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Unanimous Supreme Court Decision Affirms Wolfe Can Remain in Administrator Position

MADISON – On Friday, Feb. 7, the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruled in a unanimous decision in the case of *Wisconsin Elections Commission v. Devin LeMahieu*, finding in favor of the Commission by affirming an order from Dane County Circuit Court Judge Ann M. Peacock that concluded Administrator Meagan Wolfe is lawfully in her position, and that the law creates no duty for the Commission to appoint a new administrator.

The sole question before the Wisconsin Supreme Court was whether the Commission has a duty to make a new appointment when there is no vacancy in the administrator position. Today, the Supreme Court concluded that there is not.

"We're pleased that the Supreme Court unanimously found in favor of the Commission's position," said Administrator Wolfe. "And I'm excited to continue to work with elections officials around the state as we prepare for the Feb. 18 Spring Primary and the April 1 Spring Election."

Administrator Wolfe serves as the state's chief election official. She was unanimously appointed by the bipartisan, six-member Elections Commission in February 2018 and was unanimously confirmed by the Wisconsin State Senate in May 2019. In 2023, all six Commissioners – three Republicans and three Democrats – expressed support for Administrator Wolfe continuing in the position when they met to consider the administrator appointment.

As she looks ahead to the Spring Primary and Spring Election, Wolfe touted the work of clerks around the state. "Serving beside them is an honor, and Wisconsinites are lucky to have them," she said about the state's clerks. "I have every confidence that our clerks will continue to deliver fair and accurate elections to all Wisconsin communities."