



# Wisconsin Ethics Commission

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## Wisconsin Ethics Commission

212 E. Washington Avenue  
Board Room – Teleconference  
Madison, Wisconsin  
December 22, 2017  
10:30 a.m.

### Open Session Minutes

Present (via telephone): David Halbrooks, Katie McCallum, Mac Davis, Pat Strachota, Timothy Van Akkeren, and Jeralyn Wendelberger

Staff present: Brian Bell, David Buerger

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

Commission Chair David Halbrooks called the meeting to order at 10:34 a.m.

#### **B. Report of Appropriate Meeting Notice**

Administrator Bell reported that appropriate notice of the Commission meeting had been given to the public and news media.

#### **C. Modifications to CR 17-038 at the request of JCRAR**

Attorney Buerger and Administrator Bell presented the letter starting on page 3 of the meeting materials.

**MOTION:** To approve the letter to JCRAR and modify the ETH21 draft rule to incorporate the policy. Moved by Commissioner Strachota, seconded by Commissioner Van Akkeren. Motion carried unanimously.

#### **D. Discussion of Letter from Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald and Speaker Vos**

The Commission discussed the option of holding a hearing before the confirmation vote if the Senate does not hold a hearing.

The co-chairs agree to send a letter to the Majority Leader inquiring about a hearing date, and will determine further action if a response is received.

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*Wisconsin Ethics Commissioners*

Mac Davis | David R. Halbrooks | Katie McCallum | Pat Strachota | Timothy Van Akkeren | Jeralyn Wendelberger

*Administrator*  
Brian M. Bell, MPA

**E. Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items**

Commissioners and staff discussed agenda items for the January 11, 2018 meeting. Staff directed to draft an agenda for January 11, 2018.

**F. Personal Appearances**

Matt Rothschild, of Wisconsin Democracy Campaign made a personal appearance regarding the letter from Senate Majority Leader Fitzgerald and Speaker Vos.

Brian Bell, Commission Administrator, made an appearance requesting investigation of the allegations of his partisan conduct.

**G. Closed Session**

**MOTION:** The Commission went into closed session pursuant to WIS. STAT. §§ 19.50, 19.55(3), 19.85(1)(g), (h). Moved by Commissioner Wendelberger, seconded by Commissioner McCallum. Motion carried unanimously.

**H. Adjourn**

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

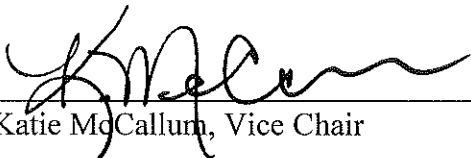
The Commission adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

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December 22, 2017 Wisconsin Ethics Commission meeting minutes certified by:

  
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