

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

June 24, 1981

PRESENT

Sidney Goldman, Chairman
**Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew C. Axtell, Member
M. Robert DeCotiis, Member
*William R. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal Counsel
*Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel

The chairman called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, c.231, annual notice of the meetings of the Commission, as amended, has been filed with the Secretary of State's office, and that copies have been posted in the State House Annex, and mailed to the Newark Star Ledger, the Philadelphia Bulletin and the entire State House press corps.

The meeting convened at 10:05 a.m.

1. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. At the end of the discussion the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0.

2. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of June 15, 1981

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Chairman Goldman and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the Minutes of the Public Session of the above-cited meeting.

3. Certification of Public Matching Funds to Gubernatorial Primary Election Candidates

A. The Commission reviewed a request from Secretary of State Donald Lan, a candidate for governor in the primary election, for release of additional public funds previously certified to him. After a review of the request, the staff recommendations and information from the disclosure reports filed by Secretary Lan, the Commission agreed to release \$3,436.64 in public matching funds. This was done on a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0.

*Messrs. Schmidt and Nagy did not attend the personnel matter at the outset of the meeting.

**Commissioner Margetts did not participate in the enforcement and investigative matters conducted in executive session in the latter portion of the meeting. She left the meeting prior thereto.

B. The Commission reviewed the staff recommendations relative to certification of additional funds to gubernatorial primary candidates. On a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 4-0, the Commission agreed to not certify additional funds at this time to any candidates who show a net surplus in their accounts in their 15 day post-election, and to certify at this time an additional \$18,447.24 to the following four candidates:

<u>Candidate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Ann Klein (D)	\$ 690.00
Donald Lan (D)	3,436.64
John Rafferty (R)	5,130.00
James Wallwork (D)	<u>9,190.60</u>
TOTAL	\$18,447.24

C. The Assistant Executive Director reviewed with the Commission outstanding submission errors from various gubernatorial candidates. The Commission discussed the various categories of such outstanding errors and agreed with the recommendation of the Assistant Executive Director to communicate to the appropriate campaigns immediately that it is necessary to resolve the outstanding errors as soon as possible.

D. The Assistant Executive Director reported on the status of the audit procedure which will be employed to audit the records of the candidates receiving public funds in the gubernatorial primary election.

4. Discussion with Representatives of Republican Gubernatorial Nominee Thomas Kean re 1981 General Election for Governor

At the request of the Kean Campaign, the Commission met with six representatives of that campaign to discuss concerns relative to the 1981 general election for governor. The spokesman for the Kean representatives were Al Fasola, Consultant re Financing and Richard Zimmer, Legal Representative. The discussion involved, among other things, the subjects of allocation of joint expenditures, how to treat "Party Building" activity, polling activity, registration drives and get out to vote efforts, and the role of national party committees. The discussion was quite extensive. A similar session with representatives of James Florio, Democratic nominee for governor, at their request, is anticipated on July 6, 1981.

5. Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of June 15, 1981, investigative matters, and enforcement matters.

6. Public Indication of Executive Session Action from the Commission Meeting of June 15, 1981

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 4-0, the Commission made public its actions at the executive session of the above-cited Commission meeting relative to certain enforcement actions.

7. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Sidney Goldmann
Chairman

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