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TELEPHONE CONFERENCE

All of the Commissioners and senior staff were present.

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 10:15 a.m. at the Commission offices, at 28 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey.

1. Certification of Public Funds Submitted on May 15, 1989

1. Candidate Gerald Cardinale

At its meeting on May 16, 1989, the Commission certified 90 percent of the amount submitted by the Cardinale Campaign on May 15, 1989 as eligible for match. The amount in public funds approved was \$42,312.60.

Subsequently, a complete review was completed by staff and it was determined that \$21,292 (including resubmissions) was eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio. Thus, Candidate Cardinale was eligible for \$42,584 in public funds. When subtracting the \$42,312.60 certified in public funds at the May 16, 1989 meeting from this amount, a balance of \$271.40 was recommended for certification to Candidate Cardinale.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNany, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$271.40 in matching funds to Candidate Cardinale.

2. Candidate James Courter

At its meeting on May 16, 1989, the Commission certified 90 percent of the amounts resubmitted by the Courter Campaign on May 15, 1989 as eligible for match. The amount in public funds approved was \$49,743.

Subsequently, a complete review was completed by staff and it was determined that \$29,135 of the resubmission was eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio. Thus, Candidate Courter was eligible for \$58,270 in matching funds. When subtracting the \$49,743 certified in public funds at the May 16, 1989 meeting from this amount, a balance of \$8,527 was deemed eligible for certification at today's meeting. However, since certification of \$8,527 in public funds would cause Candidate Courter to exceed the public funds limit, staff recommended that \$5,009.38 be certified by the Commission in matching funds. This amount would result in a total amount of \$1.35 million in public funds being distributed to Candidate Courter.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNany and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$5,009.38 in matching funds to Candidate Courter.

3. Candidate William Gormley

At its meeting on May 16, 1989, the Commission certified 90 percent of the amounts submitted by the Gormley Campaign on May 15, 1989 as eligible for match. The amount in public funds approved was \$66,231.

Subsequently, a complete review was completed by staff and it was determined that \$34,795 (including resubmissions) was eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio. Thus, Candidate Gormley was eligible for \$69,590 in public funds. When subtracting the \$66,231 certified in public funds at the May 16, 1989 meeting from this amount, a balance of \$3,359 was recommended for certification to Candidate Gormley.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNany and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$3,359 in matching funds to Candidate Gormley.

4. Candidate Alan Karcher

At its meeting on May 16, 1989, the Commission certified 90 percent of the amounts submitted by the Karcher Campaign on May 15, 1989 as eligible for match. The amount in public funds approved was \$59,049.

Subsequently, a complete review was completed by staff and it was determined that \$30,570 (including resubmissions) was eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio. Thus, Candidate Karcher was eligible for \$61,140 in matching funds. When subtracting the \$59,049 certified in public funds at the May 16, 1989 meeting from this amount, a balance of \$2,091.00 was recommended for certification to Candidate Karcher.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNany, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$2,091 in matching funds to Candidate Karcher.

5. Candidate Barbara Sigmund

At its meeting on May 16, 1989, the Commission certified 90 percent of the amounts submitted by the Sigmund Campaign on May 15, 1989 as eligible for match. The amount in public funds approved was \$35,098.20.

Subsequently, a complete review was completed by staff and it was determined that \$19,559 was eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio. Thus, Candidate Sigmund was eligible for \$39,118 in public funds. When subtracting the \$35,098 certified in public funds at the May 10, 1989 meeting from this amount, a balance of \$4,019 was recommended for certification to Candidate Sigmund.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNany and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$4,019 in matching funds to Candidate Sigmund.

2. Certification of Public Funds Submitted on May 22, 1989

Director of Public Financing Nedda Massar noted that Candidate Gormley's submission was submitted 25 minutes late at 12:25 p.m.

On a motion by Vice Chairman McNany, seconded by Commissioner Axtell and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission accepted the Gormley submission as eligible to receive public funds.

Staff recommended application of the automatic 95 percent certification to submissions from Candidates Gerald Cardinale, William Gormley, and Alan Karcher.

On May 22, 1989, the following net amounts were submitted for match: Candidate Cardinale, \$31,396; Candidate Gormley, \$62,545; and Candidate Karcher, \$24,827.

At an automatic 95 percent certification rate, the following amounts were deemed eligible for match at a 2:1 ratio: Candidate Cardinale, \$29,826.20; Candidate Gormley, \$59,417.75; and Candidate Karcher, \$23,585.65.

Thus, the staff recommended that the following amounts be certified at the 2:1 match in public funds: Candidate Cardinale, \$59,652.40; Candidate Gormley, \$118,835.50; and Candidate Karcher, \$47,171.30.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner Linett and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$59,652.40 in public funds to Candidate Cardinale.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Commissioner Linett and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$118,835.50 in public funds to Candidate Gormley.

On a motion by Commissioner Axtell, seconded by Vice Chairman McNany and passed by a vote of 4-0, the Commission certified \$47,171.30 in public funds to Candidate Karcher.

Director Massar informed the Commission that over \$8 million in public funds has now been distributed to primary election candidates.

Director Massar noted that the cycle of primary debates has been completed and suggested that a "thank you" note be sent from the Commission to the sponsors of the debates.

The Commission directed staff to draft a letter of thanks for review at the June 1, 1989 meeting of the Commission.

3. 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 10:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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