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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

APRIL 20, 1993

Chairman McNany, Commissioner Linett, Commissioner Eldridge, Counsel Farrell, senior staff, and Director of Public Financing Nedda Massar participated in the telephone conference.

Chairman McNany called the meeting to order and announced that pursuant to the "Open Public Meetings Act," N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 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 meeting convened by telephone at 10:00 a.m. at the Commission offices, Trenton, New Jersey.

1. Public Matching Funds Funds

Candidate Cary Edwards/Submission 2

A complete review of all items determined that a total of \$405,966 was deemed eligible for match at the 2:1 ratio. This amount included items resubmitted from the prior submission. It was also determined that 37 contribution items were temporarily ineligible for match. These items amounting to \$25,570, represented an ineligibility rate of 4.07 percent.

Staff therefore recommended that the Commission certify \$811,932 in public matching funds to Candidate Edwards.

Chairman McNany queried as to the cause of the rejections.

Director Massar said that the items were found to be ineligible for a variety of reasons. She indicated that there were address problems, incomplete names, and signature ineligibility problems.

Commissioner Linett suggested that the term "error rate" be changed. The Commission, upon Director Massar's suggestion, decided to refer to the rate of rejection as "ineligibility rate."

On a motion by Commissioner Linett, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission certified \$811,932 in public matching funds to Candidate Cary Edwards.

Director Massar said that the Commission received two submissions on Monday, April 19, 1993. She reported that Candidate Jim Wallwork's second submission and Candidate Jim Florio's first submission were received by the 12:00 deadline.

2. Future Telephone Meetings

The Commission decided to conduct a telephone meeting on April 27, 1993, for the purpose of certifying public funds for the second submission filed by Candidate Wallwork. It further determined to conduct a telephone meeting on May 4, 1993, for the purpose of certifying public funds to Candidate Florio on his initial submission.

Executive Director Herrmann advised the Commission that Judge and Mrs. Bedford would attend the May 18th meeting in Maplewood as well as the luncheon in the Judge's honor.

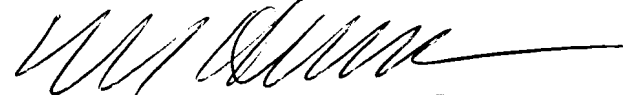
3. Commissioner Debate Attendance

Executive Director Herrmann reported that staff pursuant to Commission direction received an informal opinion from the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards regarding Commissioner attendance at the gubernatorial debates. He said that staff was told that it was permissible for the Commissioners to attend the debates as well as the reception. He said, however, that the Commissioners should not accept any benefit beyond the "coffee and doughnut" standard.

4. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Linett, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and passed by a vote of 3-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 10:07 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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