

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

April 20, 1981

PRESENT

ABSENT

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

Andrew C. Axtell, Member

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 10:30 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of the Commission Meeting of April 13, 1981

On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved the amended minutes of the public session of the above-cited meeting. The amendment to the April 13, 1981 minutes changed the first line under paragraph numbered 4, Advisory Opinion Request, to read:

0-09-81, Jane Cleeland for the Wallwork for Governor campaign

2. Public Indication of Executive Session Action from the Commission Meeting of April 13, 1981

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 3-0, the Commission made public its actions at the executive session of the above-cited Commission meeting relative to certain enforcement actions.

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

After a review of the staff review and recommendations, on a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0, the Commission certified \$635,457.90 to the following 13 candidates:

<u>Candidates</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John Degnan (D)	\$116,840.00
Frank Dodd (D)	20,680.00
James Florio (D)	280,757.50
Kenneth Gibson (D)	8,231.00
William Hamilton (D)	29,281.09
Ann Klein (D)	8,827.00
Lawrence Kramer (R)	12,585.00
Donald Lan (D)	72,315.00

<u>Candidates (continued)</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Barbara McConnell (D)	\$ 13,506.00
Richard McGlynn (R)	14,065.00
Joseph Merlino (D)	21,909.00
Thomas F. X. Smith (D)	13,980.00
James Wallwork (R)	<u>22,481.31</u>
TOTAL	\$635,457.90

4. Approval to Increase the Percentage of Gubernatorial Primary Candidates' Submissions to be Certified Prior to Completion of Detailed Review

After a review of the error rates on submissions for public matching funds and a discussion of the cash flow needs of the gubernatorial campaigns, on a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 3-0, the Commission approved an increase, effective April 27, from 50 percent to 75 percent of the dollar amount of submissions to be recommended by the staff for approval by the Commission prior to the staff completing its review of the submissions.

5. Advisory Opinion Requests

0-08-81, Frederick Lowell, Esq.

The Commission reviewed this advisory opinion, which pertains to reporting by lobbyists, specifically reporting on "covered employees" and whether the gross or net salary is to be used. General Legal Counsel Farrell agreed to have a draft of an opinion available at the April 27, 1981 meeting for Commission review.

0-12-81, Gustavo Mellandes

The Commission reviewed this advisory opinion request, which pertains to independent expenditures in the 1981 primary election and agreed on an opinion to be rendered.

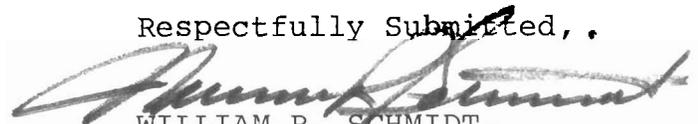
6. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldman, seconded by Commissioner Margetts and a vote of 3-0, the Commission went into executive session to discuss the minutes of the executive session of the Commission meeting of April 12, 1981, investigative matters and litigation.

At the conclusion of the discussion of these matters, the Commission returned to public session on a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 3-0.

7. Adjournment - The Commission adjourned the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted, .



WILLIAM R. SCHMIDT,
Assistant Executive Director