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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Wisconsin Elections Commission Offices
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
11:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 8, 2017

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Mark Thomsen and Commissioner Jodi Jensen (in person); and Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Beverly Gill, Commissioner Julie Glancey and Commissioner Steve King (all by telephone)

Staff present: Michael Haas, Nathan Judnic, Sharrie Hauge, Gamze Ligler and Reid Magney

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Mark Thomsen called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Michael Haas informed the Commissioners that proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Personal Appearances

Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell of Madison appeared to discuss the possible impact of losing six positions on the Commission's ability to serve clerks and voters.

Deputy Clerk Chris Astrella of the Village of Summit appeared on behalf of the Wisconsin Municipal Clerks Association to discuss the many ways that the Commission staff has helped him and other WMCA members in administering elections over the years.

D. Elections Commission 2017-2019 Biennial Budget Request

Administrator Haas made an oral presentation based on a written report starting on page 3 of the March 8, 2017 Commission meeting materials. He discussed the current staff vacancies, the Commission's inability to fill them prior to the November 2016 General Election, the staff's heavy work load during that time, and the need for all 22 federally-funded positions to carry out the agency's responsibilities in the future.

Administrator Haas and Commissioners discussed the upcoming Joint Committee on Finance agency briefing meetings, as well as the history of federal funding for elections. They also discussed writing letters to the Governor, legislative leaders and the members of the Joint Committee on Finance regarding the budget and the need for full funding of the 22 positions.

MOTION: Direct staff to draft letters regarding the Commission's biennial budget request to the Governor and the members of the Joint Committee on Finance for Commissioners to review and sign at the meeting on March 14. Moved by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

E. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn. Moved by Commissioner King, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 11:54 a.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017, at the commission's offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

March 8, 2017 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes prepared by:



Reid Magney, Public Information Officer

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March 8, 2017 Wisconsin Elections Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Beverly Gill, Commission Secretary

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