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Commissioner Linett, Commissioner Eldridge, Counsel Farrell, Senior Staff, Director of Public Financing Nedda Gold Massar, and Assistant Director of Public Financing Brett Mead participated in the telephone conference. Chairman McNany was absent.

Commissioner Linett as the senior member 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 3:00 p.m. at the Commission offices, Trenton, New Jersey.

1. Public Matching Funds

Candidate Jim Wallwork/Submission 07

Director of Public Financing Nedda Gold Massar said that Candidate Jim Wallwork filed the seventh submission for 1993 gubernatorial primary election public matching funds in two parts. The first was filed prior to the noon submission deadline established by regulation. The second was filed at 12:30 p.m., 30 minutes late, but within the limit previously set by the Commission.

Staff recommended that the Commission relax the noon deadline and consider the entire submission as timely filed.

On a motion by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Linett and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission relaxed the noon deadline and determined that the two-part submission should be considered as one.

Director Massar informed the Commission that a staff review of the Wallwork campaign's 11-day preelection report disclosed two disbursements which should have been reported on Submission 5, Schedule 5, Report of Disbursements from Public Fund Account. According to Director Massar a payee certification was required for one of the disbursements to confirm that the funds were spent in compliance with the statutory restrictions on the uses of public funds. According to Director Massar the 11-day preelection report also

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disclosed a disbursement which should have been disclosed on the Schedule 5, as part of Submission 6.

Director Massar said that in addition to the above, it was disclosed that a disbursement of \$90,000 in public funds was made on May 26, 1993, but not disclosed on the Schedule 5 filed with Submission 7 submitted today.

The Director said that because of the incomplete disclosure of disbursement information staff was recommending that the Commission authorize processing of Submission 7 public funds to the Wallwork campaign in the amount of \$84,013.20 (which is 90 percent of the \$46,674 submitted x 2) only after sufficient documentation is received to satisfy reporting requirements attached to the public funds expenditures enumerated above.

On a motion by Commissioner Eldridge, seconded by Commissioner Linett and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission gave authority to certify public funds in the amount of \$84,013.20 to Candidate Wallwork following the submission of documentation relative to the enumerated expenditures.

Director Massar reported that Stephen Edelstein, Esq., representing the Democratic State Committee (DSC), had requested an extension of 24 hours to submit the DSC's complaint against the Republican State Committee (RSC) in the matter of allocating RSC expenditures for media advertising against the eventual winner of the Republican gubernatorial primary election.

Director Massar indicated that if the Commission had no objection to this extension, then it would be granted along with a 24-hour extension requested for any response.

2. Adjournment

On a motion by Commissioner Linett, seconded by Commissioner Eldridge and passed by a vote of 2-0, the Commission voted to adjourn at 3:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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