



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
6:00 p.m. July 30, 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 via teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Robert Kehoe, Sharrie Hauge, Nathan Judnic and Reid Magney, Sara Linski, Tony Bridges, Michelle Hawley

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the emergency meeting to order at 6:10 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 emergency meeting. She explained that the emergency meeting was noticed for 6:00 p.m. to deal with a last-minute issue related to face coverings.

C. Discussion and Approval of Face Covering Guidance and Governor's Order

Administrator Wolfe and Assistant Administrator Richard Rydecki made a presentation based on a memorandum contained in the meeting materials regarding Commission guidance to local election officials regarding the wearing of face coverings due to the COVID-19 pandemic. WEC staff had posted a guidance document on the agency's website shortly before Governor Evers issued a statewide mask order, which does not apply to voters but does apply to poll workers and election observers at the polling place. In light of the Governor's order, staff asked commissioners to approve revised guidance.

Discussion.

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

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

MOTION: Direct staff to change the guidance document to reflect that face coverings are voluntary for voters and that voters who wear masks can be asked to remove them briefly so election inspectors can verify their identity when checking photo IDs. Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Commissioners discussed the motion and by consensus amended it to provide staff with further direction for modifying the guidance to include that the Governor’s mask mandate does not apply to elections, that the Wisconsin Elections Commission unanimously recommends that everyone wear masks at the polling place, and that election observers are subject to the Governor’s order to wear masks.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

G. Adjourn

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

The Commission adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 1, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 9:00 a.m.

July 30, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission emergency meeting minutes prepared by:



Reid Magney, Public Information Officer

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July 30, 2020 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes certified by:



Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

September 1, 2020