



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
201 W. Washington Avenue, Second Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
6:30 p.m. April 11, 2024

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Don M. Millis, Commissioner Carrie Riepl, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

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

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Millis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that the meeting was noticed in accordance with Wisconsin's open meetings laws.

C. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

a. March 20, 2024

MOTION: Approve the March 20, 2024 open session minutes.

Moved by Commissioner Riepl. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Riepl:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Millis:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Discussion and Potential Action Related to the Recall Petition Pertaining to Assembly Representative Robin Vos, Including Review and Potential Decision-making on the Petition Challenges Filed by Assembly Representative Robin Vos.

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners

Don M. Millis, chair | Marge Bostelmann | Ann S. Jacobs | Carrie Riepl | Robert Spindell | Mark L. Thomsen

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

Staff Attorney Brandon Hunzicker reviewed the challenge filed against the recall petition. He summarized the staff's process of evaluating the individual challenges and their recommendation to the Commission.

Discussion.

Attorney Matthew Fernholz, representing the challenger, presented his arguments within the five-minute limit.

Discussion.

Attorney Michael Gableman, representing the petitioner, presented his arguments within the five-minute limit.

Discussion.

MOTION: After careful examination of all signatures submitted on the petition to recall Representative Vos, and after reviewing the challenge as described in this memo and within the attachments, the Commission finds that the petition contained 4,989 valid signatures from old AD 63, 3,053 valid signatures from new AD 33, and 5,472 valid signatures from new AD 66. The Commission finds that the petition is insufficient to call a recall election regarding old AD 63 because fewer than 25 percent of the number of electors who cast a vote for governor at the last election within that territory signed the petition. The Commission finds that the petition is insufficient to call a recall election regarding new AD 33 because fewer than 25 percent of the number of electors who cast a vote for governor at the last election within that territory signed the petition. The Commission finds that the petition is insufficient to call a recall election regarding new AD 66 because Representative was neither elected to that office, and is not the officeholder, nor resides within the district. Staff shall use this motion to create a certificate and shall attach the certificate to the petition materials and transmit those materials and the materials discussed during this meeting and transmit them to both parties, to allow the petitioner 5 days to amend the petition to correct any of its insufficiencies.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

AMENDMENT: End the first sentence after "old AD 63" and delete the rest of the sentence. Keep the second sentence. Delete the third and fourth sentences. Keep the fifth sentence.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Riepl.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Riepl:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	No
	Millis:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion to amend failed 5-1.

The Commission voted on the original motion:

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Riepl:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Millis:	Aye	Thomsen:	Abstain

Motion carried 5-0-1.

E. Discussion and Potential Action Pertaining to Candidate Use of Non-residential Address on Nomination Papers

Staff Attorney Angela Sharpe presented the legal analysis and recommended motion for this agenda item.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission interprets Wis. Stats. §§ 8.10(2)(b) and 8.15(5)(a) to mean that nomination papers without a candidate's residence (street) address are not substantially compliant, even if the candidate has demonstrated security concerns and attempts to verify their residence through other means. The Wisconsin Elections Commission will no longer grant exceptions to providing this required statutory element.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Riepl:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Millis:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion carries 5-1.

F. Closed Session

MOTION: Adjourn into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Riepl:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Millis:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission moved into closed session at 7:53 p.m.

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 8:02 p.m.

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April 11, 2024, Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

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June 10, 2024

April 11, 2024, Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Carrie Riepl, Commission Secretary

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