

Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission Emergency Teleconference Meeting 212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor Madison, Wisconsin 7:30 p.m. April 6, 2020

Open Session Minutes

- Present: Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.
- Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Michael Haas, Nathan Judnic, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 7:37 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 proper notice was given for this meeting under emergency meeting provisions outlined in state statute.

Commissioner Knudson made an opening statement and allowed other commissioners to make opening statements.

D. Discussion of Milwaukee County Order Closing Municipal Polling Places

Administrator Wolfe and Staff Attorney Michael Haas began by summarizing the implications of recent court rulings and the effects they will have on municipalities.

Discussion.

E. Administration of April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Primary

Opening comments and remarks by Commissioners.

Administrator Wolfe provided an update on the status of poll workers and polling places around the state.

Questions and discussion.

Administrator Wolfe advised the Commission of election night procedures and the guidance being issued to clerks concerning the processing of absentee ballots.

Questions and discussion.

Attorney Daniel Lenz with Lawton & Cates, S.C. appeared and provided input in regards to recent court rulings.

Questions and discussion.

Attorney Dixon Gahnz with Lawton & Cates, S.C. appeared and apprised the Commission of developments in the Taylor v. Milwaukee Election Commission case.

Discussion.

C. Closed Session

(This agenda item was taken out of order)

MOTION: Move to closed session for the purposes of conferring with legal counsel concerning litigation strategy as permitted by Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g).

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The commission recessed to closed session at 9:08 p.m.

F. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at approximately 9:45 p.m.

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April 6, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

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April 6, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

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Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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