



# 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. May 20, 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 4:03 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners except Julie Glancey 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 Absentee Ballot Report for April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary**

Administrator Wolfe, Technology Director Robert Kehoe, IT Project Manager Sara Linski, presented a report on absentee voting for the April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary, which begins on page 2 of the Commission meeting materials packet. Contained in this report was information requested at the Commission's April 18, 2020 meeting.

It was confirmed Commissioner Glancey joined the meeting. All Commissioners were present.

Questions.

Discussion.

**MOTION:** That statistics related to the number of indefinitely confined voters for the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary be included in the report.

*Wisconsin Elections Commissioners*

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

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*Administrator*  
Meagan Wolfe

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

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

Motion failed 3-3.

**MOTION:** The Commission accepts this report as a draft.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Second withdrawn by Commissioner Knudson.

Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

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

Motion failed 3-2. Commissioner Glancey did not vote.

**MOTION:** The Commission adopts this report as final to be sent on to the Governor and the Legislature.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Bostelmann.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 4-2.

## **D. Discussion of Federal CARES Grant**

WisVote Specialist Ahna Barreau, Elections Specialist Brianna Hanson, Program Specialist Michelle Hawley, and Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on ways to maximize the benefit of Wisconsin's federal CARES grant funding. Corresponding memorandum can be found on page 31 of the meeting materials packet.

Questions.

**MOTION:** The Commission approves the recommended plan and expenditures outlined above to improve the absentee voting process and assist local election officials with costs to be funded by the CARES Act.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

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

Motion failed 3-3.

Discussion.

**MOTION:** The staff recommendation in section three, page 31 [of the Commission meeting materials] is adopted with the amendment that staff are directed to use approximately \$3.4 million of the federal CARES Act funding to grant to each municipality an amount equal to one dollar per registered voter within that municipality to be used at local discretion for postage, mailing costs, or any other COVID-19-related expense.

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 Commission adopts the recommendation of the staff as set forth on page 31 of the Commission meeting materials regarding the subgrant to offset mailing costs to the clerks based on the formula set forth in that amount for a total of \$2,612,041.27.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

**MOTION:** The Commission accepts the WEC staff recommendation for using the CARES grant federal funds for funding COVID-19 election supplies up to \$500,000, as listed on page 39 of the staff memo.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

## **E. Discussion of ERIC Data and Mailings for 2020**

Having received data from this year's two previous elections, Administrator Wolfe provided the Commission with updates on the Election Registration Information Center (ERIC) movers list, and also informed the Commission of the Eligible but Unregistered mailing scheduled to be sent out later this year. In addition, she forecasted with the Commission the 2020 movers mailing, which will be discussed in greater detail after participation has been recorded for the November 2020 election. Corresponding memorandum can be found on page 41 of the Commission meeting materials packet.

Questions.

Discussion.

## **F. Request by ES&S for Testing of ExpressVote**

Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki made a brief presentation on the ES&S software certification memorandum found on page 45 of the Commission meeting materials packet.

Questions.

**MOTION:** Postpone the testing and Commission consideration of ES&S EVS 6.0.4.3 until the spring of 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

## **G. Approve Ballot Templates for August and November 2020 Elections**

Election Administration Specialist Cody Davies briefly summarized for the Commission the August 11 ballot proofs for which staff are requesting approval.

Questions.

**MOTION:** To adopt the ballot proofs for the August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

## **H. Update on Cross-State Voting Matches and District Attorney Referrals**

WEC Staff Attorney Nathan Judnic updated the Commission on the status of case referrals to district attorneys submitted after information from ERIC indicates a cross-state voting match.

Questions and discussion.

Administrator Wolfe took a brief moment to thank Staff Attorney Mike Haas for his years of service to the Wisconsin Elections Commission and its predecessor agency. Attorney Haas, who has accepted the position of Madison City Attorney, expressed his gratitude.

## **I. 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 Bostelmann, seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 8:07 p.m.

## **J. Adjourn**

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 8:27 p.m.

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May 20, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:



Jacob Walters, Operations Program Associate

May 4, 2021

May 20, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marge Bostelmann".

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Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

June 2, 2021