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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

November 9, 2018

Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, and Legal Director Demery Roberts were present. Chairman Eric Jaso, Commissioner Stephen Holden, Commissioner Marguerite Simon, and Legal Counsel Edwin Matthews participated by telephone.

A court reporter was available to record the proceedings.

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

The meeting convened at 1:00 p.m. in Trenton.

1. **Open Public Meetings Statement**

Chairman Jaso called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-6 *et seq.*, notice of this telephonic meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission was announced for November 9, 2018, at 1:00 p.m., at the Commission's office, and was distributed at approximately 10:00 a.m., on November 2, 2018, 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.

2. <u>Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session</u>

Whereas, there exists a need to hold an Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the following matter/matters, which fall within the exceptions to the Open Public Meetings Act, <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 10:4-12 *et seq.* to wit.

Matter/Matters (OPMA Exception)

- Consideration of an Initial Decision; and,
- Pending Litigation Matter.

Whereas, it is unknown at this time when such discussion to take place in Executive Session may be disclosed to the public.

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Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Election Law Enforcement Commission as follows:

- 1. This Executive Session Meeting of the Election Law Enforcement Commission shall be closed to the public for discussion of the aforesaid referenced matters.
- 2. The matters discussed during this Executive Session Meeting shall be disclosed to the public at such time when reason for discussing and acting on same in Executive Session shall no longer exist.

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission resolved to enter 1st Executive Session.

Legal Director Roberts, as prosecuting staff, exited the meeting and did not participate in the 1st Executive Session.

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3. <u>Initial Decision</u>

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission voted to adopt Item 1, Final Decision.

At this juncture, Chairman Jaso recused himself from the meeting and did not participate in the discussion in 2nd Executive Session.

On a motion by Commissioner Simon, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission resolved to enter Executive Session.

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4. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Commissioner Simon, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn at 1:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted as true and correct,

Jeffrey M. Brindle Executive Director

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