

Indiana Election Commission Minutes December 17, 2013

Members Present: Daniel A. Dumezich, Chairman of the Indiana Election Commission (“Commission”); S. Anthony Long, Vice Chairman of the Commission; Bryce H. Bennett, member; Suzannah Wilson Overholt, member.

Members Absent: None

Staff Attending: Trent Deckard, Co-Director, Indiana Election Division of the Office of the Indiana Secretary of State (Election Division); J. Bradley King, Co-Director of the Election Division; Leslie Barnes, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division; Dale Simmons, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division.

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the December 17, 2013 meeting of the Commission to order at 8:00 a.m. EST in the Downtown Marriott, Rooms 3-4, 350 West Maryland Street, Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Chair recognized the Co-Directors of the Election Division, who noted that proper notice of the meeting had been given, as required by state law. A copy of the meeting notice and agenda are incorporated by reference in these minutes. *[Copies of all documents incorporated by reference are available for public inspection and copying at the Election Division Office.]*

2. Continuing Legal Education Event

The Chair announced that the Commission would conduct its first continuing legal education event, entitled *Ethical Issues in Election Administration*, and welcomed the attorneys and non-attorneys who were present.

Ms. Barnes presented information regarding the statutory structure and responsibilities of the Commission. Mr. Simmons presented information regarding the provisions of the Administrative Orders and Procedures Act (AOPA) which were particularly applicable to ethical considerations in the work of the Commission.

Each Commission member then discussed several key ethical principles applicable to their role on the Commission, and reviewed several scenarios in which these principles were applied. The presentation concluded after 60 minutes. The Chair thanked everyone for their assistance in the preparation and presentation of this event.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Long moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the September 26, 2013 minutes of the Commission be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Dumezich, Mr. Long, Mr. Bennett, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

4. Approval of Campaign Finance Orders (2013-182 through 2013-188):

Mr. Long moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Commission adopt Orders 2013-182 through 2013-188, concerning campaign finance enforcement hearings conducted at the September 26, 2013 Commission meeting. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Dumezich, Mr. Long, Mr. Bennett, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

5. Approval of Order 2013-181 (Forms):

Mr. Long moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Commission adopt Order 2013-181, which approved various absentee forms, candidate forms, county election board forms, Indiana election commission forms, and voter registration forms. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Dumezich, Mr. Long, Mr. Bennett, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

6. Discussion of Future Commission Meeting Dates in January and February 2014:

The Chair noted that there were two upcoming deadlines which made it desirable for the Commission to schedule meetings if necessary. The Co-Directors reported that although no objections had been filed to proposed precinct boundary establishment orders that the deadline for these orders to take effect would be January 7, 2014 (the day before the beginning of candidate filing by precinct committeemen and other primary election candidates). After discussion, Commission members requested that the Election Division reserve space for a Commission meeting to be conducted on January 7, 2014, at 1:30 p.m. EST, if an objection were filed, and if not, to notify Commission members so that the meeting would be cancelled.

The Co-Directors reported that the deadline for the Commission to rule on any challenge filed against a candidate for nomination in the May 2014 primary was February 27, 2014. After discussion, Commission members requested that the Election Division reserve space for a Commission meeting to be conducted on February 26, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. EST, if an objection were filed, and if not, to notify Commission members so that the meeting would be cancelled.

7. Adjournment

There being no further items on the Commission's agenda, Mr. Long moved, seconded by Mr. Bennett, that the Commission do now adjourn. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Domezich, Mr. Long, Mr. Bennett, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

The Commission meeting was then adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Trent Deckard
Co-Director



J. Bradley King
Co-Director

APPROVED:



Bryce H. Bennett, Jr.
Chairman