

Indiana Election Commission
Minutes
December 16, 2014

Members Present: Bryce H. Bennett, Jr., Chairman of the Indiana Election Commission (“Commission”); Scott Chinn, Proxy for S. Anthony Long, Vice Chairman of the Commission; Zachary E. Klutz, member; Suzannah Wilson Overholt, member.

Members Absent: S, Anthony Long

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 16, 2014 meeting of the Commission to order at 8:00 a.m. EST in the J.W. Marriott, White River Rooms G-H, 10 S. West 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 third 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. Klutz moved, seconded by Ms. Overholt, that the August 15, 2014, August 22, 2014, August 27, 2014, and September 3, 2014 minutes of the Commission be approved as submitted. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chinn, Mr. Klutz, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

4. Use of Signature Stamps

Ms. Overholt moved, seconded by Mr. Klutz, that the Election Division staff be authorized to affix each member's signature stamp to the final copy of any Order approved by the Commission at this meeting. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chinn, Mr. Klutz, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

5. Approval of Campaign Finance Orders (2014-5 through 2014-129):

Mr. Klutz moved, seconded by Ms. Overholt, that the Commission adopt Orders 2014-5 through 2014-129, concerning campaign finance enforcement hearings conducted at the September 3, 2014 Commission meeting. Mr. Chinn stated that he would abstain on this motion since he represented several committees subject to these orders. There being no further discussion, the motion was adopted, with three members voting "aye" (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Klutz, and Ms. Overholt), no Commission member voting "no", and one member (Mr. Chinn) abstaining.

6. Ratification of Campaign Finance Settlement Agreements

Mr. Chinn moved, seconded by Mr. Klutz, that the campaign finance settlement agreements set forth in the document presented to the Commission by the Election Division staff be ratified. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chinn, Mr. Klutz, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

7. Approval of Order 2014-130 (Forms):

Ms. Overholt moved, seconded by Mr. Klutz, that the Commission adopt Order 2014-130, which approved various absentee forms and voter registration forms. The motion was adopted, with four members voting "aye" (Mr. Bennett, Mr. Chinn, Mr. Klutz, and Ms. Overholt), and no Commission member voting "no."

8. Adjournment

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

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

Respectfully submitted,

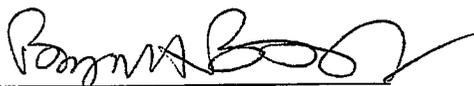


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APPROVED:



Bryce H. Bennett, Jr.
Chairman