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PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

March 21, 2023

Chairman Eric Jaso, Commissioner Stephen Holden, Legal Counsel Edwin Matthews, Executive Director Jeffrey Brindle, Deputy Director Joseph Donohue, Deputy Legal Director Amanda Haines, Compliance Director Stephanie Olivo, Review and Investigation Director Shreve Marshall, Legal Administrator of Review and Investigations Theresa Lelinski, and IT Specialist Lou Solimeo were present. IT Specialist Elias Amaya participated via GoToWebinar. Commissioner Marguerite Simon was absent.

A court reporter was available to record the proceedings.

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

The meeting convened at 11:10 a.m. in Trenton.

1. Open Public Meetings Statement

Chairman Jaso 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., adequate notice of the meeting of the Commission had been filed with the Secretary of State's Office and distributed to the entire State House Press Corps.

It was also posted on the Commission's website.

2. **Approval of Public Session Minutes for February 21, 2023**

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Chairman Jaso, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission approved the Public Session Minutes for February 21, 2023.

3. **Approval of Public Session Minutes for February 27, 2023**

On a motion by Chairman Jaso, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission approved the Public Session Minutes for February 27, 2023, as amended by Chairman Jaso.

4. **Executive Director's Report**

The Executive Director presented the Executive Director's Report.

Future Meetings Schedule

- May 16 at 11:00 a.m. in Trenton; and
- June 20 at 11:00 a.m.

5. **Public Comments**

No public comments

6. **Resolution Authorizing an Executive Session**

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, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 et seq. to wit.

Matter/Matters (OPMA Exception)

- Discussion of Executive Session Minutes for February 21, 2023;
- Discussion of Executive Session Minutes for February 27, 2023;
- Final Decision Recommendations for Non-Filer Complaints; and,
- Complaint Recommendations.

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

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 Holden, seconded by Chairman Jaso, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission resolved to enter Executive Session to discuss anticipated litigation and current litigation, which will become public as follows:

- A. Final Decision Recommendations in complaint proceedings, which will not become public. However, the Final Decisions resulting from those recommendations will become public not later than seven business days after mailing to the named respondents.
- B. Matters under current litigation, the substance of discussions of which 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 will become public subject to the above limitations and privileges.

- C. Matters under current litigation, the substance of discussions of which 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 will become public subject to the above limitations and privileges.

Return to Public Session

7. Approval of Executive Session Minutes for February 21 and February 27, 2023

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Chairman Jaso, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission approved the Executive Session Minutes for February 21 and February 27, 2023.

8. Complaint Recommendations

On a motion by Commissioner Holden, seconded by Chairman Jaso, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission approved the Complaint Recommendations, items 1 and 2.

9. Public Comments

No public comments

10. Adjournment

On a motion by Chairman Jaso, seconded by Commissioner Holden, and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission resolved to adjourn at 11:40 p.m..

Respectfully submitted as true
and correct,

Jeffrey M. Brindle
Executive Director

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Note: The March 21, 2023 minutes were not approved by ELEC commissioners.
The Commissioners resigned March 30, 2023.