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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

All of the Commissioners and senior staff participated.

Commissioner Linett joined the meeting at 2:16 p.m. and did not vote on any of the public funds certifications.

Chairman Bedford called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-8 *et seq.*, special notice of the meeting of the Commission had been filed with the Secretary of State's Office and distributed to the entire State House Press Corps.

The telephone meeting convened at 2:05 p.m. at the Commission offices, at 28 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

1. Certification of Public Funds

1. Candidate James Florio

The net amount submitted by Candidate Florio for match was \$251,800. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 10 contribution items. A total amount of \$239,200 was determined to be eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio.

Staff recommended that the Commission certify only \$355,910 of the total \$478,400 eligible for match because to have certified \$478,400 would have caused Candidate Florio to exceed the public funds cap. Since this submission is Candidate Florio's third, the Commission has now certified a total of \$1,350,000 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNany and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission certified \$355,910 in matching funds to Candidate James Florio.

2. Candidate William Gormley

The net amount submitted by Candidate Gormley for match was \$40,985. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 8 contribution items. In addition, \$250 was resubmitted for match and accepted. A total amount of \$37,315 was determined to be eligible for match at a ratio of 2:1.

Staff therefore recommended that the Commission certify \$74,630 in matching funds. Since this submission is Candidate Gormley's third, the Commission has now certified a total of \$1,068,610 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNary, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission certified \$74,630 in matching funds to Candidate William Gormley.

3. Candidate Chuck Hardwick

The net amount submitted by Candidate Hardwick for match was \$48,025. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 6 contribution items. In addition, \$1,525 was resubmitted for match and accepted for a total amount eligible for match of \$48,675.

Staff recommended that the Commission certify only \$63,555.26 of the \$97,350 total eligible for match because to have certified \$97,350 would have caused Candidate Hardwick to exceed the public funds cap. Since this submission is candidate Hardwick's sixth, the Commission has now certified a total of \$1,350,000 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Chairman Bedford, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission certified \$63,555 in matching funds to Candidate Chuck Hardwick.

4. Candidate Barbara Sigmund

The net amount submitted by Candidate Sigmund for match was \$160,371. This submission was Candidate Sigmund's first, and based on its review, staff deemed this candidate to be eligible for matching funds by having \$151,901 in contributions accepted toward qualification. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 20 contribution items. After subtracting \$50,000 from the \$151,901 accepted toward qualification, \$101,901 was eligible for match at the 2:1 ratio.

Staff therefore recommended that the Commission certify \$203,802 in matching funds. As mentioned above, this submission is Candidate Sigmund's first, and the Commission has now certified a total of \$203,802 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNary, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission certified \$203,802 in matching funds to Candidate Barbara Sigmund.

2. Future Telephone Meeting

Chairman Bedford noted that the next meeting will be held by telephone on May 4, 1989 at 2:00 p.m., pending a possible change in the time.

3. Public Financing Regulations

Legal Director Nagy noted for the record that no further comments were received in regard to the public financing primary regulations or in regard to the political communications regulations. These regulations were adopted conditionally at the last Commission meeting on April 18, 1989. The notice of adoption was filed by staff with the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) on Monday, April 24, 1989.

On a motion by Commissioner Linett, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission ratified the adoption and filing of these regulations.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Linett, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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