.

# 3. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Jaso, seconded by Commissioner Holden and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as true and correct,

Jeffrey M. Brindle Executive Director

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