



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
4:00 p.m. September 16, 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, Nathan Judnic, Jacob Walters, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 4:02 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.

C. Voting Equipment Audit and Voluntary Canvass Audits

Administrator Wolfe introduced Election Administration Specialists Robert Williams and Cody Davies who reviewed past procedures for post-election voting equipment audits with the Commission and went over proposed adjustments to the process for 2020.

Questions and discussion.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the 2020 post-election audit parameters and procedures outlined above, including the selection criteria, timeline for completion, and reimbursement. The Wisconsin Elections Commission also directs staff to provide the Commission with a preview of the voting equipment audit results prior to their being released to the public.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

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

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Voter Fraud Report

Administrator Wolfe introduced Staff Counsel Nathan Judnic who discussed broadly the Voter Fraud Report. This report is a compilation of reports WEC staff have received of suspected election fraud, irregularities, or violations, and is statutorily required to be submitted to the Legislature annually.

Discussion.

MOTION: Direct Commission staff to submit the cover letter and report titled “Report of Suspected Election Fraud, Irregularities or Violations” to the Legislature per Wis. Stat. §§ 7.15(1)(g) and 13.172(2).

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Discussion of Special Voting Deputies and Public Health Guidance

Administrator Wolfe introduced Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki who presented findings from a report on the feasibility of incorporating Special Voting Deputies into the November election. This report was requested at the Commission’s September 1, 2020 meeting and was written in consultation with Department of Health Services staff and disability/aging advocates.

Questions and discussion.

F. Brief Update on Voter Mailer Statistics

Administrator Wolfe provided a brief update on the informational voter mailer that was sent out September 1.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions.

G. Closed Session

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

MOTION: Move to table the previous motion and 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 6-0.

The meeting recessed at 4:32 p.m.

H. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 5:46 p.m.

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September 16, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:



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September 16, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:



Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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