



Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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Wisconsin Ethics Commission

Teleconference
February 23, 2021
9:00 a.m.

Open Session Minutes

Present: David Halbrooks, Pat Strachota, Paul Connell, Mac Davis, Scot Ross, and Timothy Van Akkeren

Staff Present: Daniel Carlton, David Buerger, Richard Bohringer, Harry Broderick, Adam Harvell, Julie Nischik, and Caroline Russell

A. Call to Order

Commission Chair David Halbrooks called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

B. Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice – Administrator

Commission Administrator Daniel Carlton notified the Commission appropriate meeting notice had been provided to the public and news media.

C. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meetings

1. Open Session Minutes for Meeting on December 8, 2020

MOTION: To approve the minutes. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Ross. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Personal Appearances via Teleconference

Ron Kossik appeared in open session to comment on campaign finance and changes to the disclosure laws.

Commissioner Davis requested the comments be narrowed to a topic which the Commission could address.

Mr. Kossik clarified he was present to discuss enforcement actions the Commission was taking against him.

Commissioner Davis suggested Mr. Kossik write a letter to the Commission addressing the topics he would like to be considered added to a future agenda.

Wisconsin Ethics Commissioners

Paul Connell | Mac Davis | David R. Halbrooks | Scot Ross | Pat Strachota | Timothy Van Akkeren

Administrator

Daniel A. Carlton, Jr.

E. Late Filing Campaign Finance Reports – Adjusted Standard Settlements

Administrator Daniel Carlton presented the memo on page 7 of the meeting materials.

The Commissioners agreed with the policy. The Commission discussed creating an Administrative Rule for this process.

MOTION: The Commission directed staff to begin the rulemaking process to implement this policy as part of the standard settlement schedule. Moved by Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Staff Report

Administrator Daniel Carlton presented the report on page 9 of the meeting materials.

The Commission requested staff to issue a press release with details on the compliance of lobbying principals submitting timely Statements of Lobbying Activity and Expenditures.

G. Consideration of Future Agenda Items

The Commission did not discuss any future agenda items.

H. Closed Session

MOTION: To go into closed session to discuss requests for advice, complaints, and investigations. Moved by Commissioner Connell, seconded by Commissioner Strachota. Motion carried unanimously.

- 1. Requests for Advice**
- 2. Complaints and Investigations**

I. Adjourn

MOTION: To adjourn the meeting. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

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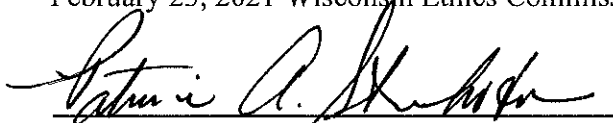


Julie Nischik, Office Management Specialist

Caroline Russell, Ethics Specialist

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Pat Strachota, Vice Chair

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