



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
201 W. Washington Avenue, Second Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
1:30 pm April 20, 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.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Jim Witecha, Brandon Hunzicker, Riley Vetterkind, Riley Willman, and Anna Langdon, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 1:31pm 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. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION: Approve the minutes for the February 28, 2022 and March 9, 2022 open session meetings.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Consideration and possible acceptance of additional 2022 Elections Security Funds under Wis. Stat. § 16.54

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners

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

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

Chief Administrative Officer Sharrie Hauge appeared and presented background information on the process for requesting and accepting HAVA Election Security grant funds. She then requested approval from the Commission to request the 2022 election security grant funds.

MOTION: Approve the execution and submission of the §16.54 request to accept HAVA election security grant funds to DOA for approval.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Consideration and possible approval of ballot access petition by the Libertarian Party for the 2022 election cycle

Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki appeared and reviewed the requirements for political parties to gain ballot access. He then explained how the Libertarian Party qualified to petition the Commission for ballot access for the 2022 election cycle.

MOTION: Staff recommends the Commission grant approval of ballot status for the Libertarian Party for the 2022 Partisan Primary and General Election.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

F. Consideration and possible approval of scope statements SS 008-22 and SS 010-22, and consideration of scheduling a preliminary hearing for Scope Statements SS 029-22 and SS 030-22

Riley Willman left the meeting at 1:41 pm.

Staff Attorney Brandon Hunzicker appeared and outlined the results of the public hearing held for Scope Statements SS 008-22 and SS 010-22. He explained the purpose of the first motion was to build in an extra review of the rule language due to the structure of the Commission.

Discussion.

MOTION: Pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 227.135(2), the Wisconsin Elections Commission today, April 20, 2022, approves scope statements titled Certification and Training of Municipal Clerks (SS 008-22), and Polling Place Emergency Planning (SS 010-22). In drafting the language of the rules, staff are directed to follow the guidance of the Commission as found in the minutes of this April 20 open session meeting. Staff are further directed, upon completing the draft language of each rule, to send a copy of the draft language to each Commissioner for comments and feedback. After incorporating any comments and feedback, staff are directed to bring the draft rule language to the Commission during an open session meeting for discussion and approval before taking any further official steps within the promulgation process. If all Commissioners agree that further discussion is unnecessary after staff have incorporated comments and feedback, staff will continue the promulgation process using the draft language.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Attorney Hunzicker reviewed the second recommended motion on page 21 of the Commission's packet and explained this hearing would have the exact same format as the previous public hearing on March 23; the location of the hearing, place where comments can be submitted, and three-hour window to submit comments would remain the same. He noted the only things that would need to be different from the motion passed to schedule the previous hearing would be the date and time. He informed the Commission that the best date for staff would be Friday, April 29 at 1:30 pm.

Chair Jacobs clarified the public hearing was optional to Commissioners and they could review the comments after the hearing had concluded.

MOTION: Staff is delegated authority to conduct the preliminary public hearing on scope statements titled Approval and Security of Electronic Voting Equipment and Ballot Security (SS 029-22) and Training for Election Inspectors and Special Voting Deputies (SS 030-22). The public hearing shall be noticed to notify the public that three or more members of the Commission may be in attendance. The hearing shall be held via Zoom on Friday, April 29th at 1:30 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

G. Adjourn

MOTION: Move into closed session

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission went into closed session at 1:53 pm.

The Commission adjourned closed session at 5:29 pm.

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April 20, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

Anna Langdon, Help Desk Staff

April 21, 2022

April 20, 2022 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

June 22, 2022