

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 19, 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  
Michele Hoffman, Assistant 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 10:15 a.m.

1. Approval of Minutes of Public Session of Commission Meeting of October 13, 1981

The Commission reviewed the minutes and identified a correction on page 1, item 1, last line wherein the word "above" was incorrectly typed. On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner DeCotiis and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the public session, as amended, of the above-cited meeting.

2. Report of Activity Relating to the Receipt and Review of 25-Day Pre-Election Reports

The Executive Director reported that the number of non-filers has been reduced from the 306 reported at the October 13, 1981 Commission meeting to 187 non-filers as of October 19, 1981. The Executive Director reported on the filings by the two National political party committees and noted that the Republican National Committee had not submitted the names of contributors of \$800 or more from New Jersey. He further reported that a representative of the Republican National Committee said that the RNC was willing to provide the names but that it would require a special programming of the RNC's computer run of its contributors and that reprogramming would cost between \$4,000 to \$5,000. After discussion, the Commission decided that it was unnecessary for either National political party committee to report such contributions because the contributions became so diluted within the total contributions received by both National political party committees and because the Commission did not wish to impose a costly burden on either National political party committee when those committees are also reporting to the Federal Election Commission.

3. Expedited Complaint and Hearing Procedures

The Executive Director distributed an October 16, 1981 letter addressed to the Counsels of the Republican and Democratic State Committees and the Kean for Governor Committee and the James J. Florio for Governor, Inc. The letter set forth the procedures to be used in seeking clarification or explanation of gubernatorial campaign committees and state political party committees pre-election reports or in bringing formal complaint proceedings.

4. Public Indication of Executive Session Actions

The Executive Director presented his recommendations on Commission executive session actions and on a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to make the following public:

- from the meeting of September 22, 1981, item No. 3, all those matters pertaining to final decisions adopted by the Commission concerning late filers;
- from the meeting of September 28, 1981, item No. 6, matters on the reporting requirements of the National political party committees;
- from the meeting of September 28, 1981, item No. 7, all those matters pertaining to final decisions adopted by the Commission concerning late filers.

5. Council on Governmental Ethics Laws 1981 Conference

The Executive Director distributed the announcement of the December 7 through 9, 1981 conference of the Council on Governmental Ethics Laws to be held in Charleston, South Carolina. He asked the Commission members to advise him if they plan to attend the conference.

6. Lobbyist Regulations - Public Hearing October 28, 1981

The Executive Director reported on the status of the October 28, 1981 public hearing on the proposed lobbyist regulations to be held in the Assembly Chambers at the State House.

7. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts 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 13, 1981 and to discuss investigations and enforcement actions, the results of which will

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be made public at their conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott A. Weiner".

SCOTT A. WEINER  
Executive Director

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attachments