



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
7:45 am February 16, 2022

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.

Commissioner Knudson began the meeting via audio only and appeared by video at 7:48.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Nathan Judnic, Jim Witecha, Brandon Hunzicker, Riley Vetterkind, John Smalley, Jacob Walters, and Anna Langdon, all by teleconference

DOJ present: Thomas Bellavia

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:45 am 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 and Potential Action – Court Order in Teigen, et al. v. WEC, et al. – Guidance Related to Delivery of Absentee Ballots and Drop Boxes

Chairwoman Jacobs informed the Commissioners the meeting was noticed so they could go into closed session and return to open session if they desired.

MOTION: Pursuant to the Supreme Court order dated February 11, 2022, staff will take all steps necessary to comply with the Circuit Court's January 19, 2022 Order or otherwise, subject to final decision of the Supreme Court.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: The proposed letter issued by staff dated February 16, 2022 shall be issued consistent with the Order.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Accepted by Commissioner Thomsen and Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

AMENDED MOTION: Pursuant to the Supreme Court order dated February 11, 2022, staff will take all steps necessary to comply with the Circuit Court’s January 19, 2022 Order or otherwise, subject to final decision of the Supreme Court. The proposed letter issued by staff dated February 16, 2022 shall be issued consistent with the Order.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Commissioner Jacobs offered the option to go into closed session. None of the Commissioners indicated they wanted to do so.

Commissioner Knudson sought clarity concerning whether the Commissioners had retracted the guidance concerning drop boxes and who can deliver a ballot by passing that motion.

Discussion.

MOTION: Retract and remove all guidance regarding drop boxes and delivery of ballots by individuals other than the voter themselves.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson.

POINT OF ORDER: The motion made by Commissioner Knudson is out of order.

Raised by Commissioner Thomsen.

Commissioner Thomsen clarified that he put “or otherwise” in his motion because of the discrepancy between the date cited on the Supreme Court Order (January 19, 2022), and the date cited on the memo drafted by WEC Staff (January 20, 2022). He stated that the order itself is dated January 20th and he added “or otherwise” to his motion to cover any typo or error in the Supreme Court Order so there was not any question on what had to be done.

Assistant Attorney General Thomas Bellavia with the Wisconsin Department of Justice explained the order was a single order signed by the Circuit Court Judge on the 19th and entered on the docket by the clerk on the 20th, and both dates are reflected on the front page of the order.

Discussion.

Chairwoman Jacobs ruled the motion was in order by asking for a second. Motion failed for lack of a second.

D. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission adjourned at 8:10 am.

February 16, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:



Anna Langdon, Help Desk Staff

February 17, 2022

February 16, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:



Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

March 9, 2022