



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Special Teleconference Meeting

201 W. Washington Avenue, Second Floor

Madison, Wisconsin

8:00 a.m. July 26, 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: Ahna Barreau, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Anna Langdon, Angela Sharpe, Riley Vetterkind, Riley Willman, Jim Witecha, and Meagan Wolfe, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Jacobs called the meeting to order at 8:01 a.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. Discussion of Recent Attorney General Opinion/Discussion and Possible Adoption of a Commission Communication Relating to Wisconsin Constitution art. III, § 7 (1) & (2)

Chair Jacobs noted that the Commission would cover the open session items, move into closed session, and would not return to open session.

Chief Legal Counsel Jim Witecha provided an overview of the clerk communication regarding the Attorney General's opinion relating to Wisconsin Constitution art. III, § 7 (1) & (2).

Discussion.

The Commission directed staff to revise the last section of the communication to draw a clearer line between permissible and impermissible examples of election officials.

Discussion.

Wisconsin Elections Commissioners

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

Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

The Commission scheduled a meeting for July 30, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and indicated this agenda item would come back at that meeting.

D. 2025-2027 Biennial Budget Update/Request

Chief Administration Officer Sharrie Hauge reviewed the first eight possible decision items for the Commission's consideration.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Commission directs staff to renew Acquia website hosting services through September 2025 at a cost not to exceed \$156,018.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Millis.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Ms. Hauge reviewed the remaining decision items.

Discussion.

MOTION: Approve the overall approach for submitting a budget request for 2025-27. Pursue the approved fourteen decision items in the 2025-2027 Biennial Budget Prep memo and bring it back to the Commission for final approval prior to submittal. Regarding Item 14, staff are directed to investigate the Administrator's salary status and classification.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Millis.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Approve decision items 1-12 and decision item 14. Exclude item 13: "2023-2025, Office of Election Transparency and Compliance."

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Rejected by Commissioner Thomsen.

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

Motion carried 5-1.

E. Review and Potential Action Relating to Administrative Complaint Forms

Chair Jacobs moved this item to the July 30, 2024, meeting agenda.

F. External Use of Agency Materials, Logos, and Branding: Consideration and Possible Action

Chair Jacobs moved this item to the July 30, 2024, meeting agenda.

G. Closed Session

a. Litigation Update and Consideration of Potential Litigation

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

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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 9:09 a.m.

H. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 10:33 a.m.

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July 26, 2024, Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

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July 26, 2024, Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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