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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

All of the Commissioners and senior staff except Counsel Edward Farrell participated. Vice Chairman McNary joined the meeting at 10:10 a.m. but did not miss any of the votes.

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 10:00 a.m. at the Commission Offices, at 28 West State Street, New Jersey.

1. Certification of Public Funds Submitted on May 1, 1989

1. Candidate William Gormley

The net amount submitted by Candidate Gormley for match was \$26,575. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 4 contribution items. In addition, \$15,410 was resubmitted for match and accepted. A total amount of \$41,285 was determined to be eligible for match at a ratio of 2:1.

Staff therefore recommended that the Commission certify \$82,570 in matching funds. Since this submission is Candidate Gormley's fourth, the Commission has now certified a total of \$1,151,180 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNary, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$82,570 in matching funds to Candidate William Gormley.

2. Candidate Alan Karcher

The net amount submitted by Candidate Karcher for match was \$23,505. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 7 contribution items. In addition, \$10,450 was resubmitted for match and accepted. A total amount of \$29,385 was determined to be eligible for match at a ratio of 2:1.

Staff therefore recommended that the Commission certify \$58,770 in matching funds. Since this submission is Candidate Karcher's fourth, the Commission has now certified a total of \$502,257.98 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNary, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$58,770 in matching funds to Candidate Alan Karcher.

3. Candidate Barbara Sigmund

The net amount submitted by Candidate Sigmund for match was \$7,540. A complete review of all items resulted in temporary refusal of 2 contribution items. In addition, \$7,485 was resubmitted for match and accepted. A total amount of \$14,500 was determined to be eligible for match at a ratio of 2:1.

Staff therefore recommended that the Commission certify \$29,000 in matching funds. Since this submission is Candidate Sigmund's second, the Commission has now certified a total of \$232,802 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNary, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$29,000 in matching funds to Candidate Barbara Sigmund.

2. Certification of Public Funds Submitted on May 8, 1989

At the meeting on April 5, 1989, the Commission approved use of an automatic 90 percent certification procedure for submissions received in May, 1989. Accordingly, the Commission applied this formula to the submissions made by Candidates Gerald Cardinale and Alan Karcher on May 8, 1989.

Public Financing Director Nedda Massar noted that the Karcher submission was made at 12:10 p.m., on May 8, 1989, or ten minutes after the submission deadline

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNary and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the Karcher submission as timely filed.

1. Candidate Gerald Cardinale

Candidate Cardinale submitted a net amount of \$47,850 for match. Applying the 90 percent automatic certification procedure, a total of \$43,065 was determined to be eligible for match at a ratio of 2:1.

Staff therefore recommended that \$86,130 be certified by the Commission in matching funds. Since this submission is Candidate Cardinale's sixth, the Commission has now certified \$452,284 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNary and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$86,130 in matching funds to Candidate Gerald Cardinale.

2. Candidate Alan Karcher

Candidate Alan Karcher submitted a net amount of \$13,304 for match. Applying the 90 percent automatic certification procedure, a total of \$11,973.60 was determined to be eligible for match at a ratio of 2:1.

Staff therefore recommended that \$23,947.20 be certified by the Commission in matching funds. Since this submission is Candidate Karcher's fifth, the Commission has now certified \$526,205.18 in matching funds to this candidate.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNary and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$23,947.20 in matching funds to Candidate Alan Karcher.

3. WPVI-TV Debate Rules Letter

Executive Director Herrmann reviewed the letter from debate sponsor WPVI-TV to 1989 gubernatorial primary election candidates, which outlines the debate rules established by WPVI-TV for the two May 20, 1989 debates.

The Executive Director also reviewed his letter to Mr. Michael Cascio, Director of Public Affairs, WPVI-TV, which states that the responsibility for establishing the debate rules is solely that of the sponsor.

Executive Director Herrmann said that his letter also advises Mr. Cascio that such rules may not become final without consultation with the Chairmen of the Democratic and Republican State Committees. He said that the letter is identical to the one which was sent to the League of Women Voters of New Jersey following last week's telephone meeting.

The Commission directed Executive Director Herrmann to send the letter of response to WPVI-TV.

4. Debate Tickets

Executive Director Herrmann reported that ten tickets for the League of Women Voters gubernatorial debates were sent by the League to the Commission. He asked the Commission for direction on this matter. Vice Chairman McNary said that he would contact the Executive Director to let him know if he would be able to attend the debates. He asked that two tickets for each debate be held for him. The Commission directed that the remainder of the tickets be returned to the League of Women Voters.

5. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner Linett and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. M. Herrmann", written in black ink on a light-colored background.

FREDERICK M. HERRMANN, PH.D.

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