

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

June 29, 1981

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, 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 10:10 a.m.

1. Executive Session

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

2. E.L.E.C. Meeting Schedule

The Commission agreed to change its meeting schedules in July and August as follows:

delete July 20 and add July 27; and
delete August 3.

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

The Commission reviewed the staff recommendation for public matching funds. On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$12,988.00 in public matching funds to Richard McGlynn (R).

4. Contributions to Gubernatorial Campaigns from Minors

The Commission reviewed a staff memorandum and documentation submitted by the Wallwork campaign in support of two \$800 contributions from minors, one aged 15½ and the other aged 12½. The Commission agreed that the contributions were acceptable for matching with public funds on the basis of the facts presented, specifically: the signed statements by each of the minors to the effect that the funds were controlled by them and no gift was

*Not present for personnel matter

given to them for the purpose of contributing to the Wallwork campaign; the statement signed by the children's parents that the childrens' contributions were theirs alone and that the childrens' accounts are legally controlled by the children only; and the information, contained in the parents' letter that both children were personally involved in the campaign, worked at the headquarters and personally know the candidate and the candidate's children.

5. Meeting With Representatives of the Democratic Nominee for Governor

The assistant executive director reported that the representatives of the Democratic nominee for Governor, James Florio, would be able to attend the July 6 meeting of the Commission to discuss their concerns relative to the general election. The Commission asked the assistant executive director to arrange for the representatives of Mr. Florio to meet with the Commission at 10:30 a.m. on July 6.

6. Contract for Auditing Services

The assistant executive director reported that he had prepared a draft scope of services and assembled other information for review by representatives of the Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury. He reported that the draft scope of services will be available for review by the Commission at its July 6 meeting.

7. Questionnaire for Gubernatorial Primary Election Candidates

The assistant executive director reported that he would have a draft questionnaire available for review by the Commission at its July 6 meeting.

8. Notification by Gubernatorial General Election Candidates of Intent to Take Public Funds

The assistant executive director reported that the Democratic nominee for Governor, James Florio, had formally notified the Commission of his intent to apply for public matching funds in the gubernatorial general election.

9. Executive Session

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss investigative matters. At the conclusion of the discussion of these matters, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 4-0.

10. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "William R. Schmidt", is written over a light gray rectangular background.

WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT,
Assistant Executive Director

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