

NEW JERSEY ELECTION LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 26, 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 19, 1981

The Commission reviewed the minutes and identified an omission of one line in the opening meeting statement. On a motion by Commissioner Margetts, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission approved the minutes of the public session, as amended, in the above-cited meeting.

2. Review of Lobbyist Regulations

Preparation for the October 28, 1981 public hearing on the proposed lobbyist regulations, General Counsel Farrell presented a review of the most significant provisions of the regulations.

3. Rescheduling of Commission Meeting Dates

The Commission reviewed its meeting schedule in light of the deadlines for enactment and publication of the lobbyist regulations and in light of the 1981 Conference on Governmental Ethics Laws scheduled for December 7-9. On a motion by Commissioner DeCotiis, seconded by Chairman Goldmann and a vote of 4-0, the Commission decided not to hold meetings on Monday, November 9 and Monday, December 7 and decided to hold meetings on Thursday, November 12 and Monday, December 14.

4. Loans by Gubernatorial Campaign Committees to State Political Party Committees

The Commission discussed the issues of whether a loan by gubernatorial campaign committee to a state political party committee must be reported as an expenditure and whether such a loan is inside or outside the expenditure limit. On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Margetts, the Commission decided that a loan by a gubernatorial campaign committee to a state political party committee is an expenditure within the expenditure limit and, furthermore, any such loan not repaid on or before the date of the election must be reported as an expenditure even if the state political party committee subsequently repays some or all of the outstanding loan.

5. Executive Session

On a motion by Chairman Goldmann, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and a vote of 4-0, the Commission voted to resolve to go into executive session to discuss the executive session minutes of the meeting of October 19, 1981 and to discuss investigations and enforcement actions, the results of which will be made public at their conclusion.

6. Expenditures by the New Jersey Republican State Committee

Stuart Gavzy, finance director of the New Jersey Republican State Committee, appeared before the Commission and distributed a letter, addressed to Chairman Goldmann, in which the Republican State Committee provided information on the allocation of state committee expenditures to the Kean for Governor Committee. Mr. Gavzy responded to questions from the Commission.

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 return to executive session to continue its discussion of investigations and enforcement actions, the results of which will be made public at their conclusion.

Respectfully submitted,



SCOTT A. WEINER
Executive Director