



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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**Wisconsin Elections Commission**  
Special Teleconference Meeting  
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin  
1:30 p.m. April 18, 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 1:33 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. Discussion of April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary**

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on a WEC staff memorandum that provides a summary of the April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote.

Comments and discussion.

**MOTION:** Investigate, compile data, and report to the Senate, the Assembly, the Governor, and the public, information as to two general things: 1) Of the total number of absentee ballots requested, how many were returned. And of the absentee ballots not returned, what happened to them. 2) Of all the absentee ballots returned, how many were not counted and why.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

*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

**FRIENDLY AMENDMENT:** That the WEC also investigate how many voters were sent an absentee ballot who were identified by the ERIC as having potentially moved.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Not accepted by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Comments and discussion on the WEC staff memo.

#### **D. Discussion of Milwaukee and Green Bay Polling Place Consolidation**

Discussion.

**MOTION:** WEC staff are directed to conduct an inquiry to determine the timing by which information was received by the Milwaukee Elections Commission from the Governor's Office pertaining to the utilization of the National Guard for the April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote.

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.

#### **E. Discussion of Federal CARE Grant**

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation based on a WEC staff memorandum outlining the 2020 CARES Act Grant and the staff recommendations for how the funds should be used.

**MOTION:** The Commission directs WEC staff to submit the CARES Act Certification letter to the U.S. EAC and to initiate the state process to accept the federal CARES Act grant funds. The Commission further directs WEC staff to begin development of the recommended improvements to the vote by mail process and preparedness for COVID-19 related issues for the 2020 election cycle using CARES Act grant funds.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Questions for Administrator Wolfe.

