



# Wisconsin Elections Commission

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## Wisconsin Elections Commission

Regular Meeting

Board Room

Madison, Wisconsin

10:00 a.m. December 2, 2019

### Open Session Minutes

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

**Staff present:** Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Michael Haas, Robert Kehoe, Sharrie Hauge, Reid Magney, and Nathan Judnic

#### **A. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. and called the roll. Commissioner Thomsen joined the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Chair Knudson displayed a plaque recognizing former Commissioner Jodi Jensen for her service from 2016 to 2019. She was unable to attend the meeting so it will be sent to her.

#### **B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice**

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

#### **C. Personal Appearances**

**Andrea Kaminski** appeared on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Wisconsin to thank the Commission for its decision to convene an Election Security Council.

**Denise Jess**, executive director of the Wisconsin Council of the Blind & Visually Impaired, appeared to speak about accessible voting equipment.

**Karen McKim** appeared on behalf of Wisconsin Election Integrity to discuss ballot marking devices that use barcodes.

**Rock County Clerk Lisa Tollefson** appeared to discuss voting equipment certification and modems for transmitting unofficial election night results.

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**Barbara Beckert** appeared on behalf of Disability Rights Wisconsin to discuss voting accessibility and polling place accessibility audits.

**Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell** appeared to discuss election security grants.

**Darrell Moran** appeared on behalf of Forward Latino to express concerns the Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC) member agreement and about voting rights.

#### **D. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**MOTION:** Approve the open session minutes of the September 24 and October 16, 2019, Wisconsin Elections Commission meetings. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **E. Election Security**

##### **Election Security Update**

Administrator Wolfe updated commissioners on the status of several election security initiatives. A written memorandum starts on page 13 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to add commissioners to the RAVE emergency alert system. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Commissioner Spindell withdrew the motion.

##### **Grant Program Update and Next Steps**

Administrator Wolfe updated commissioners on the subgrant program. A written memorandum starts on page 19 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to announce and initiate the second HAVA security subgrant program to local election officials for .gov domains and https websites, not to exceed \$134,000. Moved by Commissioner Spindell. Motion died for lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to announce and initiate a HAVA security subgrant program not to exceed \$500 for any county that needs https for website security. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion. Commissioner Jacobs said she would accept Commissioner Knudson's friendly amendment for counties accepting the grant to upgrade their websites to https before the August Primary.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Public Information Campaign**

Administrator Wolfe and Jennifer Savino of KW2 updated commissioners on the status of the public information campaign on election security. A written memorandum starts on page 29 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

The Commission took no formal action.

The following agenda item was taken out of order.

### **L. Closed Session**

- 1. Minutes of Previous Meetings**
- 2. Wis. Stat. § 5.05 Complaints**
- 3. Litigation Update**

**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 Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 12:57 p.m. and returned to open session at 1:43 p.m.

### **F. ERIC Update**

#### **Movers Update**

Administrator Wolfe updated commissioners on the ERIC movers mailing and next steps for poll book watermarks. A written memorandum starts on page 31 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to continue to implement the ERIC movers watermark process for the 2020 election cycle and develop poll official training to use a script. Poll workers would tell

voters with a watermark we have received information you have moved, and that by signing the poll book you affirm you still reside at this address. Moved by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Motion carried 5-1.

### **Voter Participation Reports and DA Referral Process**

Senior Elections Specialist Nathan Judnic updated commissioners on the ERIC voter participation report process. A written memorandum starts on page 35 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Adopt the matching criteria described in the staff memorandum for referring voters who may have voted in the same in election in Wisconsin and another state, based on information obtained from ERIC, Wisconsin clerks and election officials in other states. The Commission directs staff to periodically update the Commission on the number of referrals made and the disposition of such referrals by the District Attorney if known. Decisions to make a referral to a District Attorney will follow a Commission meeting in closed session to determine whether the Commission believes there is reasonable suspicion that a crime has occurred. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Legislative Agenda – Discussion of Pursuing Legislative Change or Administrative Rule**

Staff Counsel Michael Haas updated commissioners on statutes regarding Wisconsin's membership in ERIC. A written memorandum starts on page 101 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to pursue legislation establishing specific procedures governing the ERIC Movers mailing and/or granting rulemaking authority to the Commission. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Motion carried 5-1.

## **G. Voting Equipment**

### **Consideration of Certification for ES&S Voting Systems**

Elections Specialists Robert Williams and Cody Davis gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 107 of the December 2 Commission meeting materials regarding a request by Election Systems and Software (ES&S) for approval of Electronic Voting Systems EVS 5.3.4.1 for sale and use in the State of Wisconsin. The EVS system has been approved since 2014, and ES&S is requesting approval for newer versions of that system.

Mr. Williams introduced representatives of ES&S: Kyle Weber, Wisconsin account manager; and Mark Manganaro, State Certification Manager.

At 2:49 p.m., the Commission adjourned to another room to view a demonstration of the voting system, returning to the meeting at 2:57 p.m.

**MOTION:** Adopt the staff's recommendations for approval of the ES&S voting system's Application for Approval of EVS 5.3.4.1, including the conditions described in the staff memorandum. Moved by Commissioner Glancey, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of Certification for Clear Ballot System**

Elections Specialists Robert Williams and Cody Davis gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 39 of the December 2 Commission meeting materials regarding a petition by Clear Vote for approval of Electronic Voting System ClearVote 2.0.

Clear Ballot representatives James Rundlett and Rory Calvert made a presentation about ClearVote 2.0.

At 3:17 p.m., the Commission adjourned to another room to view a demonstration of the voting system, returning to the meeting at 3:28 p.m.

**MOTION:** Adopt the staff recommendations for approval of Clear Ballot Group's Application for Approval of ClearVote 2.0 voting system in compliance with US EAC certification number CBG-CV-20, including the conditions described in the staff memorandum. Moved by Commissioner Glancey, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **Consideration of Decertification of ES&S Voting Systems**

Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki gave a presentation based on a memorandum starting on page 169 of the December 2 Commission meeting materials regarding decertification of Elections Systems and Software (ES&S) voting systems that have been made obsolete due to the recent certification of updated system versions.

**MOTION:** Adopt staff recommendation to decertify ES&S system versions Unity 3.2.0.0 Rev. 3, Unity 3.4.0.0, Unity 3.4.0.1 and Unity 3.4.1.1, so that they can no longer be used in Wisconsin

elections. Further adopt staff recommendation to amend the certification on ES&S EVS 5.3.4.0 to allow for the use of 3g modems. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

Motion carried unanimously.

**H. BadgerBook Program Update and Next Steps**

This item was postponed until later in the meeting.

**I. Clerk Appointment Process to the EAC Standards Board**

Administrator Wolfe updated commissioners on the process for a clerk appointment to the Election Assistance Commission Standards Board. A written memorandum starts on page 82 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet. Ms. Wolfe said she is recommending approval of Barbara Goeckner to another four-year term on the Standards Board.

**MOTION:** Approve reappointment of Barbara Goeckner to the U.S. Election Assistance Commission Standards Board. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

**J. Commission Polling Place Visits**

Administrator Wolfe noted that Commissioner Spindell requested a discussion about commissioners visiting polling places on election day. A written memorandum starts on page 84 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

Commissioner Spindell discussed his experiences visiting polling places when he was a City of Milwaukee Election Commission member.

**MOTION:** Postpone action on this matter and direct staff to go back and find some way to make it worthwhile for commissioners to visit polling places, including providing a driver. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Commissioner Spindell amended his motion to table the discussion, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Jacobs was excused from the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

**H. BadgerBook Program Update and Next Steps**

Administrator Wolfe updated commissioners on the expansion of BadgerBook electronic poll books into 59 new municipalities in 2020. A written memorandum starts on page 77 of the December 2 WEC meeting materials packet.

This item was for information only and the Commission took no action.

**K. Commission Staff Update**

Administrator Wolfe discussed the Staff Update memorandum starting on page 86 of the December 2 Commission meeting materials. She highlighted the polling place accessibility audit program, the Microsoft ElectionGuard pilot program in the Town of Fulton on February 18, the voter registration form application redesign, the agency's biennial report and closing out Wisconsin's original HAVA grant.

**M. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Glancey. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Reid Magney, Public Information Officer

February 24, 2020

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Julie Glancey, Commission Secretary

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**Wisconsin Elections Commission**  
Special Teleconference Meeting  
Board Room  
Madison, Wisconsin  
9:00 a.m. December 16, 2019

Open Session Minutes

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

**Staff present:** Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Michael Haas, Robert Kehoe, Sharrie Hauge, Reid Magney, and Nathan Judnic

**A. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and called the roll.

**B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice**

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

**C. Ballot Access Report and Certification of Candidates for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Special Election**

Administrator Wolfe presented a report on ballot access for the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District special election. A written memorandum starts on page 2 of the December 16 WEC meeting materials packet. Staff recommends the Commission certify ballot access for Democratic candidates Lawrence Dale and Tricia Zunker and Republican candidates Tom Tiffany and Jason Church. These candidates appear as "approved" on the Candidate Tracking report that accompanies the memorandum.

**MOTION:** Certify ballot access for the four candidates listed as "approved" on the Candidate Tracking Report. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann. Motion carried unanimously.

**D. Closed Session**

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*Administrator*  
Meagan Wolfe

### **Litigation Update**

**MOTION:** Move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with counsel concerning litigation. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Glancey.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 9:06 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:08 a.m.

### **E. ERIC Movers List Litigation**

**MOTION:** That the Wisconsin Elections Commission should adopt as a policy that ERIC Movers list information should be considered reliable information that a voter has moved under Wis. Stat. § 6.51(3). Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

Commissioner Knudson amended his motion to refer to Wis. Stat. § 6.50(3).

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

Motion failed on 3-3 vote.

**MOTION:** That once the Wisconsin Elections Commission receives clarity from the courts, that it institute a two-part program for the ERIC Movers List: A) The Commission will send a second postcard to the approximately 160,000 people who did not respond to the first letter. B) To maintain confidence in the voter registration system, an advertising program be put forth, with a budget to be determined, to make everyone aware that once voters have been deactivated how they can reregister. Moved by Commissioner Spindell.

Motion failed for lack of a second.

**MOTION:** Direct WEC staff to comply with the Ozaukee County Circuit Court's written order within seven business days. Moved by Commissioner Knudson, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Discussion.

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

Motion failed on 3-3 vote.

**F. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 10:40 a.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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**Wisconsin Elections Commission**  
Special Teleconference Meeting  
Board Room  
Madison, Wisconsin  
9:00 a.m. December 30, 2019

Open Session Minutes

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

Staff present: Meagan Wolfe, Richard Rydecki, Michael Haas, Robert Kehoe, Sharrie Hauge, Reid Magney, and Nathan Judnic

**A. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Dean Knudson called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m. and called the roll.

**B. Administrator's Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice**

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

**C. Closed Session**

**Litigation Update**

- a. *Timothy Zignego et al vs. Wisconsin Election Commission et al*
- b. *League of Women Voters of Wisconsin et al. v. Knudson, et al*

**MOTION:** Move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with counsel concerning litigation. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned to closed session at 9:04 a.m. and returned to open session at 10:14 a.m.

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*Administrator*  
Meagan Wolfe

**D. ERIC Movers List Procedures**

**MOTION:** Direct staff to follow Option #2 as outlined on page 6 of the staff memorandum: “Deactivate Voter Records and Then Send a Mailing” with the exception that nothing be done with regard to absentee ballots in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District and automatically reinstate those voters. In addition, Democratic members of the Commission would determine what type of notice to send to voters who have been deactivated. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion. Commissioner Thomsen asked Commissioner Spindell to restate his motion.

**MOTION:** Part one, in Congressional District 7, absentee ballots will go out as scheduled. Part two, the list of 200,000 voters be deactivated, but a notice would be sent to all these people, first class mail, with Democratic Commissioners to decide whether the mailing be letters or postcards and whether to include the 60,000 voters whose first letter was returned as undeliverable, notifying them they have 30 days to respond either by signing the card or calling the WEC with verification that they will be reactivated without any further action on their part.

Discussion.

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

Motion failed on 3-3 vote.

**F. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at approximately 10:48 a.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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Julie Glancey, Commission Secretary

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people who have not responded be deactivated. Moved by Commissioner Spindell, seconded by Commissioner Knudson.

Discussion.

Commissioner Knudson offered a friendly amendment that voters on the ERIC Movers list would stay active, with a letter to go out May 15 giving voters 30 days to respond before deactivation. Commissioner Spindell accepted the amendment.

Discussion.

**MOTION:** To call the question and end debate. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

On the amended motion:

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

Motion failed on 3-3 vote.

## **E. Election Security Survey and Information Plan**

Public Information Officer Reid Magney and Jennifer Savino of KW2 presented Commissioners with information about survey research results and recommendations for a public information plan regarding election security, contained in a memorandum starting on page 29 of the January 14, 2020, Commission meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Authorize staff to amend the scope of work in KW2's current contract with the WEC to include development of a dynamic elections security education and communications plan, toolkit and assets for use by WEC staff and local election officials at a cost not to exceed \$260,000. Further direct staff to evaluate the program's effectiveness following the Spring Election cycle and present recommendations on whether to change and/or expand the program for the Fall Election cycle at the June 2020 Commission meeting. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Discussion.

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

Motion carried 4-2.

Commissioner Knudson called a five-minute recess at 1:12 p.m. and the Commission resumed the meeting at 1:17 p.m.

## **F. Election Security Funding (Help America Vote Act)**

Administrator Wolfe presented Commissioners with information about an additional \$7.8 million in federal Help America Vote Act funding for election security the State of Wisconsin will be receiving, contained in a memorandum starting on page 43 of the January 14, 2020, Commission meeting materials packet. She also discussed the grant requirement for matching state funds, which are available in the Commission's current budget.

**MOTION:** That the Wisconsin Elections Commission ask the State Legislature and Governor to pay the \$1.56 million in state matching funds, so the Commission is in the position to have the funds. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

Commissioner Knudson restated the motion: that the Commission directs staff to seek additional General Purpose Revenue funding from the Legislature in order to comply with the matching part of the HAVA grant.

Discussion.

Motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

## **G. Potential 2020 WEC Meeting Schedule Changes**

Administrator Wolfe asked commissioners to consider alternative dates for meetings currently scheduled for March 3 and August 25, 2020, due to scheduling conflicts.

Commissioner Knudson said that by consensus the Commission agreed to change the March 3 meeting to February 27 and the August 25 meeting to September 1.

## **J. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Jacobs. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned at 1:39 p.m.

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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## Wisconsin Elections Commission

Wisconsin Elections Commission Offices  
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
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4:00 p.m. January 24, 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, Michael Haas, Sharrie Hauge, Reid Magney and Nathan Judnic

#### 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 Commissioners that proper notice was given for the meeting.

#### C. Closed Session

##### Potential Litigation

**MOTION:** Move to closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(g) to confer with counsel concerning litigation. Moved by Commissioner Thomsen, seconded by Commissioner Spindell.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission convened in closed session at 4:02 p.m.

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Administrator  
Meagan Wolfe

**D. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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The next regular meeting of the Wisconsin Elections Commission is scheduled for Thursday, February 27, 2020, at the Wisconsin Elections Commission offices in Madison, Wisconsin beginning at 10:00 a.m.

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February 25, 2020

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## Wisconsin Elections Commission

Wisconsin Elections Commission Offices  
212 E. Washington Avenue, Third Floor  
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4:00 p.m. February 12, 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, Michael Haas, Sharrie Hauge, Reid Magney and Nathan Judnic

#### **A. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Dean Knudson 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 Commissioners that proper notice was given for the meeting.

#### **C. Guidance to clerks and voters about A/B ballots for the April 7 Presidential Preference and Spring Non-Partisan Election**

Administrator Wolfe and Deputy Administrator Richard Rydecki made a presentation regarding guidance staff has provided to clerks regarding A and B ballots for the 2020 Presidential Preference Primary. A memorandum starts on page 2 of the February 12, 2020, Commission meeting materials packet.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to enforce Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) as previously interpreted by this body and to create possible changes to that review. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Thomsen.

Commissioner Spindell offered an amendment that the previous interpretation of absentee ballot procedures would apply to all elections in 2020. Commissioner Jacobs accepted the amendment.

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Administrator  
Meagan Wolfe

Discussion.

Commissioner Knudson asked Administrator Wolfe to restate the motion based on the Commission's discussions.

**MOTION:** Direct staff to follow and issue guidance Wis. Stat. § 7.15(1)(cm) in keeping with the approach used for the 2012 and 2016 elections. This should apply to all elections in 2020 and preserve the clerks complying with the 47- and 45-day deadlines for UOCAVA (Uniformed and Overseas Citizen Absentee Voting Act) voters.

Commissioner Jacobs concurred with that summary of her motion.

Commissioner Knudson called the question.

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

Motion carried unanimously.

Commissioners and staff discussed the status of absentee ballots issued in the 7<sup>th</sup> Congressional District for the special partisan primary on February 18.

## **D. Closed Session**

Commissioner Knudson said there was no need for the Commission to go into closed session.

## **E. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Adjourn. Moved by Commissioner Jacobs, seconded by Commissioner Bostelmann. Motion carried unanimously.

The Commission adjourned in closed session at 4:58 p.m.

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