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Wisconsin Elections Commission Offices
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
10:00 a.m. February 27, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all in person.
Commissioner Marge Bostelmann via teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Michael Haas, Robert Kehoe, Sharrie Hauge, Nathan Judnic and Reid Magney

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners except Bostelmann were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commissioners that proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Personal Appearances

Mayor Brian Kennedy of Glendale appeared and read a prepared statement about agenda item I, Ballot Access Challenge Process. He urged the commission to reject the staff recommendation and answered several questions from commissioners.

Karen McKim of Waunakee appeared on behalf Wisconsin Election Integrity to speak about the vulnerability of voting equipment to hacking. She urged the commission to ask the Legislature to require risk limiting audits of election results prior to certification.

Eileen Newcomer of Madison appeared on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin to support funding for public education about election security. She also discussed the accessibility audit program.

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Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell appeared to discuss the WEC’s allocation of election security grant funds to counties and advocated for funding of intrusion sensors. He also discussed post-election audits.

Debbie Morin appeared on her own behalf to discuss absentee ballot issues and the Commission’s Delegation of Authority to the Administrator.

D. Minutes of Previous Meeting

MOTION: Approve the open session minutes of the meetings of December 2, 2019 (as amended by Commissioner Spindell), December 16, 2019, December 30, 2019, January 14, 2020, January 24, 2020, and February 12, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Election Security

Technology and Training Director Robert Kehoe made a presentation based on a written report starting on page 2 of the meeting materials. He discussed the WEC’s endpoint testing program for users of the WisVote election management/voter registration system to identify devices that do not comply with security standards. There are 1,852 devices enrolled in endpoint testing and the percentage of noncompliant devices has fall from 2% to less than 0.5%. Noncompliant devices can no longer access the system.

Commissioners and staff discussed whether the names of municipalities with noncompliant devices should be released to the public.

MOTION: Direct staff to notify the six municipalities with non-compliant devices that the WEC will release their names if they do not acquire a compliant device. The municipalities will be offered unallocated grant funds to acquire a compliant device, and would have until the next meeting of the Commission. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann	Absent	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Kehoe continued his presentation on the topic of secure, “wi.gov” email domains for local election officials. Commissioners also discussed issues related to the coronavirus and whether it might disrupt elections if schools are closed.

Mr. Kehoe updated the commission on the election security subgrant program that was approved in 2019 and plans to spend the 2020 HAVA Security Grant funding.

Chair Knudson called a recess at 12:13 p.m. The Commission reconvened at 12:20 p.m.

Commissioners discussed getting additional input and feedback from computer and elections security experts regarding how best to spend the 2020 HAVA Security Grant funds. Commissioners asked staff to come back at a future meeting by the end of March with a shorter, more focused list of priority items focused on grants to local jurisdictions.

Public Information Officer Reid Magney made a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 17 of the meeting materials regarding progress on the election security public information program. No Commission action was requested.

F. Review of MyVote Address Lookup Issues

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation regarding problems with the MyVote Wisconsin website the day of the Spring Primary which affected voters' ability to look up their polling place. She and commissioner discussed plans to ensure the problem does not happen again.

The following agenda item was taken out of order.

L. Closed Session

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- 2. Wis. Stat. § 5.05 Complaints**
- 3. Litigation Update**

MOTION: Move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.851 and 19.85(1)(g) to discuss violations of election law and confer with counsel concerning litigation. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann	Absent	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
Spindell	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 5-0.

Commissioners adjourned to closed session at 1:14 p.m. and returned to open session at 2:10 p.m. Commissioner Bostelmann joined the meeting by telephone.

G. ERIC Movers Process for Spring Elections

Administrator Wolfe gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 18 of the February 27 Open Session meeting materials regarding the 2019 ERIC Movers mailing to 232,579 recipients.

Commissioners and staff discussed the status of voters responding to the mailing.

The Commission took no action.

H. Accessibility Audit Plan for 2020

Mr. Rydecki and Elections Specialist Brianna Hanson gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 18 of the February 27 Open Session meeting materials regarding accessibility audits of polling places. They outlined plans described in the memorandum for conducting audits using a combination of temporary staff and volunteers for elections in 2020.

Commissioners and staff discussed the scope of the program and opportunities to use volunteers in the future.

MOTION: Approve the staff plan for the polling place accessibility audit program for the 2020 election cycle. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Spindell. Motion carried unanimously.

Technology and Training Director Robert Kehoe introduced two new staff members, IS Business Analyst Camille Lore and WisVote Specialist Ahna Barreau.

I. Ballot Access Challenge Process

Staff Counsel Michael Haas gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 29 of the February 27 Open Session meeting materials regarding ballot access challenge processes.

Commissioners and staff discussed the issue. Staff recommends the Commission adopt the following principles for its review of nomination papers and election petitions and for review by local filing officers:

1. The “will of the electors” language in Wis. Stat. § 5.01(1) does not apply to the review of nomination papers and election petitions. Commission staff will not consider the “will of the electors” in evaluating nomination papers and election petitions and the Commission will not take it into account when ruling on challenges or appeals of decisions issued by local filing officers related to nomination papers and other election petitions.
2. The “substantial compliance” language in Wis. Admin. Code EL § 2.05(5) applies only to evaluating the completeness of information on nomination papers or other

election petitions. Examples include the required information related to candidates, circulators and signers of the petition.

3. The “substantial compliance” language in Wis. Admin. Code EL § 2.05(5) does not apply to procedural requirements for circulating and filing nomination papers and other election petitions. Procedural requirements involve acts that are done to the documents and include the time and place of filing.

4. The plain language of Wis. Stat. § 8.04 requires that when a circulator collects signatures for more than one candidate for the same office in the same election, the earlier paper is deemed valid and the later paper is deemed invalid. In such cases, the Commission and local filing officers will not consider whether there has been substantial compliance with this provision because the requirement does not relate to the completeness of information on the page. (Filing officers are likely to detect this circulator error as well as signatures of the same individual on nomination papers for more than one candidate for the same office only upon review of a challenge because the facial review does not require a comparison of nomination papers between candidates).

The Commission further directs staff to incorporate these principles into its review of nomination papers and other election petitions and to communicate the same to local filing officers.

MOTION: Approve principles 1, 3 and 4. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

MOTION: To amend the motion to include principal 2. Moved by Commissioner Glancey, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
Spindell	No	Thomsen:	No

Motion on the amendment carried 4-2.

MOTION: To amend the motion to amend principal 2 to add the following phrase at the end of the first sentence: “evaluation of which will not be unreasonable.” Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann	Aye	Glancey:	No
Jacobs:	No	Knudson:	No
Spindell	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

Commissioner Knudson called the question on the main motion as amended.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
Spindell	No	Thomsen:	No

Motion carried 4-2.

MOTION: Direct staff to modify nomination papers to add a statement about not having the same circulator circulate for you and another candidate in the same race. Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

Commissioner Knudson withdrew his motion with the understanding that staff will bring revised language to the Commission at its next regular meeting.

J. Considerations of Updates to the Delegation of Authority Access Challenge Process

Administrator Wolfe gave a presentation based on a memorandum contained in the supplemental meeting materials for the February 27 Open Session regarding the Commission's Delegation of Authority to the administrator.

Commissioner Knudson made a presentation outlining his thoughts regarding amending the previous Delegation of Authority letter.

MOTION: To adoption of Delegation of Authority letter with proposed changes. Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Commissioner Spindell handed out a document regarding changes he would like to see to the Delegation of Authority letter. In response, Commissioner Knudson proposed several changes to the letter.

Discussion.

By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to the following changes to the redline version of the letter:

- In Section 1, the last bullet point on non-appointment of an election inspector is struck.
- Section 2 is struck entirely.
- In Section 1, bullet 3, add the words "except as allowed by the Open Meetings Law."

Commissioner Knudson called the question on the full motion as amended.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

K. Staff Update

Administrator Wolfe gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 31 of the February 27 Open Session meeting materials regarding staff's recent activities. She discussed the rollout of Badger Books in new municipalities, the ElectionGuard pilot, and legislation.

M. Adjournment

MOTION: Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Knudson. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 4:28 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for June 10, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

February 27, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

Reid Magney, Public Information Officer

August 28, 2020

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Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
3:00 p.m. March 12, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Nathan Judnic and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for this meeting under the emergency meeting provisions outlined in state statute.

C. Guidance to Clerks Regarding Special Voting Deputy Process in Light of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Chairman Knudson began by summarizing the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic and the severe risks it poses to vulnerable populations like the elderly. He then advised the Commission of correspondence that he, Commissioner Jacobs, and Administrator Wolfe had sent to the Governor's Office on this subject.

Administrator Wolfe continued with an overview of the process for voting by way of Special Voting Deputy that begins on page 1 of the meeting materials packet. She went on to inform the Commission that after conversations with the Department of Health Services and the Governor's Office Special Voting Deputies will not be considered care facility "essential personnel." Also reviewed was the WEC staff recommended motion.

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C. Guidance to Clerks Regarding Special Voting Deputy Process in Light of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (continued)

MOTION: In light of Executive Order #72 and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Commission finds that Special Voting Deputies are “non-essential” individuals who are not permitted to enter nursing homes and other care facilities without completing a screening process that is not feasible to implement prior to the Spring Election and Presidential Primary. For that election and the May 12, 2020 Special Election in the 7th Congressional District, the Commission directs that municipalities shall not use the Special Voting Deputy process to serve residents in care facilities and instead shall transmit absentee ballots to those voters by mail.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Spindell and Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Moving Polling Places in Light of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

Administrator Wolfe reviewed with the Commission the common practice of locating polling sites at nursing homes and care facilities given their accessibility for people with disabilities. Corresponding memorandum begins on page 2 of the meeting materials packet. She then elaborated on why this is not feasible during a pandemic, as care facilities are only allowing in “essential personnel.” Administrator Wolfe went on to inform the Commission that state statute requires that polling locations be established at least 30 days prior to an election and that we are now 26 days out from the Spring Election and Presidential Primary. Also reviewed was the WEC staff recommended motion.

Discussion.

MOTION: In light of Executive Order #72 and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Commission finds that it is impossible or inconvenient for municipalities to conduct Election Day voting at nursing homes and other care facilities. The Commission finds that the municipal clerk or municipal elections commission executive director may relocate such polling places without obtaining the prior approval of the local governing body or municipal elections commission.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

MOTION TO AMEND: That the words, “...and other facilities as designated by the Department of Health Services or local health officials” be added to the end of the first sentence.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

D. Moving Polling Places in Light of COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (continued)

Voice vote on the motion to amend:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
Spindell:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 5-1.

AMENDED MOTION: In light of Executive Order #72 and directives of the Department of Health Services, the Commission finds that it is impossible or inconvenient for municipalities to conduct Election Day voting at nursing homes, other care facilities, and other facilities as designated by the Department of Health Services or local health officials. The Commission finds that the municipal clerk or municipal elections commission executive director may relocate such polling places without obtaining the prior approval of the local governing body or municipal elections commission.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Final comments and discussion.

E. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann, seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 3:47 p.m.

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March 12, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
4:00 p.m. March 18, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by telephone.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Robert Kehoe, and Michael Haas

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for this meeting.

C. Discussion of Authority to Modify Election Dates, Deadlines, and Procedures

Chairman Knudson called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

Opening remarks by Commissioners Spindell and Knudson.

Administrator Wolfe began with a presentation on a WEC staff memorandum that outlines frequently asked questions by local election officials and details the guidance being issued in that regard.

MOTION:

- 1) WEC believes it is vitally important that our April 7th election goes on as scheduled without delay or postponement.
- 2) WEC staff is directed to develop best practices related to minimizing potential viral transmission during election processes and communicate those to the clerks.
- 3) WEC urgently requests the Governor and DHS to help secure a supply of hand sanitizer and other sanitation resources for our clerks and polling places.

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- 4) WEC administrator Wolfe is authorized to spend up to \$200,000 on additional supplies needed for absentee voting such as envelopes, labels or sanitation supplies.
- 5) WEC encourages clerks to recruit and train additional poll workers in advance of the election.
- 6) WEC encourages all Wisconsin voters to request an absentee ballot thru myvote.wi.gov and to return the ballot by mail.
- 7) WEC directs all municipal clerks to accommodate in-person absentee voting and registration as required by state law making any changes needed based on local circumstances to the location, hours and processes used.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That item #1 should read “WEC believes it is vitally important that our April 7th election goes on as scheduled without delay or postponement if the Legislature and the Governor, at an immediately convened special session, determine that a meaningful and safe April and May election can take place, and that the necessary changes in the law be made to facilitate such a meaningful election.”

Proposed by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Not accepted by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Roll call vote on the friendly amendment:

Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	No
Spindell:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Friendly amendment failed 3-3.

Commissioner Knudson withdrew item #1 of his motion.

Discussion.

Roll call vote on items #2 through #7 of the original motion:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Items #2 through #7 of the original motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

MOTION:

1) WEC believes it is vitally important that our April 7th goes on as scheduled to ensure continuity in local government.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	No	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion carried 4-2.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission considers the definition of “hospitalized voter” to include absentee voters who are quarantined by order of a medical provider or local health official.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: The motion is to read, “The Wisconsin Elections Commission considers the definition of ‘hospitalized voter’ to include absentee voters who are quarantined by order of a medical provider or local health official, or, by virtue of belonging to a high-risk group as defined by the CDC, those who elect to comply with CDC recommendations and remain self-quarantined in their homes.”

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Accepted by Commissioner Jacobs.

AMENDED MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission interprets the definition of ‘hospitalized voter’ to include absentee voters who are quarantined by order of a medical provider or local health official, or, by virtue of belonging to a high-risk group as defined by the CDC, those who elect to comply with CDC recommendations and remain self-quarantined in their homes.

Discussion.

MOTION #2: To postpone this item and consider it at a future meeting after staff have conducted research and proposed recommendations.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Motion #2 withdrawn by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Original motion withdrawn by Commissioner Jacobs.

MOTION: Be it moved that the Wisconsin Elections Commission will develop, publicize, and instruct clerks in all municipalities on the best public health practices to follow for the April 7, 2020 election and that another Commission meeting be held in the very near future to this end.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to research what statutory changes would be needed in order to successfully administer an election in the face of more restrictive public health guidance.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Withdrawn by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

D. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Open session concluded at 6:40 p.m.

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Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Teleconference Meeting

212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Madison, Wisconsin

12:30 p.m. March 26, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Michael Haas, Sharrie Hauge, Reid Magney and Nathan Judnic

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commissioners that proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g). Moved by Commissioner Glancey, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Roll call vote:	Thomsen:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

E. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 1:23 p.m.

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Meagan Wolfe

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for June 10, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

March 26, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

Reid Magney, Public Information Officer

March 19, 2020

March 26, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Special Teleconference Meeting
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4:15 p.m. March 27, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Nathan Judnic and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for this meeting under emergency meeting provisions outlined in state statute.

C. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

The Commission moved to closed session at 4:18 p.m.

D. Return to Open Session

The Commission reconvened in open session at 7:15 p.m.

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E. Discussion of Election Day Procedures, Supplies and Poll Workers

MOTION: Approve an additional \$200,000 in administrator spending authority for the purchase of COVID-19 supplies using the 2020 HAVA election security grant funds.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Administrator Wolfe informed the Commission of supplies that have already been purchased and of supplies that may still be needed in order to conduct the April 7, 2020 Spring Election as safely as possible. Corresponding WEC staff memorandum begins on page 3 of the meeting materials packet.

Questions and discussion.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator Wolfe continued by reviewing the election day checklist, poll worker screener questions, and polling place signs that were developed in consultation with the Department of Health Services. These materials begin on page 5 of the meeting materials packet. She also referenced a PowerPoint presentation that had been sent to Commissioners that will be part of an upcoming training webinar for clerks.

Questions and discussion.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the election day checklist, polling place signage, and poll worker screener questions, contained on pages 5 through 16 of the Commission meeting materials packet.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

MOTION TO AMEND: That the phrase “very strongly suggested” replace “suggested” on the election day checklist when it recommends that those over 65 or those with underlying health conditions not serve as poll workers.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Voice vote taken on the motion to amend. Motion carried.

Voice vote taken on the original motion. Motion carried.

Discussion.

Administrator Wolfe went on to review the election day procedures memo beginning on page 17 of the materials packet, which includes guidance for curbside voting, drive-thru voting, and outdoor polling places.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the policy guidance on curbside voting, drive-thru voting, and outdoor polling places.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

Administrator Wolfe briefly outlined a public outreach campaign designed by KW2, the agency's contracted advertising firm, about absentee balloting, and then went over the memo related to guidance regarding indefinitely confined voters.

MOTION: The Commission adopts recommended guidance #1 and #2 on page 27 of the Commission meeting materials packet regarding indefinitely confined voters.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Voice vote taken. Motion carried.

MOTION: The Commission adopts recommended guidance #3 on page 27 of the Commission meeting materials packet regarding indefinitely confined voters.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Jacobs.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the recommended guidance related to the use of the indefinitely confined status as outlined above.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion on county clerk guidance regarding indefinitely confined voters.

MOTION: To commence an investigation into Milwaukee and Dane County clerks based on their actions related to indefinitely confined voter classifications.

Discussion.

Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Spindell.

F. Discussion of Hospitalized Electors and Absentee Ballot Procedures

Administrator Wolfe presented information that was requested by the Commission at its March 18 meeting on the impact of expanding the definition of “hospitalized elector” to include those who are quarantined. Corresponding staff memorandum begins on page 29 of the meeting materials packet.

MOTION: It is the policy of the Wisconsin Elections Commission that voters who are quarantined by order of a public health official or by order of another official, whether in a facility or in their home, may use the hospitalized voter policy.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on the numerous inquiries Commission staff have been receiving concerning the requirement for absentee ballots to have a witness signature. Corresponding staff memorandum can be found on pages 33 and 34 of the Commission meeting materials packet.

MOTION: All voters are required to meet the absentee ballot witness requirement. There are options to conduct a safe witness transaction using a physical barrier, such as a door, or an electronic witness by using technology such as video chat.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

G. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
4:00 pm March 29, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Reid Magney, and Nathan Judnic all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for this meeting under emergency meeting provisions outlined in state statute.

C. Investigations

Discussion.

MOTION: The Commission will inform Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell and Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson that their recent guidance to voters concerning classifying themselves as “indefinitely confined” is incorrect.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

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Dean Knudson, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: To table item C.2 regarding the opening of an investigation into recent actions taken by Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: The Commission will inform Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell that his recent guidance to voters concerning classifying themselves as “indefinitely confined” is incorrect.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

D. Closed Session

MOTION: Adjourn to closed session under Wis. Stat. § 19.851

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye
	Spindell:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Open session adjourned at 4:14 p.m.

E. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
9:00 a.m. March 31, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Reid Magney, and Nathan Judnic, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Discussion of Election Day Preparations

Administrator Wolfe and Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki began by providing an overview of a WEC staff memo, beginning on page 2 of the Commission meeting materials packet, concerning frequently asked questions regarding absentee ballot processing on election day, results reporting, and canvass.

Discussion.

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on a staff memo that begins on page 10 of the meeting materials packet related to consolidating polling places and the use of WisVote.

Discussion.

Administrator Wolfe spoke to the state of polling place supplies and personnel shortages. Corresponding memorandum can be found on page 12 of the meeting materials packet.

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Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

Discussion.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission advises the federal court that if the court moves the election date, it should be moved to May 12.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion fails 4-2.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission advises the federal court against changing the date of the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote due to the problems that such an action would create.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission believes that, given concerns around timing, the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote should proceed as scheduled for April 7, 2020. Further, the Commission asks that the federal court consider the unprecedented amount of absentee ballots that will be received in this election when determining how absentee ballots shall be processed and counted.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the first sentence of the motion, advocating for holding the election on April 7, be removed.

Proposed by Commissioner Jacobs. Not accepted by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That only absentee ballots with a postmark of April 7, 2020 or earlier shall counted.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Accepted by Commissioner Bostelmann.

AMENDED MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission believes that, given concerns around timing, the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote should proceed as scheduled for April 7, 2020. Further, the Commission asks that the federal court consider the unprecedented amount of absentee ballots that will be received in this election when determining how absentee ballots shall be processed and counted. The Commission also asks the court to rule such that only absentee ballots with a postmark of April 7, 2020 or earlier shall be counted.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That a cut-off date be established, after which absentee ballots may no longer be counted.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Not accepted by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Roll call vote on the amended motion:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	No

Motion fails 4-2.

D. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Roll call vote:	Thomsen:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Open session concluded at 11:24 a.m.

E. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 1:18 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission

Special Emergency Meeting

212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor

Madison, Wisconsin

9:45 p.m. March 31, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, and Reid Magney, Nathan Judnic all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:51 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that an emergency notice for the meeting was posted by 7:45 p.m. for the meeting.

C. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85 (1) (g).

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Roll call vote:	Thomsen:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission convened in closed session at 9:53 p.m.

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Dean Knudson, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

D. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 10:25 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
8:00 p.m. April 2, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Nathan Judnic and Reid Magney, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for the meeting.

Discussion.

C. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Roll call vote:	Thomsen:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Discussion of Federal Court Order Regarding Absentee Ballot Deadlines, Requirements and Procedures

The Commission reconvened in open session at 10:45 p.m.

Administrator Wolfe began with an overview of the recent court decision.

Discussion.

MOTION: With respect to the court’s order, “receipt” is to be interpreted as received through the postal service.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell.

Motion fails for failure of a second.

Discussion.

MOTION: WEC counsel is directed to file an appeal of the court’s order.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson.

Roll call vote:	Thomsen:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Jacobs:	No	Glancey:	No
	Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

Administrator Wolfe updated Commissioners on the staff’s efforts to secure and distribute face coverings, sanitizer and other sanitation supplies to local election officials. She also discussed the Commission’s work with the Wisconsin National Guard to train personnel as election inspectors and to them to counties and municipalities that have identified critical poll worker shortages.

E. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Roll call vote:	Thomsen:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Emergency Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
3:30 p.m. April 6, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, and Reid Magney, Nathan Judnic all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 3:34 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for this meeting under emergency meeting provisions outlined in state statute.

C. Closed Session

While the meeting was noticed for a closed session, Administrator Wolfe advised the Commission of statutory open meeting requirements that prevent the Commission from going into closed session and then reconvening in open session in under 12 hours. She advised the Commission to wait to convene in closed session until later, if it is necessary.

D. Discussion of Governor's Executive Order #74 Relating to suspending in-person voting on April 7, 2020 due to the COVID-19 Pandemic

Administrator Wolfe began by informing the Commission of the guidance being issued to clerks and voters in light of the Governor's order to suspend in-person voting until June 9, 2020.

Discussion.

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Dean Knudson, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

MOTION: If the Supreme Court of the State of Wisconsin rules that in-person voting will take place on April 7, 2020, a meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission will be noticed as soon as practicable and WEC staff may inform clerks of that ruling prior to.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:20 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Emergency Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
7:30 p.m. April 6, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Nathan Judnic, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for this meeting under emergency meeting provisions outlined in state statute.

Commissioner Knudson made an opening statement and allowed other commissioners to make opening statements.

D. Discussion of Milwaukee County Order Closing Municipal Polling Places

Administrator Wolfe and Staff Attorney Michael Haas began by summarizing the implications of recent court rulings and the effects they will have on municipalities.

Discussion.

E. Administration of April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Primary

Opening comments and remarks by Commissioners.

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Dean Knudson, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Julie M. Glancey | Ann Jacobs | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

Administrator Wolfe provided an update on the status of poll workers and polling places around the state.

Questions and discussion.

Administrator Wolfe advised the Commission of election night procedures and the guidance being issued to clerks concerning the processing of absentee ballots.

Questions and discussion.

Attorney Daniel Lenz with Lawton & Cates, S.C. appeared and provided input in regards to recent court rulings.

Questions and discussion.

Attorney Dixon Gahnz with Lawton & Cates, S.C. appeared and apprised the Commission of developments in the Taylor v. Milwaukee Election Commission case.

Discussion.

C. Closed Session

(This agenda item was taken out of order)

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Roll call vote: Thomsen:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Bostelmann:	Aye	Knudson:	Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

The commission recessed to closed session at 9:08 p.m.

F. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at approximately 9:45 p.m.

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