

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

October 13, 1981

PRESENT

Sidney Goldmann, Chairman
Josephine S. Margetts, Member
Andrew C. Axtell, Member
M. Robert DeCotiis, Member
Scott A. Weiner, Executive Director
William R. Schmidt, Assistant Executive Director
Gregory E. Nagy, Staff Counsel
Edward J. Farrell, General Legal 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 filed 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 10:45 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of October 5, 1981

The Commission reviewed the minutes and identified a correction on page 3, item no. 8, second line, wherein the vote of the Commission should be 3-0 rather than 4-0. On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the public session, as amended, of the above-cited meeting, with Commissioner Axtell not voting because he did not attend the above-cited meeting.

2. Certification of Public Matching Funds

The Assistant Executive Director recommended that the Commission certify \$5,214 to the Jack Rafferty for Governor Committee. This is the amount for which the Rafferty campaign is eligible based on its 15th submission, dated October 5, 1981.

On a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$5,214 in public matching funds for the Primary Election gubernatorial candidate, John Rafferty (R).

3. Report on 25-day Pre-Election Report Filing Activities

The Executive Director reported that the staff, working Friday evening, most of Saturday and most of Monday, had completed the initial processing of nearly all of the 25-day pre-election reports filed on Friday, October 9. The Director of Compliance and Review reported that there were 306 non-filers and that the delinquency rate for this filing is approximately two percentage points lower than the 1980 General Election. The Commission commended the staff for its cooperation in working on the weekend

and holiday to complete the initial processing of the filed reports.

4. Allocations by State Committees' Two Legislative Candidates

The Executive Director reported his conversations with some legislative candidates who expressed concern about their state party committee's allocations of expenditures to them. Some of the candidates had not received the allocation information until the morning of the day of filing and thus were unable to include the allocation in their reports. Others expressed concern about the amount of money being allocated to their candidacies by the state committees.

5. Parking Spaces

The Commission discussed the parking spaces made available for senior staff members. The Executive Director reported that spaces were available for the executive director, assistant executive director and the election finance analyst. On a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission authorized providing parking space for the staff counsel.

6. Preparation of Reprint of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act

The Executive Director reported on the status of the reprinting of the Campaign Contributions and Expenditures Reporting Act and submitted to the Commission a mock-up of the listing of Commission members and staff that will appear on the reprint of the Act.

7. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to resolve to go into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the Commission meeting of October 5, 1981 and to discuss investigations and enforcement actions, the results of which will be made public at their conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT A. WEINER,
Executive Director