



Wisconsin Elections Commission

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
3:00 p.m. April 10, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, 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 3:00 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 the meeting.

D. Fall Nomination Papers Procedures

(This item was taken out of order.)

Staff Attorney Nathan Judnic began by reviewing with the Commission the WEC staff memorandum on the circulation of nomination papers for the 2020 General Election.

Discussion.

MOTION:

- 1) The Commission reaffirms that it does not have the statutory authority to change or modify current statutory procedures related to the circulation of nomination papers for the 2020 General Election.

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- 2) In light of the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Commission reaffirms the use of “single signed and circulated” nomination papers to limit the amount of in-person/face-to-face contact that normally occurs during the circulation of nomination papers.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission encourages all candidates to circulate their nomination papers via mail.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

C. Discussion of Absentee Mail, Postmarks, and Canvass

Administrator Wolfe presented on a WEC staff memorandum that outlined proposed guidance to local election officials regarding the processing of Spring Election absentee ballots that were returned by voters through the USPS.

Questions for Administrator Wolfe and Staff Attorney Michael Haas.

Discussion.

MOTION: If an absentee ballot for the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote does not have a visible postmark that indicates the date of April 7, 2020 or before, it shall not be counted.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: If the United States Postal Service certifies that an absentee ballot for the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote was in its possession on April 7, 2020, that ballot may be counted if received on April 8, 2020.

Proposed by Commissioner Bostelmann. Not accepted by Commissioner Spindell.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: No
 Jacobs: No Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: All absentee ballots for the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote that bear a postmark with a date of April 7, 2020 or before shall be counted.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: If Elections Commission staff can get a signed statement from a United States Postal Service authority that states that the stamp that reads “APR 2020” was only used on April 7, and that this stamp indicates its being received by USPS on April 7 or before, those ballots shall be counted.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: All absentee ballots for the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote arriving at a clerk’s office on April 8, 2020 via the United States Postal Service shall be counted, with or without any postmark.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: No Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: Aye Spindell: No
 Knudson: No Thomsen: Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Commission also directs that it is not sufficient for a voter to deposit their absentee ballot return envelope into a mailbox by April 7, 2020. Similar to other time-sensitive documents such as tax returns or government applications, in order to be timely there must be proof that the ballot was in the possession of a USPS processing facility or post office on or before April 7, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Withdrawn by Commissioner Knudson.

E. Closed Session

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 Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Motion withdrawn by Commission Knudson.

F. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

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April 10, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

April 10, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
1:30 p.m. April 18, 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 1:33 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 the meeting.

C. Discussion of April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on a WEC staff memorandum that provides a summary of the April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote.

Comments and discussion.

MOTION: Investigate, compile data, and report to the Senate, the Assembly, the Governor, and the public, information as to two general things: 1) Of the total number of absentee ballots requested, how many were returned. And of the absentee ballots not returned, what happened to them. 2) Of all the absentee ballots returned, how many were not counted and why.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

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FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the WEC also investigate how many voters were sent an absentee ballot who were identified by the ERIC as having potentially moved.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Not accepted by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Comments and discussion on the WEC staff memo.

D. Discussion of Milwaukee and Green Bay Polling Place Consolidation

Discussion.

MOTION: WEC staff are directed to conduct an inquiry to determine the timing by which information was received by the Milwaukee Elections Commission from the Governor's Office pertaining to the utilization of the National Guard for the April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Vote.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

E. Discussion of Federal CARE Grant

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation based on a WEC staff memorandum outlining the 2020 CARES Act Grant and the staff recommendations for how the funds should be used.

MOTION: The Commission directs WEC staff to submit the CARES Act Certification letter to the U.S. EAC and to initiate the state process to accept the federal CARES Act grant funds. The Commission further directs WEC staff to begin development of the recommended improvements to the vote by mail process and preparedness for COVID-19 related issues for the 2020 election cycle using CARES Act grant funds.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Questions for Administrator Wolfe.

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

Motion carried unanimously 6-0.

Discussion.

F. Closed Session

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 Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting moved to closed session at 3:56 p.m.

G. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at about 5:50 p.m.

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April 18, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

Jacob Walters, Operations Program Associate

March 15, 2021

April 18, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
4:00 p.m. May 20, 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 4:03 p.m. and called the roll. All Commissioners except Julie Glancey were present.

B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice

Administrator Meagan Wolfe informed the Commission that proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Discussion of Absentee Ballot Report for April 7 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary

Administrator Wolfe, Technology Director Robert Kehoe, IT Project Manager Sara Linski, presented a report on absentee voting for the April 7, 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary, which begins on page 2 of the Commission meeting materials packet. Contained in this report was information requested at the Commission's April 18, 2020 meeting.

It was confirmed Commissioner Glancey joined the meeting. All Commissioners were present.

Questions.

Discussion.

MOTION: That statistics related to the number of indefinitely confined voters for the 2020 Spring Election and Presidential Preference Primary be included in the report.

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Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: The Commission accepts this report as a draft.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Second withdrawn by Commissioner Knudson.

Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	N/A
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-2. Commissioner Glancey did not vote.

MOTION: The Commission adopts this report as final to be sent on to the Governor and the Legislature.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion carried 4-2.

D. Discussion of Federal CARES Grant

WisVote Specialist Ahna Barreau, Elections Specialist Brianna Hanson, Program Specialist Michelle Hawley, and Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on ways to maximize the benefit of Wisconsin's federal CARES grant funding. Corresponding memorandum can be found on page 31 of the meeting materials packet.

Questions.

MOTION: The Commission approves the recommended plan and expenditures outlined above to improve the absentee voting process and assist local election officials with costs to be funded by the CARES Act.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

Discussion.

MOTION: The staff recommendation in section three, page 31 [of the Commission meeting materials] is adopted with the amendment that staff are directed to use approximately \$3.4 million of the federal CARES Act funding to grant to each municipality an amount equal to one dollar per registered voter within that municipality to be used at local discretion for postage, mailing costs, or any other COVID-19-related expense.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the recommendation of the staff as set forth on page 31 of the Commission meeting materials regarding the subgrant to offset mailing costs to the clerks based on the formula set forth in that amount for a total of \$2,612,041.27.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Commission accepts the WEC staff recommendation for using the CARES grant federal funds for funding COVID-19 election supplies up to \$500,000, as listed on page 39 of the staff memo.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

E. Discussion of ERIC Data and Mailings for 2020

Having received data from this year's two previous elections, Administrator Wolfe provided the Commission with updates on the Election Registration Information Center (ERIC) movers list, and also informed the Commission of the Eligible but Unregistered mailing scheduled to be sent out later this year. In addition, she forecasted with the Commission the 2020 movers mailing, which will be discussed in greater detail after participation has been recorded for the November 2020 election. Corresponding memorandum can be found on page 41 of the Commission meeting materials packet.

Questions.

Discussion.

F. Request by ES&S for Testing of ExpressVote

Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki made a brief presentation on the ES&S software certification memorandum found on page 45 of the Commission meeting materials packet.

Questions.

MOTION: Postpone the testing and Commission consideration of ES&S EVS 6.0.4.3 until the spring of 2021.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

G. Approve Ballot Templates for August and November 2020 Elections

Election Administration Specialist Cody Davies briefly summarized for the Commission the August 11 ballot proofs for which staff are requesting approval.

Questions.

MOTION: To adopt the ballot proofs for the August 11, 2020 Partisan Primary.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

H. Update on Cross-State Voting Matches and District Attorney Referrals

WEC Staff Attorney Nathan Judnic updated the Commission on the status of case referrals to district attorneys submitted after information from ERIC indicates a cross-state voting match.

Questions and discussion.

Administrator Wolfe took a brief moment to thank Staff Attorney Mike Haas for his years of service to the Wisconsin Elections Commission and its predecessor agency. Attorney Haas, who has accepted the position of Madison City Attorney, expressed his gratitude.

I. Closed Session

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 Glancey.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The meeting recessed to closed session at 8:07 p.m.

J. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 8:27 p.m.

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May 20, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

May 20, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
4:00 p.m. May 27, 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, Nathan Judnic, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 the meeting.

D. Discussion of Federal CARES Grant

Administrator Wolfe, Chief Financial Officer Sharrie Hauge, Staff Attorney Nathan Judnic, Technology Director Robert Kehoe, and Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki each presented on their respective parts of a WEC staff memorandum beginning on page 2 of the meeting materials packet. This memorandum describes a reformulation of the CARES Act spending plan, as requested by the Commission at its May 20, 2020 meeting.

Questions.

MOTION: WEC staff are instructed to prepare and send a mailer, enclosing an absentee ballot request form and instructions along with a return envelope -- said envelope to be returned to the Elections Commission for processing -- to all registered voters, with the exception of voters with absentee applications on file and those on the ERIC possible-movers list, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,252,000.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

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FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That \$400,000 be added to the spending cap grand total to allow for the usage of intelligent mail barcodes on this absentee ballot informational mailer.

Proposed by Commissioner Thomsen. Accepted by Commissioner Jacobs.

AMENDED MOTION: WEC staff are instructed to prepare and send a mailer, enclosing an absentee ballot request form and instructions along with a return envelope -- said envelope to be returned to the Elections Commission for processing -- to all registered voters, with the exception of voters with absentee applications on file and those on the ERIC possible-movers list, for a total cost not to exceed \$2,252,000. An additional \$400,000 is to be allocated to facilitate the usage of intelligent mail barcodes on this mailer, bringing the spending cap grand total to \$2,652,000.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION #1: The Commission directs WEC staff to administer a CARES Act sub-grant to local election officials at the rate of \$1.10 per registered voter, plus a \$200 base grant, not to exceed a total cost of more than \$4,126,528.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That Commission staff forgo sending a mailer entirely and that these funds be reallocated to municipalities.

Proposed by Commissioner Thomsen. Accepted by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

MOTION #2: To table motion #1.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Roll call vote on motion #2:

	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion #2 failed 4-2.

Roll call vote on the friendly amendment:

Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	No
Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Friendly amendment failed 4-2.

Roll call vote on motion #1:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion #1 carried 4-2.

MOTION: The Commission directs staff not to pursue the redesign of the absentee ballot certificate envelope in 2020 and to issue best practices to local election officials on how to maximize the usability of the current envelope design. The Commission further directs staff to incorporate intelligent mail barcodes into this existing design, that \$400,000 be allocated to this end, and that any remaining funds be reserved for April and May Elections Commission costs not yet billed.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Second by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: The Commission directs staff to prepare a draft mailer for the Commission's review and approval at the June 10 meeting. The Commission further directs staff to prepare for the mailing to be sent to all voters except those with an absentee ballot application on file or those on the ERIC potential-movers list, and that the total cost for this mailer is not to exceed \$2,252,035.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: When the database for this mailing is created on June 25, excluded from this database shall be voters who have already submitted an absentee ballot application in 2020 or who plan to submit an absentee ballot application in 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Withdrawn by Commissioner Knudson.

E. Discussion of ERIC Mailing to Eligible but Unregistered Voters

WisVote Specialists Jodi Kitts and Connie Shehan presented on the WEC staff memorandum beginning on page 14 of the Commission materials packet that outlines the “Eligible but Unregistered” mailing, which is required as part of the ERIC membership agreement.

Questions.

MOTION: The Commission approves the recommended plan and expenditures outlined in the staff memorandum to fulfill the required EBU mailing by sending the postcard mailer to voters prior to June 30, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

F. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

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Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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4:00 pm June 3, 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, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 4:00 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 the meeting.

C. Election of Commission Officers

Chairman Knudson opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

MOTION: The Commission selects Ann Jacobs to serve as Commission Chair for the next two years.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Voice vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: The Commission selects Mark Thomsen to serve as Commission Vice Chair.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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Voice vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: The Commission selects Marge Bostelmann to serve as Commission Secretary.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Voice vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Voice vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission adjourned at 4:04 p.m.

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June 3, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

Jacob Walters, Operations Program Associate

May 4, 2021

June 3, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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3:00 p.m. June 17, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, and Nathan Judnic, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 3:07 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 the meeting.

C. Discussion and Approval of Fall 2020 Voter Mailing

Administrator Wolfe presented a revised version of the voter informational mailer that was approved by the Commission earlier in 2020 and is scheduled to be mailed September 1, 2020. A previous version of the mailer was presented at the Commission's June 10, 2020 meeting and Administrator Wolfe reviewed the changes that were made in the week since that came from usability testing and commissioner feedback. Administrator Wolfe also mentioned staff's ongoing collaboration with DOA printing regarding mailing logistics and noted that this mailer is forwardable.

Discussion.

MOTION: With the changes discussed, agreed upon, and made today, the Commission approves the voter informational mailer's formatting and language and authorizes its mailing on September 1, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That this mailing shall not be forwarded.

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Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Accepted by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Friendly amendment withdrawn by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator Wolfe informed the Commission of the staff's rationale for forwarding this mailer and emphasized that ultimately it is the Commission's prerogative to decide whether or not this mailer is to be forwarded.

Discussion.

MOTION: That this mailing shall not be forwarded.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Discussion of Petition for Rule Making

Staff Attorney Nathan Judnic summarized for the Commission a petition that was received from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty asking that the Commission pursue an emergency administrative rule prohibiting ballot harvesting. He outlined potential courses of action the Commission could take in response to this petition. Staff makes no explicit recommendations other than to ask that the Commission make its decision in a "reasonable period of time."

Discussion.

MOTION: In pursuance of promulgating an emergency administrative rule, the Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to draft a scope statement stating that no one but an elector may request an absentee ballot and that no individual or third party may possess, collect, or deliver an absentee ballot.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: No
 Jacobs: No Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: It is the position of the Wisconsin Election Commission that state law prohibits any individual or group from requesting an absentee ballot for a voter. It is also the position of the Wisconsin Elections Commission that no individual or third party, except the United States Postal Service or an immediate family member or caretaker, may possess, collect, or deliver an absentee ballot belonging to another voter. Finally, the petition from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty for promulgation of an emergency administrative rule on this matter is denied.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion. Commissioner Glancey asked Commissioner Knudson to break his motion into smaller parts.

MOTION: It is the position of the Wisconsin Election Commission that state law prohibits any individual or group from requesting an absentee ballot for a voter.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: No Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: No

Motion carried 4-2.

MOTION: It is the position of Wisconsin Elections Commission that no individual or third party, except the United States Postal Service or an immediate family member or caretaker, may possess, collect, or deliver an absentee ballot belonging to another voter.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: No
 Jacobs: No Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: The petition from the Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty for promulgation of an emergency administrative rule is denied.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

E. Closed Session

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 Glancey.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting recessed at 5:17 p.m.

The Commission adjourned in closed session.

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June 17, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes prepared by:

Jacob Walters, Operations Program Associate

May 6, 2021

June 17, 2020 Wisconsin Election Commission meeting minutes certified by:

Marge Bostelmann, Commission Secretary

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
4:00 p.m. June 24, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 4:01 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 the meeting.

C. Discussion of Special Voting Deputies for the August Partisan Primary

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation based on a WEC staff memorandum that examines the prospects for SVD voting in the 2020 Partisan Primary.

Questions and discussion.

MOTION: The Commission's previous order as set forth at its meeting of March 12, 2020, which requires that Special Voting Deputies be suspended for the 2020 Spring Election and 7th Congressional District Special Election and that absentee ballots be mailed to all eligible voters who requested, remains in effect for all elections in 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Jacobs. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That notifications be sent to families regarding the suspension of Special Voting Deputies in nursing homes and care facilities for all elections in 2020.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Not accepted by Commissioner Jacobs.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	Aye	Thompson:	Aye

The motion carried 5-1.

D. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs

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

The Commission adjourned at 4:33 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
9:00 a.m. September 1, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Nathan Judnic, Jacob Walters, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION: The following meeting minutes are approved as final:

1. June 10, 2020 Regular Meeting
2. July 30, 2020 Regular Meeting
3. July 30, 2020 Emergency Meeting
4. August 20, 2020 Special Meeting

Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

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Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

D. Personal Appearances (Time reserved for personal appearances may be limited by the Chair)

Ardis Cerny appeared and expressed her concern regarding the security of absentee ballots and voting by mail.

Commissioner Spindell followed with comments.

Sharon Foley appeared and expressed her concerns regarding the actions of election inspectors in Milwaukee and the handling of absentee ballots at polling locations.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions for Administrator Wolfe.

Arlet Jorgensen appeared and voiced her disagreement with the WEC's encouragement of absentee voting.

Debbie Morin appeared and communicated her concerns with respect to duplicate voter records, voter records of felons, and voter records of the deceased that are still active in advance of the November election.

Commissioners Spindell and Knudson followed with questions for Administrator Wolfe.

Ken Koltun appeared and shared what he observed as a poll worker to be a lack of understanding as to how absentee ballots should be handled when voters arrive with them in person at a polling place.

Sandy Hammel appeared and voiced her concerns regarding the security of absentee ballots while in transit from their places of origin to central count.

Commissioner Spindell indicated that he has the names of a few more people who would like to speak and expressed his desire that the instructions to sign up for public comment be clearer.

Barbara Beckert appeared on behalf of the Wisconsin Disability Vote Coalition and communicated their support of the WEC's promotion of absentee voting. She also outlined areas where absentee voting could potentially be improved, shared concerns related to ADA compliance, and shared difficulties voters with disabilities have faced when trying to meet the photo ID requirement.

E. Presentation of "How Wisconsin is Ready for November 3, 2020 Election" Report

Chairwoman Jacobs informed commissioners and those in attendance that the presentation of this report will be broken into segments of related topics, and that commissioners may ask questions related to those topics after each segment.

Administrator Wolfe began with an introduction as to what this report is, why and how it was created, and then presented on the first group of related topics: technology initiatives. This presentation covered subject matter including the statewide voter registration database, the MyVote Wisconsin website, Badger Books electronic poll books, and the Badger Voters data request system.

Commissioners asked questions of Administrator Wolfe.

Administrator Wolfe then presented on work the WEC staff has done in conjunction with the United States Postal Service, including Intelligent Mail Barcodes.

Administrator Wolfe fielded questions from commissioners.

The Commission took a brief recess at 10:51 a.m.

The Commission returned at 11:00 a.m.

Administrator Wolfe resumed this agenda item by touching on reports that were submitted from Wisconsin's three largest municipalities, Milwaukee, Madison, and Green Bay, regarding their preparations for the November 3 General Election.

Commissioners shared their comments.

Administrator Wolfe continued with a presentation on accessibility; this section of the report begins on page 37.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to coordinate with the Wisconsin Public Health Service to lay out guidance – such as requiring SVD's to be tested for COVID-19, that no observers are to be allowed, and that PPE must be worn at all times – for counties and municipalities to follow when sending Special Voting Deputies to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, et cetera.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: This information is to be presented in the form of a report to be examined and considered, rather than as guidance to be issued and followed.

Proposed by Commissioner Glancey. Accepted by Commissioner Spindell.

AMENDED MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to coordinate with the Wisconsin Public Health Service to draft a report with guidance – such as requiring SVD's to be tested for COVID-19, that no observers are to be allowed, and that PPE must be worn at all times – for counties and municipalities to follow were they to send Special Voting Deputies to nursing homes, assisted living facilities, et cetera.

Discussion.

MOTION REPHRASED: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to consult with state and other health officials to determine whether or not the incorporation of Special Voting Deputies into the November election is safe and feasible and, if they receive such guidance, to provide a framework of what that implementation would look like.

Rephrased by Chairwoman Jacobs. Commissioner Spindell confirmed this to be consistent with his original motion.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Next, Administrator Wolfe discussed information in the report regarding sanitation, personal protective equipment, and poll workers.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions and comments.

Administrator Wolfe then reviewed with the Commission security preparations in place and those being made for the November 3 General Election.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions.

Administrator Wolfe continued by going over with the Commission voter outreach initiatives, including the informational voter mailer. This information begins on page 63 of the report.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to provide a public report on at least a weekly basis concerning the number of informational voter mailers the WEC receives returned as undeliverable.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to compile a list for each municipality of all the informational voter mailers that the WEC receives as undeliverable and to forward this information to each respective municipal clerk.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

MODIFIED MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to compile a list for each municipality of all the informational voter mailers that the WEC receives as undeliverable and to forward this information to each respective municipal clerk as soon as practicable without incurring any additional costs.

Modified by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Additional funds are to be provided to secure this end.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell Not accepted by Commissioner Knudson.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to compile a list for each municipality of all the informational voter mailers that the WEC receives as undeliverable and to forward this information to each respective municipal clerk by December 31, 2020.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Withdrawn by Commissioner Knudson.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to compile a list for each municipality of all the informational voter mailers that the WEC receives as undeliverable and to forward this information to each respective municipal clerk by December 31, 2020. Staff is further directed to prepare a memorandum for the Commission to consider at its December 1, 2020 meeting with potential instructions for clerks as to how this information should be acted upon.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: The number of informational voter mailers that the WEC receives returned as undeliverable is to be made public on a biweekly basis.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Not accepted by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

To conclude presentation on this agenda item, Administrator Wolfe spoke about the training being offered to local election officials (beginning on page 75 of the report) and to the customer service preparations being made.

F. Approval of Major Party Presidential Candidates

Administrator Wolfe briefly reviewed with the Commission a memorandum Commissioners received the night previous that summarizes the ballot access procedures for 2020 General Election presidential candidates representing a party with ballot status.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission will not grant ballot access to the 2020 General Election presidential candidates for the Democratic, Republican, and Constitution Parties unless the Green Party candidates are granted ballot access as well.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell.

Motion failed for failure of a second.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission approves ballot status for the 2020 General Election for the following Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidates:

Party	Presidential Candidate	Vice Presidential Candidate
Democratic Party	Joseph R. Biden	Kamala D. Harris
Republican Party	Donald J. Trump	Michael R. Pence
Constitution Party	Don Blankenship	William Mohr

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: Aye Spindell: No
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 5-1.

The meeting recessed at 2:04 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

G. Voting Equipment Audit and Voluntary Canvass Audits

(This item was moved to next week’s meeting agenda.)

H. Voter Fraud Report

(This item was moved to next week’s meeting agenda.)

J. Consideration of WEC 2021-23 Biennial Budget Request and Budget Lapse Plan

Chief Administrative Officer Sharrie Hauge provided the Commission with an overview of the budget process and Administrator Wolfe followed up with details related to each decision item.

Commissioners Spindell and Knudson followed with questions for Administrator Wolfe.

MOTION:

- 1) Approve the overall approach of submitting a budget request for 2021-23 which continues current agency operations.
- 2) The Commission directs staff to request a statutory language change and new alpha and numeric appropriation for the Sale of Voter Lists along with expenditure authority.
- 3) The Commission directs staff to request to convert 6.0 Federal Project positions to 3.0 Federal Permanent positions and 3.0 Program Revenue Permanent positions.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation on the budget lapse that all state agencies are being asked to perform at the end of the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Corresponding memorandum begins on page 63 of the meeting materials packet.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the staff's lapse plan to use the FY20 lapse of \$403,443.80 and proceed with the FY21 Projected lapse plan first, using realized savings from our GPR, Investigations, Voter ID Training, Materials & Services Training and Election Administration appropriations to meet its required \$578,750.00 lapse in FY21.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

I. Voter Felon Audit Report

(This agenda item was taken out of order.)

Technology Director Robert Kehoe provided a very brief outline of the voter felon audit update memorandum, beginning on page 47 of the meeting materials packet.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions.

MOTION: Agenda item G. Voting Equipment Audit and Voluntary Canvass Audits and agenda item H. Voter Fraud Report are to be moved to next week’s meeting agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Voice vote: Bostelmann: Aye Glancey: Aye
 Jacobs: Aye Spindell: Aye
 Knudson: Aye Thomsen: Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

K. Closed Session

MOTION: Move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. §§ 19.851 and 19.85(1)(g) to discuss violations of election law and confer with counsel concerning litigation

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The Commission recessed to close session at 3:05 p.m.

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 4:25 p.m.

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Special Teleconference Meeting
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4:00 p.m. September 16, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Nathan Judnic, Jacob Walters, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 4:02 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 the meeting.

C. Voting Equipment Audit and Voluntary Canvass Audits

Administrator Wolfe introduced Election Administration Specialists Robert Williams and Cody Davies who reviewed past procedures for post-election voting equipment audits with the Commission and went over proposed adjustments to the process for 2020.

Questions and discussion.

MOTION: The Commission adopts the 2020 post-election audit parameters and procedures outlined above, including the selection criteria, timeline for completion, and reimbursement. The Wisconsin Elections Commission also directs staff to provide the Commission with a preview of the voting equipment audit results prior to their being released to the public.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

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Administrator
Meagan Wolfe

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Voter Fraud Report

Administrator Wolfe introduced Staff Counsel Nathan Judnic who discussed broadly the Voter Fraud Report. This report is a compilation of reports WEC staff have received of suspected election fraud, irregularities, or violations, and is statutorily required to be submitted to the Legislature annually.

Discussion.

MOTION: Direct Commission staff to submit the cover letter and report titled “Report of Suspected Election Fraud, Irregularities or Violations” to the Legislature per Wis. Stat. §§ 7.15(1)(g) and 13.172(2).

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Discussion of Special Voting Deputies and Public Health Guidance

Administrator Wolfe introduced Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki who presented findings from a report on the feasibility of incorporating Special Voting Deputies into the November election. This report was requested at the Commission’s September 1, 2020 meeting and was written in consultation with Department of Health Services staff and disability/aging advocates.

Questions and discussion.

F. Brief Update on Voter Mailer Statistics

Administrator Wolfe provided a brief update on the informational voter mailer that was sent out September 1.

Commissioner Spindell followed with questions.

G. Closed Session

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

MOTION: Move to table the previous motion and 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 Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting recessed at 4:32 p.m.

H. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 5:46 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
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11:00 a.m. October 20, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Nathan Judnic, Jacob Walters, and Reid Magney, all by teleconference.

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 11:02 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 proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Discussion of Outagamie County Ballot Matter

Administrator Wolfe summarized for the Commission the situation in Outagamie County, as election officials there seek Commission guidance after it was discovered a ballot-printing error may cause thousands of ballots to be rejected by voting equipment.

Discussion.

Consensus to revisit this item at a later point in the meeting.

D. Discussion of Election Night Results and End of Night Procedures Guidance

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation based on the WEC staff memorandum that begins on page 8 of the Commission meeting materials packet. This memorandum provides potential guidance for clerks and election officials as they determine how to process the unprecedented volume of absentee ballots expected for this election.

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Discussion.

The meeting recessed at 11:52 a.m. for Commissioner Thomsen to reestablish his internet connection.

The meeting reconvened at 12:09 p.m.

Discussion.

MOTION: In its memorandum to local election officials, the Wisconsin Elections Commission directs staff to draft and include language for county clerks to use on websites that report unofficial election results. This language should address the number of absentee ballots per municipality that are still yet to be counted at a central count facility.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

C. Discussion of Outagamie County Ballot Matter

(This agenda item was resumed from earlier in the meeting.)

Staff Attorney Nathan Judnic shared language with the Commission that he had drafted to respond to election officials in Outagamie County concerning how to proceed given the presence of a printing defect on some of their ballots' timing marks.

MOTION: To adopt the language of Attorney Judnic's letter and to send this letter to Outagamie County election officials.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Potential Action Relating to the Use or Expenditure of Remaining CARES Act Funds

Administrator Wolfe reviewed how the Commission has allocated the \$7.2 million in federal funds it received last May as part of the CARES Act, and detailed staff’s recommendation of using the remaining funds for a voter education digital media ad buy.

Discussion.

MOTION: The remaining \$750,000 in federal CARES Act funds are to be distributed to counties after the election in the form of a reimbursement program of \$10,000 per county.

Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That this be a reimbursement program of up to \$10,000 per county.

Proposed by Commissioner Glancey by way of Administrator Wolfe’s response to her question.
Accepted by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Friendly amendment accepted by Commissioner Spindell.

MOTION REPHRASED: The Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the allocation of up to approximately \$750,000 of the remaining CARES Act funds for a reimbursement program to be distributed after the election of up to \$10,000 per county. The Commission also approves the allocation of funds to the agency for the cost of the administration of this program.

Rephrased by Chairwoman Jacobs. Confirmed to be correct by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

F. Scheduling Meetings for Early 2021

Administrator Wolfe informed the Commission that it must have a ballot access meeting by January 12, 2021 and that when considering timing and other factors having it on the date of January 12 would be best.

Discussion.

Consensus to have this meeting on January 12, with the time to be finalized later.

G. Consideration of Whether to Take Exception to the Delegation of Authority with Regard to the Complaint of Farmer v. MEC

Administrator Wolfe made a presentation regarding the complaint of Farmer v. MEC and whether to take it out of its delegation of authority or not. Chairwoman Jacobs further emphasized that the question before the Commission right now is one of strictly procedure and is not related to the merits of the case itself.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission makes an exception to its delegation of authority in the complaint of Farmer v. MEC and will review this complaint under the statutory provisions outlined in Wis. Stat. § 5.05.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

H. Closed Session

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 Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting recessed at 2:33 p.m.

I. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 2:55 p.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
Madison, Wisconsin
6:00 p.m. November 18, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Robert Kehoe, Reid Magney, Nathan Judnic, Jim Witecha, and Jacob Walters, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 6:00 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 the meeting.

C. Discussion of Recount Procedures and Guidelines

Chairwoman Jacobs began by providing a brief introduction as to why this meeting was called – that reasoning being, the filing of a recount petition by the Trump campaign – and also provided an overview of the statutory provisions governing how a recount is conducted. Administrator Wolfe continued with specifics as to who is responsible for conducting the recount as well as with specifics regarding the recount processes and procedures.

Discussion.

MOTION: With the exception of paragraph #4 and with the insertion of the word “is” between “\$2,809,682.12” and the word “required” in the third preambulatory paragraph, so it reads “...\$2,809,682.12 is required...,” the Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the Order for Recount as drafted.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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Discussion.

MOTION TO AMEND: Paragraph #4 shall be included and it is to read:

The recount shall be conducted using the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 9.01, those established by the Wisconsin Elections Commission’s Recount Manual, and public health guidance included as an Appendix to the Recount Manual, which are incorporated into this Order by reference herein. If necessary, the Wisconsin Elections Commission will issue supplemental directions regarding the procedures to be used by each county’s Board of Canvassers and will communicate those directions to County Clerks via its website.

MOTION TO AMEND (CONTINUED): “Wisconsin Elections Commission” is to be defined as the six-member governing body of the agency and decisions on this matter will be made jointly and by majority.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

MOTION: To table the motion at hand in its entirety.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

Administrator Wolfe reviewed with the Commission the proposed changes to the August 2018 Recount Manual.

MOTION: On page 5 of the Recount Manual, under the section titled “Who May Attend the Recount?”, the below sentence is to be added to the end of the first paragraph:

The recount statute does not specifically dictate how many individuals must be allowed to observe a recount, but it is clear that the ballot and materials must be available for candidates and their representatives to view so that they may offer any objections they have to a ballot being counted. Wis. Stat. § 9.01(1)(b)11.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

MOTION TO AMEND: That the sentence, “The right to observe the recount shall not be infringed by any local health ordinance.” be included at the end of this addition.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote on the motion to amend:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion to amend failed 3-3.

Discussion.

Roll call vote on the original motion:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: On page 5 of the Recount Manual, under the section titled “Who May Attend the Recount?”, the below sentences are to be added to the end of the second paragraph:

Public health guidance should be considered by the board of canvassers when setting up the recount location and observation areas. Social distancing, the use of face coverings and hand hygiene should all be clearly communicated to the individuals that will be attending the recount in person to ensure the safety of everyone involved in recount. The board of canvassers will need to appropriately balance public health guidance and the candidate’s/representative’s right to view ballots and materials and lodge any objections to the counting of a ballot. (See Public Health Guidance starting on Page 16 of the Appendix to this manual). Any challenges to the procedure established by the board of canvassers regarding observation should be decided by the board and documented in the minutes. The optional use of a live video feed to provide greater transparency and minimize the number of individuals observing in person should also be considered.

Moved by Commission Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the third sentence of the additional paragraph read, “The board of canvassers must allow the candidate’s/representative’s right to view ballots and materials and lodge any objections to the counting of a ballot.”

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Removal of the third and fourth sentence:

The board of canvassers will need to appropriately balance public health guidance and the candidate's/representative's right to view ballots and materials and lodge any objections to the counting of a ballot. (See Public Health Guidance starting on Page 16 of the Appendix to this manual).

Proposed by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

AMENDED FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Removal of the third sentence, "The board of canvassers will need to appropriately balance public health guidance and the candidate's/representative's right to view ballots and materials and lodge any objections to the counting of a ballot."

Amended by Commissioner Thomsen. Accepted by Commissioner Glancey.

AMENDED MOTION RESTATED: On page 5 of the Recount Manual, under the section titled "Who May Attend the Recount?", the below sentences are to be added to the end of the second paragraph:

Public health guidance should be considered by the board of canvassers when setting up the recount location and observation areas. Social distancing, the use of face coverings and hand hygiene should all be clearly communicated to the individuals that will be attending the recount in person to ensure the safety of everyone involved in recount. (See Public Health Guidance starting on Page 16 of the Appendix to this manual). Any challenges to the procedure established by the board of canvassers regarding observation should be decided by the board and documented in the minutes. The optional use of a live video feed to provide greater transparency and minimize the number of individuals observing in person should also be considered.

Restated by Chairwoman Jacobs.

Roll call vote on the amended motion restated:

Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	Aye
Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: On page 5 of the Recount Manual, the third paragraph is approved as follows:

The board of canvassers shall exercise reasonable control over the conduct of the recount to assure that the canvassers and tabulators do not experience interference from any person observing the recount. All persons who are not under the supervision of the board of canvassers are considered observers and are subject to the observer guidelines established by the Wisconsin Elections Commission in this manual and the board of canvassers. To clearly identify candidate

representatives, all observers shall wear badges or nametags identifying themselves and their role (candidate, media, etc.). This procedure allows individuals assisting the board of canvassers to quickly identify candidate representatives who are provided the ability to view and identify ballots and election materials for purposes of raising an objection to the counting of a ballot with the board of canvassers.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

MOTION: On page 6 of the recount manual, at the end of the final paragraph of the section titled “Who May Attend the Recount?” (directly above the section “Recount Preparations”), the below sentence is to be added:

Refusal to comply with reasonable health and safety protocols as established by the board of canvassers during the recount could disrupt the recount, but the board of canvassers should address these situations on a case-by-case basis.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

Withdrawn by Commissioner Glancey.

The meeting recessed at 9:07 p.m.

The meeting resumed at 9:23 p.m.

Administrator Wolfe explained that the rationale behind the significant changes to page 8 of the recount manual was to preemptively answer questions that WEC staff have been frequently fielding from clerks.

Questions for Administrator Wolfe and discussion.

MOTION: The revisions on page 8 of the Recount Manual are not approved.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

MOTION: The revisions on page 8 of the Recount Manual are accepted.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

Discussion.

MOTION: At the bottom of page 9 of the Recount Manual, the revisions to footnote 7 are accepted.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

Question called by Commissioner Thomsen.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	No	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	No	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion failed 3-3.

Administrator Wolfe gave the Commission an overview of the WEC memorandum on public health guidance. This memorandum was drafted in consultation with staff from the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and addresses relevant factors to consider when conducting a recount during a viral pandemic.

MOTION: The Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the WEC staff memorandum on public health guidance as drafted.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0

MOTION: To resume discussion of the previously tabled motion concerning the Order for Recount and the wording of paragraph #4.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

ORIGINAL MOTION: With the exception of paragraph #4 and with the insertion of the word “is” between “\$2,809,682.12” and the word “required” in the third preambulatory paragraph, so it reads “...\$2,809,682.12 is required...,” the Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the Order for Recount as drafted.

Moved by Commissioner Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

ORIGINAL MOTION TO AMEND: Paragraph #4 shall be included and it is to read:

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ORIGINAL MOTION TO AMEND (CONTINUED): “Wisconsin Elections Commission” is to be defined as the six-member governing body of the agency and decisions on this matter will be made jointly and by majority.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

MOTION: With the insertion of the word “is” between “\$2,809,682.12” and the word “required” in the third preambulatory paragraph, so it reads “...\$2,809,682.12 is required...,” and with paragraph #4 amended to read, “The recount shall be conducted using the procedures set forth in Wis. Stat. § 9.01.,” the Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the Order for Recount as drafted.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Removal of paragraph #4 in the Order for Recount entirely.

Proposed by Commissioner Spindell. Accepted by Commissioner Glancey,

AMENDED MOTION: With the insertion of the word “is” between “\$2,809,682.12” and the word “required” in the third preambulatory paragraph, so it reads “...\$2,809,682.12 is required...,” and with

paragraph #4 removed entirely, the Wisconsin Elections Commission approves the Order for Recount as drafted.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

D. Status of Post-Election Voting Equipment Audits

Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki summarized for the Commission the post-election voting equipment audit memorandum. In it, Commission staff outline three options by which municipalities can meet the reporting requirements for the audit while still, at the same time, fulfilling the obligations of a recount. The memorandum also explains that the audit itself has been paused until further information has been received regarding the parameters of a potential recount.

Discussion.

MOTION: The Commission approves the procedures outlined for the three options listed in the staff memorandum, except for extending the deadline to submit audit documentation to November 30, 2020, and instructs staff to communicate these standards to the impacted counties and municipalities. Further, should the vote total for any candidate in the audited reporting unit differ by more than 0.1% from the machine count total, or if the candidate receiving the greatest number of votes changes, the Wisconsin Elections Commission directs that a statewide audit be conducted of all the voting equipment made by that manufacturer.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Chairwoman Jacobs determined that the second half of Commissioner Knudson's motion concerning voting equipment audits by manufacturer was outside the scope of what is noticed for this meeting.

MOTION (RESTRICTED SCOPE): The Commission approves the procedures outlined for the three options listed in the memorandum, except for extending the deadline to submit audit documentation to November 30, 2020, and instructs staff to communicate these standards to the impacted counties and municipalities.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: That the deadline for submitting audit documentation be changed from November 25, 2020 to November 27, 2020.

Proposed by Commissioner Thomsen. Accepted by Commissioner Knudson.

AMENDED MOTION (RESTRICTED SCOPE): The Commission approves the procedures outlined for the three options listed above, instructs staff to communicate these standards to the impacted counties and municipalities, and determines that the deadline for submitting audit documentation shall be November 27, 2020.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

E. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn.

Moved by Commissioner Glancey. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting adjourned at 12:09 a.m.

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Wisconsin Elections Commission
Special Teleconference Meeting
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor
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10:00 a.m. December 1, 2020

Open Session Minutes

Present: Commissioner Ann Jacobs, Commissioner Marge Bostelmann, Commissioner Julie Glancey, Commissioner Dean Knudson, Commissioner Robert Spindell Jr., and Commissioner Mark Thomsen, all by teleconference.

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Sharrie Hauge, Jim Witecha, Reid Magney, and Jacob Walters, all by teleconference

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair Ann Jacobs called the meeting to order at 10:02 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 proper notice was given for the meeting.

C. Personal Appearances (Time reserved for personal appearances may be limited by the Chair)

Mayor Tom Barrett of the City of Milwaukee appeared and spoke on behalf of all the efforts made by city election officials during this past election. He also expressed his disagreement with statements being made by the Trump campaign.

Mayor Jim Paine of the City of Superior appeared and complimented the work done throughout the state to conduct an election in the midst of unprecedented circumstances, in addition to all that was done by the Commission to increase access to democracy.

Barbara Beckett with Disability Rights Wisconsin and the Disability Vote Coalition appeared and said that while historically people with disabilities have faced barriers at the polls, this past election featured much in the way of removing these, and she commended the Commission for its efforts to increase voting accessibility.

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Darryl Morin appeared and shared some of the practices that he observed at the Milwaukee County recount which he felt were centered around transparency.

Eileen Newcomer with the League of Women Voters appeared and shared some general comments on behalf of the League, including responses to their post-election voter experience survey and observations from League members on election day.

Ginny Dankmeyer, La Crosse County Clerk, appeared and voiced her sentiments that this past election was a success, and further praised the efforts of WEC staff and of election officials across the state.

Patricia Concha of West Allis appeared and shared that she witnessed what she feels were questionable practices at the Milwaukee central count facility.

Commissioners Spindell and Knudson followed with questions.

Beth Berkowitz appeared and listed four things she would like the Commission to know about her experience as a poll worker in Germantown.

Kelda Roys appeared and praised Wisconsin election officials for all that they've done this past year and went on to speak to her experiences as a Biden campaign representative during the recount. She also voiced her concern with some of the assertions being made by the Trump campaign.

Carol Pociecha-Palm appeared and stated last November's election in Wisconsin was rife with violations of law, such as not all absentee ballots having a corresponding application and voters falsely classifying themselves as indefinitely confined. She asked that the election not be certified.

Commissioner Thomsen followed with questions.

Tara Johnson appeared and shared her experiences as a poll worker in the Town of Shelby. She specifically spoke to the transparent practices she witnessed and her confidence that this election was conducted fairly and with integrity.

Jaala Spiro appeared and shared her experiences as a poll worker in the City of Madison, including what led her and her family to want to serve as poll workers and what assisting with the City of Madison's election was like.

Sam Munger of Madison appeared and noted the dramatic, positive difference he saw as a non-partisan election observer between the administration of the April Spring Election and the administration of the November General Election.

Don Pridemore appeared and stated there are three areas where those investigating voter fraud should be directing their efforts: Dominion voting equipment software, nursing home coercion, and statutory provisions for indefinitely confined voters. He also stated the election should not be certified until these investigations into fraud have taken place.

Commissioners Spindell and Thomsen followed with questions and comments.

Dan Miller of Milwaukee appeared and detailed his experiences working at the central count facility in Milwaukee.

Clio Maya-Johnson appeared and shared her experiences working as an election official at the Hawthorne Public Library in Madison. She spoke to the training she received, the resources at the polling place, and to her confidence that last November’s election was free and fair.

Mayor Satya Rhodes-Conway of the City of Madison appeared and highlighted the work of the Madison City Clerk’s Office during this past election cycle and reaffirmed her belief that these elections continued Wisconsin’s tradition of fair and secure elections.

Annaliese Collier appeared shared her experiences as an “absentee ballot rapid response member” in the City of Madison. She touched on training resources, election day staffing, preparations made in advance of election day, and the overall administration of this election in the midst of a global pandemic.

Corey Lott appeared and shared her experiences as a poll worker at Lakeview Lutheran Church on Madison’s north side. Topics she addressed included poll worker training, polling place orderliness, and curbside voting.

Rosalie Powell appeared and shared her experience as a Chief Inspector in Training for Ward 29 at East High School in Madison. She spoke about interacting with poll observers and coordinating with other poll workers to accomplish tasks.

Anjali Bhasin of Madison appeared and spoke about her role supporting 31 non-partisan election observers on election day. She said a majority of the feedback she received was that of operations running smoothly and expressions of gratitude for the poll workers .

Discussion.

MOTION: To table the remainder of the day’s agenda items, only to be resumed after a discussion of the certification of the General Election.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	No
	Jacobs:	No	Spindell:	Aye
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	No

Motion failed 3-3.

Discussion.

D. Post-Election Audit Update

Administrator Wolfe introduced Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki and he provided the Commission with an update on the statutorily required post-General Election voting equipment audit, the revised framework for which was approved at the Commission’s September 16, 2020 meeting.

Discussion.

MOTION: To table this item until the Commission’s next meeting.

Moved by Commissioner Knudson. Seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion.

E. Ballot Designs – 2021 Spring Election

Administrator Wolfe introduced Election Administration Specialist Cody Davies and he informed the Commission that the ballot templates for the Commission’s approval today do not differ substantially from the previously approved 2020 Spring Ballots.

MOTION: The Commission approves the ballot design presented by staff and directs staff to utilize the ballot design for the 2021 Spring Primary and Spring Election.

Moved by Commissioner Bostelmann. Seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

Discussion.

FRIENDLY AMENDMENT: Further, staff are instructed to provide guidance on the design of ballots with folds so as to minimize the potential of these creases being misread by optical scanning equipment.

Proposed by Commissioner Bostelmann. Accepted by Commissioner Glancey.

AMENDED MOTION: The Commission approves the ballot design presented by staff and directs staff to utilize the ballot design for the 2021 Spring Primary and Spring Election. Further, staff are instructed to provide guidance on the design of ballots with folds so as to minimize the potential of these creases being misread by optical scanning equipment.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 5-1.

F. Canvassing, Certifying, and Issuing Certificates of Election by the Chairperson for the November 3, 2020 General Election (all offices except President and Recount)

Chair Jacobs background for this agenda item and previewed what actions she intended to take. Commission Knudson objected to how this item was noticed, stating it was noticed improperly.

Discussion.

Chair Jacobs verified with Administrator Wolfe that the results of the November 3, 2020 General Election were correct as canvassed (with the exception of the contest for President of the United States as it is the subject of pending litigation) and authorized the use of her electronic signature on the Certificates of Election.

Discussion.

G. Closed Session

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 Thomsen. Seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Discussion.

Roll call vote:	Bostelmann:	Aye	Glancey:	Aye
	Jacobs:	Aye	Spindell:	No
	Knudson:	Aye	Thomsen:	Aye

Motion carried 6-0.

The meeting recessed at 12:31 p.m. and reconvened in closed session at 1 p.m.

H. Adjourn

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 1:10 p.m.

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