



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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**Wisconsin Elections Commission**  
Wisconsin Elections Commission Offices  
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
Madison, Wisconsin  
10:00 a.m. January 14, 2020

## Open Session Minutes

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

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

### **A. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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. Ballot Access Challenges and Issues**

Administrator Wolfe presented the ballot access memorandum starting on page 3 of the January 14, 2020, Commission meeting materials packet. No ballot access challenges were filed, and staff recommends that the Commission certify ballot access for the 50 candidates listed as "approved" in Attachment B, Candidate Tracking by Office report, starting on page 9 of the meeting materials.

**MOTION:** Certify ballot status for the 50 candidates listed as "approved" on the Candidate Tracking by Office report included in the Commissioner meeting materials packet. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

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

*Wisconsin Elections Commissioners*

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

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*Administrator*  
Meagan Wolfe

Spindell      Aye    Thomsen:      Aye

Motion carried unanimously.

Agenda items H and I were taken out of order.

## H. Closed Session

### 1. Litigation Update

- a. *Timothy Zignego, et al. v. Wisconsin Elections Commission, et al.*
- b. *League of Women Voters of Wisconsin, et al. v. Knudson, et al.*
- c. *The Andrew Goodman Foundation v. Bostelmann, et. al.*
- d. *Wisconsin Justice Initiative, Inc., et al. v. Wisconsin Elections Commission, et al.*
- e. **Other Case Updates (as needed)**
- f. **Potential Imminent Litigation**

**MOTION:** Move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with counsel concerning litigation. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 10:17 a.m. and returned to open session at 11:24 a.m.

## I. Movers List Process

Commissioner Knudson announced that the Wisconsin Department of Justice just informed the Commission that the Wisconsin Court of Appeals has issued stays of the Ozaukee County Circuit Court’s writ of mandamus and contempt findings.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to deactivate voters on the ERIC movers list who have not responded to the original movers mailing and send a letter out to the original 230,000 voters on the list indicating the four items the League of Women Voters requested, and that once voters receive the letter that we make it easy for them to reactivate by calling WEC. Moved by Commissioner Spindell.

Commissioner Spindell withdrew his motion.

**MOTION:** Voters on the ERIC Movers list would stay active. A letter will be sent out covering the four points requested by the League of Women Voters. Letter recipients would get 30 days to say they live at the same address, and at end of 30 days, names of

people who have not responded be deactivated. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Commissioner Knudson offered a friendly amendment that voters on the ERIC Movers list would stay active, with a letter to go out May 15 giving voters 30 days to respond before deactivation. Commissioner Spindell accepted the amendment.

Discussion.

**MOTION:** To call the question and end debate. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

On the amended motion:

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

Motion failed on 3-3 vote.

## **E. Election Security Survey and Information Plan**

Public Information Officer Reid Magney and Jennifer Savino of KW2 presented Commissioners with information about survey research results and recommendations for a public information plan regarding election security, contained in a memorandum starting on page 29 of the January 14, 2020, Commission meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Authorize staff to amend the scope of work in KW2's current contract with the WEC to include development of a dynamic elections security education and communications plan, toolkit and assets for use by WEC staff and local election officials at a cost not to exceed \$260,000. Further direct staff to evaluate the program's effectiveness following the Spring Election cycle and present recommendations on whether to change and/or expand the program for the Fall Election cycle at the June 2020 Commission meeting. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 4-2.

Commissioner Knudson called a five-minute recess at 1:12 p.m. and the Commission resumed the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

## **F. Election Security Funding (Help America Vote Act)**

Administrator Wolfe presented Commissioners with information about an additional \$7.8 million in federal Help America Vote Act funding for election security the State of Wisconsin will be receiving, contained in a memorandum starting on page 43 of the January 14, 2020, Commission meeting materials packet. She also discussed the grant requirement for matching state funds, which are available in the Commission's current budget.

**MOTION:** That the Wisconsin Elections Commission ask the State Legislature and Governor to pay the \$1.56 million in state matching funds, so the Commission is in the position to have the funds. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Commissioner Knudson restated the motion: that the Commission directs staff to seek additional General Purpose Revenue funding from the Legislature in order to comply with the matching part of the HAVA grant.

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

## **G. Potential 2020 WEC Meeting Schedule Changes**

Administrator Wolfe asked commissioners to consider alternative dates for meetings currently scheduled for March 3 and August 25, 2020, due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Knudson said that by consensus the Commission agreed to change the March 3 meeting to February 27 and the August 25 meeting to September 1.

## **J. Adjourn**

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

The Commission adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

January 14, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes prepared by:



Reid Magney, Public Information Officer

February 25, 2020

January 14, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes certified by:



Julie Glancey, Commission Secretary

February 27, 2020