Wisconsin Elections Commission - 2016 Vote Recount - Presidential Election

Transcript of Proceedings

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4		2016 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION RECOUNT	
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10		RECOUNT HELD BEFORE THE	
11		MILWAUKEE COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION	
12		Tuesday, December 6, 2016	
13		8:05 a.m.	
14		at	
15		CITY OF MILWAUKEE WAREHOUSE	
16		1901 South Kinnickinnic Avenue Milwaukee, Wisconsin	
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1	APPEARANCES
2	BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS:
3	Mr. Tim Posnanski, Chairman (morning)
4	Ms. Nancy Penn, Chairwoman (afternoon) Mr. Rick Baas, Election Commissioner
5	Mr. George Christenson, Election Commissioner
6	ALSO PRESENT:
7	Mr. Joseph Czarnezki, County Clerk
8	Ms. Julietta Henry, Elections Director Mr. Timothy Karaskiewicz, Corporation Counsel
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1	TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
2	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Good morning. I
3	reconvene the Wisconsin Election Presidential
4	Recount, Day 5, Milwaukee County. Call the meeting
5	to order at 8:05.
6	Mr. Clerk, will you call the roll.
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
8	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Present.
9	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
10	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Present.
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?
12	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Excused.
13	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn is
14	excused for medical reasons.
15	We have a quorum of the commission
16	present, and at this time
17	Can you hear me? Can you hear me now?
18	Okay. We have a quorum of the Milwaukee
19	County Election Commission present. At this time,
20	I would like to administer the oath of office to
21	the election inspectors, so I'd ask all of our
22	election inspectors to please stand. If you'd
23	please raise your right hand and repeat after me.
24	(Oath of office given to election
25	inspectors.)

1 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Thank you and 2 congratulations. 3 I now will turn the meeting over to 4 Milwaukee County Elections Director, Julietta 5 Henry, who will provide you with some brief 6 training, and then we'll get started recounting. 7 Thank you very much. 8 (Recount training provided by Ms. Henry.) 9 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: We'll go back on 10 the record. Mr. Clerk? 11 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, I would 12 note for the record that pursuant to Section 760(2) 13 of the Wisconsin statutes, which provides that if a 14 member of the Board of Canvassers cannot provide 15 his or her duties, the clerk shall appoint another 16 member to serve. 17 As noted earlier, Commissioner Penn is excused for medical reasons; and, therefore, 18 19 yesterday I appointed Mr. George Christenson to 20 serve as a member of the Board of Canvassers and do 21 so again today. 2.2 MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, 23 L-E-D-E-S-M-A, Wauwatosa City Clerk. I have two ballots here from District 8, Ward 24 and request 24

permission to reconstruct them. They're -- in one

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1	instance, there's additional markings next to each
2	name. The ovals are then completed, except in the
3	office of president, there's just an oval to the
4	right of the name, but the oval that should be
5	completed is not, but I believe voter intent is
6	clear. And the second is just outside of the oval
7	area. And we request permission to just make these
8	clean copies.
9	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do either of the
LO	political parties wish to inspect these ballots?
L1	MR. QUINN: I'm good.
L2	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to authorize
L3	reconstruction and inclusion.
L4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
L5	reconstruct the ballots and include them in the
L6	count, Commissioner Christenson?
L7	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
L8	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
L9	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
20	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairman Posnanski?
21	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
22	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
23	three ayes to zero nos. The motion prevails.
24	MS. LEDESMA: The second issue is from
25	yesterday. This is the absentee voter from

1 District 7, Ward 20, No. 288A. This was a 2 situation where her signature and the witness 3 signature and address are on one envelope, and the 4 second envelope that was attached to it had a blank 5 ballot. 6 We did go through all of the ballots for 7 District 7, Ward 20. We did find this voter's 8 absentee ballot, No. 288A. And I would just 9 request guidance from the board if we can count it. 10 And I believe it was already counted on election 11 day, yes. 12 CLERK CZARNEZKI: So is it your 13 recommendation that we count the ballot marked 288A 14 that was counted on election day and not count the 15 blank ballot? 16 MS. LEDESMA: Yes, that's my 17 recommendation. 18 COMMISSIONER BAAS: So moved. 19 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Okay. On the motion to 20 count the ballot that was counted on election day 21 and not count the blank ballot, Mr. Christenson? 2.2 COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye. 23 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas? 24 COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye. 25 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairman Posnanski?

1	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
2	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
3	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
4	(Pause in proceedings.)
5	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: We're going back
6	on the record.
7	MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma,
8	L-E-D-E-S-M-A, Wauwatosa City Clerk.
9	We are processing District 7, Ward 19's
10	absentee ballots. We discovered that one of the
11	voters in Ward 19, who is in Ward 19, had received
12	a Ward 20 ballot in error by my office. We request
13	permission to reconstruct this ballot, No. 392A,
14	onto a Ward 19 ballot.
15	COMMISSIONER BAAS: So moved.
16	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
17	reconstruct, Commissioner Christenson?
18	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
19	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
20	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
21	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
22	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
23	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
24	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
25	(Pause in proceedings.)

1	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Back on the
2	record.
3	MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, Wauwatosa
4	City Clerk. We are processing the ballots for
5	District 1, Ward 3, and we request permission to
6	remake an election day ballot because it's damaged,
7	torn in two places.
8	COMMISSIONER BAAS: So moved.
9	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
10	reconstruct, Commissioner Christenson?
11	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
13	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
15	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
16	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
17	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
18	(Pause in proceedings.)
19	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Back on the
20	record.
21	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
22	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. We have a
23	challenge to a voter's intent on their ballot.
24	It's a well, a completed oval for Hillary
25	Clinton and a partial mark for Jill Stein. The

12/6/2016 Wisconsin Elections Commission 1 question is what we believe to be the voter's 2 It was tabulated as an overvote, a vote 3 for more than one candidate. 4 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Okay. Do any of 5 the party representatives wish to be heard on this 6 ballot? 7 MR. QUINN: I want to agree with the 8 initial interpretation coming from the election day 9 operation that this is an overvote.

> And just for the record, I'm Brendan Ouinn from the Trump campaign. I agree with the initial election day ruling that this is an overvote. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: With respect to the election day determination, was there an interpretation made by election staff, or was this just determined to be an overvote by running this ballot through the machine?

MR. ALBRECHT: It was tabulated as an overvote on election day, based on the markings in both the ovals.

MR. PERZAN: Jeff Perzan, representing the Green Party. I believe that, if I'm not mistaken about the statute, it does indicate that if there's more in addition, a stray mark, that the

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1 voter intent ought to be reflected based on that. 2 COMMISSIONER BAAS: What's your opinion 3 on that? 4 MR. PERZAN: It could be a stray mark. I 5 don't know the voter's intent, but because all the 6 ovals on the face of the ballot are filled in 7 completely, for that race it may be a stray mark. 8 I do not know. 9 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Do we have a motion? 10 review of the statutes? 11 COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Yeah, based on 12 the fact that the oval for Candidate Clinton is 13 completely filled in, and that's consistent with 14 every other oval, there are no other stray marks, 15 except for this small dot, I believe that's a stray 16 mark, and I believe it looks as though this would 17 be -- the voter intent is clear, in terms of the 18 consistency of the completion of all the other 19 ovals. So, therefore, I'd move to accept this as a 20 ballot for Clinton and Kaine. 21 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Mr. Clerk, will 2.2 you call the vote. 23 CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to count 24 this as a ballot for Clinton-Kaine, Commissioner 25 Christenson?

1	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
2	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
3	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
5	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
6	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
7	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
8	MS. AMERELL: Jennifer Amerell, Whitefish
9	Bay, J-E-N-N-I-F-E-R, last name A-M-E-R-E-L-L.
10	Absentee voter AB405 was missing a
11	witness signature. You need the address? 4850
12	North Shoreland Avenue. This is a mail-in.
13	This is another mail-in ballot, AB454.
14	The address is 4740 North Idlewild. And it is
15	missing a witness signature, mail-in.
16	This is Ballot 543. This is an
17	in-person.
18	(There was discussion off the record.)
19	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Will you clarify
20	the issue? It appears both of these ballots were
21	both mail-in and missing the witness's address.
22	MS. AMERELL: Correct.
23	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Does anyone wish to
24	inspect these documents or be heard on it?
25	(Inspection performed.)

1 (There was discussion off the record.) 2 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Can we compare 3 these two ballots with the poll book to determine 4 if the witness lives at the same address as the 5 voter? 6 MS. AMERELL: You want the poll book? 7 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Ward 9 on this 8 That one does not appear there is a ward. While we're waiting additional 9 10 information on those two ballots, we can wait to 11 decide that issue, and you can move on to the next 12 issue. 13 MS. AMERELL: Okay. This was Voter 14 No. 543, address 5068 North Woodburn. 15 in-person, and it is missing a witness signature. 16 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: You don't have 17 to identify the address, just the ballot number. 18 MS. AMERELL: Okay. 479, missing a 19 witness signature; voter 372, missing a witness 20 signature; voter 786, missing a witness signature; 21 voter 248 missing a witness signature; voter 164 2.2 missing a witness signature; 475 missing a witness 23 signature; 494 missing a witness signature; 524 24 missing a witness signature; 18 missing a witness 25 address.

1	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: All of these are
2	missing the address, right?
3	MS. AMERELL: Address, yes, sorry. 274
4	missing an address, 405 missing a witness address,
5	and 459 missing a witness address.
6	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And the
7	address or these were all in-person absentee
8	votes, such that the address should have been
9	completed by the election office by the clerk?
10	MS. AMERELL: Correct.
11	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Excuse me. Are you
12	the clerk?
13	MS. AMERELL: I am.
14	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Can you come down
15	here? Are these signatures consistent with those
16	people who work in your office?
17	MS. AMERELL: Yes, these signatures are
18	either election inspectors or people who work in
19	the clerk's office.
20	COMMISSIONER BAAS: And you're personally
21	familiar with them?
22	MS. AMERELL: Yes.
23	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Thank you.
24	Does anybody want to inspect this?
25	(Inspection declined.)

1	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: So keeping in
2	consistent past practice with the past actions of
3	the election commission, I would move to allow the
4	ballots mentioned. I believe all the numbers were
5	listed already.
6	And just for information purposes for the
7	city clerk, our practice has been not to disallow
8	ballots based on clerk error. We err on the side
9	of making sure the vote is counted if the election
LO	staff makes an error such as that, okay?
L1	So I move that they be allowed.
L2	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to accept
L3	and count these ballots, Commissioner Christenson?
L4	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
L5	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
L6	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
L7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
L8	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
L9	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
20	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
21	MS. AMERELL: On the ballot absentee
22	voter No. 405, the witness is not registered at the
23	same address as the voter.
24	COMMISSIONER BAAS: I'm going to move to
25	disallow.

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,
2	Commissioner Christenson?
3	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
5	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
6	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
7	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
8	CLERK CZARNEZKI: There are three ayes,
9	zero nos. The motion prevails.
10	MS. AMERELL: And then mail-in No. 454,
11	the witness is registered at the address as the
12	voter.
13	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And that was
14	verified by you in the poll book?
15	MS. AMERELL: Correct.
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: And you have a
17	number, so on that dis
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Let's take this
19	one first.
20	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
21	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Motion to accept
22	ballot envelope AB454.
23	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to accept
24	and count the ballot, Commissioner Christenson?
25	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
2	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
3	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
4	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
5	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
6	three ayes, zero nos. Motion prevails.
7	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: With respect to
8	that previous ballot, is there a ballot that is
9	marked consistent with that envelope, such that you
10	know the exact ballot to remove?
11	MS. AMERELL: No.
12	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So we will need
13	to draw down one absentee.
14	MS. AMERELL: Okay.
15	MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, Wauwatosa
16	City Clerk. We're processing District 2, Ward 6
17	absentees. I have four envelopes from voters 20A,
18	130A, 169A, 272A. The voter signed it, the witness
19	signed it, but they are all lacking witness
20	signatures. These are all temporary election
21	workers who worked I'm sorry, witness address.
22	And the witnesses who did sign are all temporary
23	election workers that worked in the city clerk's
24	office.
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: These were

1	in-person absentee?
2	MS. LEDESMA: Yes, they were.
3	COMMISSIONER BAAS: And you're familiar
4	with the signatures?
5	MS. LEDESMA: Yes, I am.
6	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to accept
8	and count the ballots, Commissioner Christenson?
9	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
11	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
13	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
15	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
16	(Pause in proceedings.)
17	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: All right. We
18	are going back on the record.
19	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Andrew
20	Wescott-Barten, W-E-S-C-O-T-T hyphen B-A-R-T-E-N,
21	City of Glendale. I'm the deputy clerk/treasurer.
22	Okay. So for the first one, it is
23	Ward 8, District 2. We have a couple of envelopes
24	here that have our one of our staff's initial on
25	it, verifying the ID. We also have our stamp

1	that's only issued by our office stamped on the
2	envelopes, but we do not have a staff signature.
3	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: These were
4	in-person absentee votes?
5	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Yes, Voter Nos. A624
6	and A644.
7	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do either of the
8	party representatives wish to inspect these
9	envelopes?
10	(Inspection performed.)
11	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
13	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
14	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
15	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
17	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
19	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
20	three ayes, zero nos. The motion to accept
21	prevails.
22	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: So the next issue
23	that we have for this incident is Ward T8S,
24	District 2. There's two different voter numbers,
25	but they're issued on the same ballot because

1	they're with the same district, you know, senate
2	and assembly seats. Our first one we have here is
3	a signature by a witness, but there's no address,
4	absentee vote A372.
5	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: This is a
6	mail-in ballot?
7	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: This is a mail-in,
8	yes. An attempt was made to contact this voter to
9	correct this issue, and they did not contact us
10	before the election was over.
11	(Inspection performed.)
12	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: With respect to
13	this envelope, there is no way to track down this
14	specific ballot, correct?
15	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Correct.
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to disallow,
17	which would be a drawdown.
18	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
19	disallow and draw down one absentee ballot,
20	Commissioner Christenson?
21	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
22	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
23	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
24	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
2	three ayes, zero nos. The motion to disallow
3	prevails.
4	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: We also do have
5	another absentee ballot here. It's A374.
6	Everything is filled out properly, except there's
7	no stamp of the address of the witness, but it is a
8	city staff signature. It just does not have our
9	stamp on it. It's from a nursing home. However,
LO	the ballot is still in the envelope. It was never
L1	tabulated on election day.
L2	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do you know why
L3	it was not tabulated on election day?
L4	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: They must have
L5	opened them, and during the process of putting them
L6	through the machine, it was just never fed through.
L7	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Did you say you
L8	recognize the signature of city staff on this?
L9	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: The signature is
20	from our city clerk, Karen Couillard, and special
21	voting deputy, I think it's Kay Buelow.
22	THE REPORTER: Can you tell me those
23	names again?
24	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Karen Couillard,
25	city clerk, C-O-U-I-L-L-A-R-D; and Kay Buelow is

1	B-U-E-L-O-W.
2	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Was this an
3	in-person absentee vote?
4	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: This was a ballot
5	that was at a nursing home.
6	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: In the presence
7	of a special deputy?
8	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: An SVD and the city
9	clerk, because we had an SVD that couldn't make it.
10	On the record too, an SVD is special
11	voting deputy.
12	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do any of the
13	party representatives wish to inspect this
14	envelope?
15	(Inspection performed.)
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Do you have a
17	comment?
18	UNIDENTIFIED MAN: No.
19	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept and
20	add to the tally.
21	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,
22	Commissioner Christenson?
23	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
24	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
25	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.

1 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 2 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: 3 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are 4 three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails. 5 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So these -- I 6 think I understand the issue, but why don't you 7 summarize it. These will all present us with the 8 same issue. If you could identify the issue and 9 then just identify the numbers at the top of each 10 envelope so that we know which envelopes we're 11 dealing with. 12 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: So the incident that 13 we have here is that we sent out special voting 14 deputies to our nursing homes in the City of 15 Glendale. With the envelopes that they have, they 16 do not have a stamp that is put on there that is 17 City of Glendale for our address, but they are 18 signed by two special voting deputies, and in some 19 cases the city clerk, but everything else is 20 properly filled out. 21 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And you 2.2 recognize the signatures on each of these 23 envelopes? 24 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Yes. 25 If you could COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI:

1	just identify by number each envelope, and then you
2	can, as you do so, you can set them down.
3	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: It's A373, A306,
4	A342, A343, A433, A312, A148, A64, A179, A182, A82,
5	A92, A101, A108, A55, A420, A157, A165, A246, A173,
6	A185, A67, A68, A70, A691, A692, A693, A694, A85,
7	A89, A696, A91, A697, A93, A94, A698, A699, A98,
8	A700, A701, A106, A702, A703, A704, A111, A706,
9	A708, A707, A709, A710, A232, A241, A245, A256,
10	A265, A268, A715, A716, A717, A720, A718, A719,
11	A721, A52, A51, A695, A168, A705, A58, A127, A128,
12	A130, A132, A121, A135, A711, A712, A713, A714,
13	A137, A140, A141, A143, A145, A150, A319, A410,
14	A412, A311, A327, A369, A411, A190, A200, A208,
15	A211, A214, A220, A222, A223.
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: What is the total
17	number?
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do you know what
19	the number of total ballot envelopes here is?
20	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: We did not get a
21	count yet.
22	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: All of these
23	were counted on election night?
24	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Yes.
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do any of the

1 party representatives wish to inspect these 2 envelopes? 3 (Inspection performed.) 4 COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: All right. 5 Keeping in past practice of the commission for 6 allowing votes to be counted that are missing a 7 stamp, in this case as a result of election staff error, I would move that these -- I would move that 8 9 these 100 -- approximately 100 ballots that were 10 mentioned and counted into the record be approved 11 and counted. 12 COMMISSIONER BAAS: In discussion, I want 13 it noted on the record that I personally compared 14 each signature with each name on the ballot, and 15 they appear to be accurate, and that I'm just 16 absolutely shocked that a hundred of these things 17 weren't taken care of properly by people who are 18 supposed to be trained in how to take care of it. 19 CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to accept 20 and count the ballots, Commissioner Christenson? 21 COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye. 2.2 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas? 23 COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye. CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 24 25 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.

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CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are three ayes, zero nos. The motion to count the ballots prevails.

MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: This is for Ward 11S in District 5.

MR. PERZAN: I apologize. This is Jeff
Perzan for the Green Party. We have been informed
that we're not allowed to observe the portion of
what the county is doing in this back hallway, and
that in order to do so, we needed to come out here.
I don't know what they're doing because we're not
allowed to observe.

CLERK CZARNEZKI: For the record, what the staff is doing there is they are entering the vote totals that have been tallied and emailing them to Wisconsin Election Commission, as we are directed to do on a daily basis.

Those tally sheets have been and will be posted for the public, to observe those tally sheets on a daily basis. If you want to stand in the hallway and observe, I will check to see why you haven't been allowed to observe. I don't see, if you're not interfering, why you cannot observe that.

MR. PERZAN: Thank you.

1	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: So we have Ward 11S,
2	District 5. We have three envelopes, A391, A342,
3	and A538. They do have an ID verification of
4	initials from city staff, we do have a witness
5	signature from city staff, but we do not have our
6	city stamp of our address. No address. In person,
7	yes.
8	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: These were
9	counted on election night?
10	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Yes.
11	COMMISSIONER BAAS: I thought he said
12	undervote. Can you clarify? We believe we heard
13	you say undervote, that's what we believe we heard.
14	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: No, no undervote,
15	no. These were voted on election night.
16	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: The issue is
17	that there's no city stamp indicating the address,
18	but these are all, again, workers that signed for
19	these in-person absentee votes.
20	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
21	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Just identify
22	the numbers.
23	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: They did.
24	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
25	accept, Commissioner Christenson?

1	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
2	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
3	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
5	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
6	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
7	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
8	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Then we also have
9	five absentee ballots voted in person that do have
10	an initial verifying the ID. They have the city
11	stamp, but they do not have the city staff
12	signature. The stamp is only derived from our
13	office. And they were tabulated on election day.
14	So they were initialed by city staff, and they were
15	voted in person. It's Al92, A398, Al10, A56, and
16	A55.
17	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do either of the
18	party representatives wish to observe these
19	envelopes?
20	(Inspection declined.)
21	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
22	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
23	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
24	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
25	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?

1	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
2	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
3	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
5	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
6	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: We have one from
7	Ward 612, District 6. We have initials by city
8	staff verifying photo ID, A186. It was tabulated
9	on election day, voted in person in-person
10	absentee, I apologize. It has a city stamp of the
11	address, but no city staff signature.
12	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
13	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
14	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
15	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
16	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
17	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
18	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
19	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
20	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
21	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
22	We appreciate that the City of Glendale
23	brought all of their absentee ballots to us at one
24	time, and we understand that there's only two of
25	you to conduct this election, and we do appreciate

1 your efforts. 2 (There was discussion off the record.) 3 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: This is from 4 Ward 39, District 3. We have a mailed-in absentee 5 ballot, A103. We have a signature from the 6 They have a city and state and zip code 7 listed, but they do not have their physical address 8 stated or written. Yes, A103. 9 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Note that this 10 envelope, the witness appears to have the same last 11 name as the voter. Is there a way to compare your 12 poll book with the signature of the witness to 13 determine whether this witness lives at the same 14 address as the voter? 15 MS. COUILLARD: We can attempt that, yes. 16 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: We instruct you 17 to do that and then bring it back to our attention. 18 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: There is one that I 19 also missed here as well. It's a mailed ballot, 20 A313, and it has a voter signa -- or witness 21 signature, but no address. COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do either of the 2.2 23 party representatives wish to inspect this 24 envelope? 25 (Inspection performed.)

1	COMMISSIONER BAAS: I move to disallow
2	and draw down.
3	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,
4	Commissioner Christenson?
5	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
6	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
7	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
8	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
9	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
11	three ayes, zero nos. The motion to disallow
12	prevails.
13	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: This is also from
14	Ward 39, District 3, Ballot No. A274. ID was
15	verified and has city staff initials. We also do
16	have a staff signature, but it does not have the
17	city's address on it.
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Are there
19	different ballots that have the exact same issue,
20	but from different wards?
21	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Yes.
22	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: We can take all
23	of those at once.
24	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: All at once?
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: If they're the

1 same issue, we can take them all at once. 2 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Otherwise, we do 3 have some that have the reverse issue as well, to 4 where they have the city stamp address, but not a 5 signature. 6 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: We'll take those 7 at the same time as well. 8 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Okay. And there 9 were discrepancies in all of our wards, so you have 10 Ward 10, District 4; Ward 17, District 1. 11 So we had 274, and I stated that before, 12 there was the initials, signature, but no city 13 address. 14 Okav. Same issue as the one there. It's 15 District 1, A243. Has the signature, but not a 16 city address stamp. 17 COMMISSIONER BAAS: Excuse me. Is this 18 signature known to you to be one of your --19 MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: That was my sloppy 20 signature, yes. 21 We also have a signature here, A243, but 2.2 no city address stamp. Also, A73 from the same 23 ward. A73 is from myself, and A243 is from Karen 24 Couillard.

So we also have the opposite issue with

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1	these, where the ID was verified by city staff
2	initials, they do not have city staff signatures,
3	but do have our city address stamp at the bottom.
4	And I do I do recognize the initials on every
5	single one of these envelopes. It's A307, A248,
6	A324, A107, A563, A669, A173, A334, A493.
7	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do either of the
8	party representatives wish to inspect these
9	envelopes?
10	(Inspection declined.)
11	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
13	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
14	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
15	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
17	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
19	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
20	three ayes, zero nos. Motion to accept prevails.
21	MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, Wauwatosa
22	City Clerk. We are processing the absentee ballots
23	for District 1, Ward 3. We have three ballot
24	envelopes, No. 313A, 485A, and 499A. These voters
25	all voted in the city clerk's office. We have

1	voter signatures, we have witness signatures;
2	however, we are lacking the address for the witness
3	portion. And these signatures are of the temporary
4	election workers that were working in the clerk's
5	office.
6	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So the address
7	should have been listed as the clerk's office.
8	MS. LEDESMA: Should have been, yes.
9	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
11	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
12	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
13	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
14	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
15	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
16	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
17	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
18	three ayes, zero nos. The motion to accept
19	prevails.
20	MS. LEDESMA: We are also processing the
21	election day ballots for District 2, Ward 6. When
22	they were being run through the tabulator, we
23	discovered that there were six ballots for
24	District 3, Ward 7 that had been included in that
25	pack.

1	I should mention that District 2, Ward 6
2	and District 3, Ward 7 do share one tabulator on
3	election day, so the ballots would not have been
4	kicked out on election day, and they were processed
5	on election day.
6	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So what's the
7	request or the issue?
8	MS. LEDESMA: So the request is to
9	reconstruct them onto District 2, Ward 6 ballots.
10	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: These were
11	included in the tally, correct?
12	MS. LEDESMA: Yes.
13	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do either of the
14	party representatives wish to inspect these
15	ballots?
16	(Inspection declined.)
17	MR. PERZAN: Jeff Perzan, representing
18	the Green Party. Will the appropriate ward counts
19	be adjusted, and did the converse happen as well?
20	MS. LEDESMA: It will be adjusted once
21	the ballots are reconstructed, yes.
22	MR. PERZAN: Thank you.
23	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So that would
24	result in six less votes for Ward 7, six more votes
25	for Ward 6?

1	MS. LEDESMA: Yes, that's correct.
2	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to reconstruct
3	and reassign.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,
5	Commissioner Christenson?
6	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
8	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
9	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
10	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
12	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
13	(Pause in proceedings.)
14	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: Andrew
15	Wescott-Barten, W-E-S-C-O-T-T hyphen B-A-R-T-E-N,
16	Deputy Clerk/Treasurer, City of Glendale.
17	This is just a previous incident that we
18	reported before. Ward 39, District 3, absentee
19	ballot A103. This is the one that we had that was
20	a mailed-in absentee ballot where there was a voter
21	signature, but the witness only put down their
22	city, state, and zip code.
23	Going back to our poll book, this
24	individual who signed is a registered voter in the
25	City of Glendale, resides at the same address. We

1	could not verify his signature because they also
2	did vote absentee.
3	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
5	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
6	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
8	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
9	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
10	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
12	three ayes, zero nos. The motion to accept
13	prevails.
14	(Pause in proceedings.)
15	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
16	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. Starting
17	with one absentee ballot that was rejected on
18	election day because of a missing witness
19	signature. This is the ballot of an in-person
20	absentee voter, and all other requirements are met.
21	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So this is
22	missing the signature of election staff or clerical
23	staff?
24	MR. ALBRECHT: Correct.
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do any of the

1	party representatives wish to observe this
2	envelope?
3	(Inspection declined.)
4	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Move to accept.
5	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
6	accept, Commissioner Christenson?
7	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
8	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
9	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
11	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Chairman, there are
13	three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
14	MR. ALBRECHT: We have a ballot that was
15	reconstructed on election day. The original ballot
16	was considered an overvote. However, there's
17	discussion as to whether or not we are able to
18	determine the voter's intent based on the quality
19	of the oval that was completed.
20	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: On election
21	night this was considered an overvote, correct?
22	MR. ALBRECHT: It was, correct.
23	The second ballot is just the
24	reconstructed ballot.
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do any of the

1	party representatives wish to inspect these ballots
2	and/or be heard on this issue?
3	(Inspection performed.)
4	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Neil, there's a
5	request to reconstruct this ballot as what?
6	MR. ALBRECHT: If it's determined that
7	there's a voter intent for one of the candidates,
8	we would reconstruct the ballot to reflect a vote
9	for that candidate.
10	MR. PERZAN: Jeff Perzan, representing
11	the Greens. It's my visual examination of it, one
12	bubble is completely filled in for one of the
13	candidates. A second oval that's mostly filled in
14	has an X through it, presumably because the elector
15	did not want that. And there's a number of other
16	stray marks, which the commission has dealt with
17	before.
18	So on that basis, I believe that the
19	ballot should be reconstructed in accordance with
20	the elector's intent.
21	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: What do you
22	believe the elector intent was?
23	MR. PERZAN: The elector intent, from my
24	visual, is for Clinton-Kaine.
25	MR. SEYMER: Orville Seymer. It's very,

1	very difficult here to determine voter's intent on
2	this. It appears that they changed their mind
3	three times.
4	I would go along with the recommendation
5	that this be not counted at all would be my
6	recommendation.
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Say who you represent.
8	MR. SEYMER: GOP.
9	COMMISSIONER BAAS: I move that this be
10	considered an overvote and the ballot not be
11	reconstructed.
12	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: In reviewing
13	that ballot, it's not possible to determine voter
14	intent, so I agree.
15	CLERK CZARNEZKI: What was the motion?
16	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: To count it as
17	an overvote.
18	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to count
19	the ballot as an overvote, Commissioner
20	Christenson?
21	COMMISSIONER CHRISTENSON: Aye.
22	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas?
23	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
24	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
25	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: There are three ayes,
2	zero nos. The motion prevails.
3	(There was discussion off the record.)
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: I'd like the record to
5	show that Commissioner Nancy Penn is now present
6	and will be, hopefully, for the remaining of the
7	proceedings.
8	So at this point, we'll take a roll call
9	to establish a quorum in the commission.
10	Commissioner Baas?
11	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Present.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
13	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Present.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairwoman Penn?
15	COMMISSIONER PENN: Present.
16	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, a
17	quorum of the commission is present, and all
18	commissioners are present and on the record.
19	COMMISSIONER PENN: Thank you.
20	Okay. If you'd like to tell us your
21	name, city, state, and your issue.
22	MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, Wauwatosa
23	City Clerk. I have three absentee ballots here
24	from district two are from District 1, Ward 3,
25	Nos. 73A and 215A, and one absentee ballot from

1 District 2, Ward 6, No. 320A. All three of them 2 are damaged. I'm requesting permission to 3 reconstruct them. They all have tears in them. 4 COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. We ruled on 5 Friday -- we ruled on Friday that ballots that were 6 torn can be reproduced without coming to the board, 7 unless you have a strong objection from an 8 observer. 9 So you can go ahead and reconstruct 10 You'll want to make a note on your 11 inspector's tally sheet of what voter number, ward, 12 and why. 13 MS. LEDESMA: Okay. 14 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I will make a 15 motion consistent with the chair's comment. 16 CLERK CZARNEZKI: The motion would be 17 then to allow city clerks to reconstruct damaged 18 ballots without bringing them to the Board of 19 Election Commissioners, unless there is an 20 objection to doing so by one of the political 21 parties. 2.2 On the motion, Commissioner Baas? 23 COMMISSIONER BAAS: Nay. 24 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 25 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.

1 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairwoman Penn? 2 COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye. 3 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairman, there 4 are two ayes, one no. The motion prevails. 5 MS. LEDESMA: Thank you. 6 In processing the absentee ballots for 7 District 2, Ward 6, in comparing the remade 8 ballots, we have an original ballot, No. 9, for 9 absentee voter 341A. They had been issued a ballot 10 for the wrong ward. However, we cannot find 11 evidence that it was actually remade. We've gone 12 through all the absentee ballots. We could not 13 find a duplicate 341A, so labeled. 14 We request permission to reconstruct this 15 ballot so it can be counted for District 2, Ward 6. 16 COMMISSIONER PENN: Were you able to 17 determine by count that you were short one ballot? 18 MS. LEDESMA: No. What we had done, we 19 had gone through our pile of absentee ballots 20 looking for the corresponding 341A, and we did not 21 find the 341A. 2.2 COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. I have to ask 23 you to recount your ballots to make sure that it's 24 just not an oversight. 25 Okay. We can do that. MS. LEDESMA:

1	COMMISSIONER PENN: And then come back.
2	MS. LEDESMA: Okay. We can do that.
3	COMMISSIONER PENN: Thank you.
4	(There was discussion off the record.)
5	COMMISSIONER PENN: If you could make a
6	note that we are going to go to Glendale to proceed
7	with the drawdown process, and then we have to pull
8	a ballot out of the stack, and we'll talk about it
9	on the record.
10	(Pause in proceedings.)
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the record, please.
12	MR. WESCOTT-BARTEN: For Ward 9,
13	District 3 for the City of Glendale, an A313 voter
14	number. It was a mail-in ballot that has a
15	signature of a witness, but the address is not
16	stated. For that reason, we are doing a drawdown.
17	We were advised to have a drawdown
18	process on the absentee ballot 313 for District 3.
19	There is a signature present, but not an address of
20	the witness.
21	We also have the same situation for
22	Ward 2, District 2, absentee ballot 372, where
23	there is a signature, but there is not an address
24	of the witness.
25	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Baas is

1	drawing one ballot from among the absentee ballots
2	of that ward. Ward 2, drawdown from the absentee
3	ballots from Ward 2.
4	And we're not ready to do that one yet.
5	We will do it when the absentee ballots are ready.
6	(A lunch recess was taken.)
7	COMMISSIONER PENN: We are back at
8	Glendale. So we're back in Glendale to do the
9	drawdown that was unsigned. The witness did not
10	sign it, and there is no address.
11	(Drawdown performed.)
12	COMMISSIONER PENN: That process is
13	completed. Thank you.
14	(Pause in proceedings.)
15	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. We're going
16	back on the record.
17	MS. ROESKE: Kathryn Roeske, R-O-E-S-K-E.
18	I'm the city clerk for the City of Oak Creek.
19	Address is 9025 South Nicholson Road, Oak Creek,
20	Wisconsin, 53154.
21	I have from my District 6 location one
22	ballot bag that has a finger poke at the end, so
23	technically, the bag has been opened. No ballots
24	appear to be altered in any way.
25	COMMISSIONER PENN: What we'd ask you to

1	do is to confirm the number of ballots in the bag
2	is the number of ballots outside of the bag, and
3	after you do that, then you come back up here, and
4	we'll make a ruling.
5	MS. ROESKE: Okay. So thank you.
6	COMMISSIONER PENN: Thank you.
7	MS. ROESKE: Should I go ahead with my
8	other ones?
9	Okay. So my next request
10	(There was discussion off the record.)
11	MS. ROESKE: Okay. So of our 6700,
12	approximately, absentee ballot application
13	envelopes, I have a total of 61 that are missing
14	witness addresses. All these addresses are from
15	in-person early voting in the clerk's office, so
16	they were missing the city hall address.
17	COMMISSIONER PENN: And so let me ask you
18	this question. Is the witness the city clerk or an
19	employee of the city clerk?
20	MS. ROESKE: Yes, it is.
21	COMMISSIONER PENN: Thank you.
22	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Mr. Christenson to the
23	front table, please.
24	MS. ROESKE: Okay. So District 1, voter
25	No. 169, 980, 1038, 772, 814, 1051, 696, 670, and

1 990 are all missing -- pardon me, and voter 2 No. 1000 are all missing in-person clerk office 3 city hall address witness employee address. 4 COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. Can you pass those down so we can review them before we move 5 6 forward? 7 Okay. If they have the same issue, you 8 can just pass them down after reading the voter 9 numbers. 10 MS. ROESKE: Okay. Voter No. 542, 218, 11 642, 660, 1114, 192, 196, 375, 181, 1230, 351, 145, 12 325, 397, 319, 942, 466, 933, 1115, 1116, 227, 200, 994, 787, 758, 616, 876, 834, 507, 464, 502, 1057, 13 14 758, 200, 889, 906, 803, 814, 653, 652, 587, 667, 15 680, 687, 515, 583, 828, 607, 422, 455. 16 I have one envelope, it's the same issue. 17 It's early, in-person voting at the clerk's office, 18 and the voter number is torn off the envelope as we 19 were reconciling. So if needed, I can look up this 20 person in my poll book, if we need to find in the 21 poll book the voter number. 2.2 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: These are all 23 signed, but there's no address included; is that 24 right, the issues of these? 25 I'm sorry, can you repeat MS. ROESKE:

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COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: All of these envelopes have the signature from clerk personnel, but they do not have the address?

MS. ROESKE: Correct.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: In reviewing this, I do note envelope 464 is not signed, but does have the clerk's office address stamp on there.

Do you have other similar envelopes? MS. ROESKE: Yes, I do. I have three of those.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Then let's hear those separately.

MS. ROESKE: I apologize.

And I just want to note one thing to the If you were listening to my voter numbers, you'll see repeated voter numbers. That's because this is the central count absentee ballots, so we number those by districts, in which we have six districts. That's our reporting units. So if you see duplicate voting numbers, it's because they're voted one through per district.

COMMISSIONER PENN: Would you make a note, Julie, would you make a note for three

1	twenty voter No. 325 should not be included
2	because there is an address and a signature from
3	the clerk's office. No, from the
4	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: 325 is a mail-in
5	absentee envelope that apparently has a separate
6	issue that is not related to the issue currently
7	under consideration.
8	MS. ROESKE: Thank you.
9	COMMISSIONER PENN: Was there anyone who
10	wanted to look at these or had comments, questions,
11	or concerns?
12	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Move that each
13	of these envelopes be accepted.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,
15	Commissioner Baas?
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
17	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
19	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairwoman Penn?
20	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
21	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, there
22	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
23	MS. ROESKE: Okay. I have three absentee
24	ballot certification envelopes that are missing a
25	signature of a witness. All three of these

1 envelopes were voted in-person early voting at the 2 clerk's office and are stamped with the City of 3 Oak Creek return address or witness address. So 4 we're missing a signature of either a clerk or an 5 election inspector during early voting. Voter 6 numbers are 464, 206, and 716. 7 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Move to accept 8 these three. CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to 9 10 accept, Commissioner Baas? 11 COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye. 12 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 13 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye. 14 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn? 15 COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye. 16 CLERK CZARNEZKI: There are three ayes, 17 zero nos. The motion prevails. 18 MS. ROESKE: The three that I have are 19 absentee ballot application certifications. These 20 are mailed-in absentee ballots. All three of these 21 have the necessary signatures. What's missing on 2.2 these is the city of the witness address. So they 23 signed and they put in their address, but they 24 didn't list the city. Voter Nos. 325, 928, 707. 25 Okay. Correction. So we have -- okay.

1 So the two mailed in, there's two mailed-in 2 absentee ballot certificate applications. They 3 both have signatures -- voter signatures, they both 4 have witness signatures, they both have addresses, 5 but they did not put in the city of their address, 6 voter No. 325, 707. 7 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So the issue 8 with these two envelopes is they do not include the 9 city or state of the witness? 10 MS. ROESKE: Correct. 11 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Have you 12 reviewed these addresses to determine if they are 13 addresses within the City of Oak Creek? 14 No, we had not. MS. ROESKE: 15 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Could you do so? 16 MS. ROESKE: Sure. I will return with 17 those two, and I have one more. 18 So the one other that was discovered 19 during canvassing is we have a mailed-in absentee 20 ballot application certification. The outside of 21 the envelope is acceptable. It's got the voter 2.2 signature, witness signature, and witness address. 23 What we did find was that the ballot was not 24 counted. So our numbers in that district would 25 have been off by one ballot.

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So we assigned a voter number, 928, but the ballot wasn't removed from the envelope. So the ballot could be processed today, and our numbers would match our voter numbers versus ballots cast.

And for the board's information, so that was important during this canvass that we were able to locate that, because all of our accountable documents go down to county the morning following the election. This isn't a typical item that we would canvass on our own within our municipality.

So when that accountable document goes down to the county, the Milwaukee Election

Commission, that would be part of their reconciliation in the Board of Canvass. We wouldn't have these documents to reconcile.

They're out of our possession as of the next morning. So, obviously, with the federal, with this being the Board of Election Canvass, it was found here.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: This envelope and the ballot included therein should have been counted, and there's no basis for not including it, correct?

MS. ROESKE: That's correct. It's not a

1	rejected ballot, and it's not noted as a rejected
2	ballot. The ballot inside the envelope was an
3	oversight during processing.
4	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move to accept
5	this envelope and count the ballot included therein
6	and add it to the count.
7	COMMISSIONER PENN: Did anyone want to
8	observe this or ask questions?
9	Seeing no further discussion, Joe, would
10	you call the vote.
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,
12	Commissioner Baas?
13	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
15	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
16	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairwoman Penn?
17	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
18	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, there
19	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
20	The ballot will be counted.
21	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. Continuing on
22	the record.
23	MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, Wauwatosa
24	City Clerk. This is a continuation of an item from
25	this morning, when we were processing the absentee

ballots from District 2, Ward 6, and they were 1 2 comparing the reconstructed ballots for that ward. 3 We found this ballot. It's the original. 4 The voter had been issued the wrong one, No. 341A. 5 We were unable to find where the ballot had 6 actually been reconstructed. We went through all 7 the absentees. There was no No. 341A as a 8 reconstructed ballot. And if we do reconstruct 9 this ballot and add it to their pile, their numbers 10 will balance. So we believe that this one had not 11 been reconstructed on election day. We request 12 permission to do so. 13 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: So if we were 14 not to reconstruct this ballot and include it in 15 the count, the numbers would not match. 16 MS. LEDESMA: Correct. They would be off 17 by one if we don't do anything with this ballot. 18 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move that we 19 reconstruct and include this ballot in the count. 20 (Inspection performed.) 21 CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to 2.2 reconstruct the ballot, Commissioner Baas? 23 COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye. CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 24 25 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Chairwoman Penn?
2	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
3	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, there
4	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion to
5	reconstruct the ballot prevails.
6	(There was discussion off the record.)
7	COMMISSIONER PENN: Earlier we had an
8	issue with Whitefish Bay, and we needed to perform
9	a drawdown of the ballots. We're going to proceed
10	with that right now.
11	(Drawdown performed.)
12	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. So we
13	completed that drawdown. We removed one ballot on
14	a random basis, so that's complete.
15	(There was discussion off the record.)
16	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
17	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. We have an
18	absentee voter by mail that met all of the other
19	requirements, in terms of certification, voter
20	signature, witness signature, witness address, but
21	the ballot was returned to us opened, and rejected
22	on election day. I would not know how to determine
23	if the ballot had been tampered with.
24	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: Is there a number?
25	COMMISSIONER PENN: This is Ward a

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vote from Ward 132.

MR. ALBRECHT: They did record an RAB number on the envelope.

COMMISSIONER PENN: And they wouldn't normally have done that, would they?

MR. ALBRECHT: No, they should. They should assign a number, directed absentee ballot number.

(Inspection performed.)

COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. So any comments, questions, concerns?

MR. PERZAN: Jeff Perzan, representing the Green Party. I don't know when this was discovered, whether it's possible that because it's scored, or other reasons, that the adhesive might have become loose, but I do not see any evidence of any sort of reopening. But then I understand that it is unsealed when received. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Based upon the stamp, this was received unsealed when it was received by the City of Milwaukee and Mr. Albrecht's statement that there's no way to determine whether or not the ballot included therein had been tampered with, I move to reject this envelope and the ballot included therein.

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
2	reject, Commissioner Baas?
3	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
4	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
5	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
6	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?
7	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
8	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, there
9	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion to reject
10	prevails.
11	We have Oak Creek.
12	MS. ROESKE: So one of the absentee
13	ballot application certifications that was read
14	into the record for the board was missing the
15	address of the in-person clerk's office. Voter
16	number had been torn off the side of the envelope.
17	So we looked that up in our poll books and
18	reconciled it as voter No. 813.
19	COMMISSIONER PENN: And was that
20	reconciliation done at the clerk's office, at your
21	office, or was that done here?
22	MS. ROESKE: Right here. So when they
23	were counting the certificate envelopes, the number
24	had been torn off, but the number was listed in the
25	poll book and had been marked on the envelope. I

1	just couldn't read it into the record for you
2	because it was off the envelope. So we pulled it
3	up in the poll book, and that's the voter number.
4	COMMISSIONER PENN: Anyone have any
5	comments, questions, concerns?
6	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move to accept
7	this ballot and the envelope.
8	COMMISSIONER PENN: Any discussion?
9	Joe, would you please be so kind as to
10	call the vote.
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
12	accept, Commissioner Baas?
13	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
15	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
16	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?
17	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
18	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam chairwoman, there
19	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion to accept
20	prevails.
21	MS. ROESKE: I have brought before the
22	board two absentee certification envelopes. They
23	have the voter signature and address and the
24	witness signature, but an incomplete address, where
25	the city and state was not listed.

1 We did determine what city and state the 2 witness was located in. We pulled up the 3 addresses, and we have printed that in. So that 4 would be the only thing that had been missing on 5 those envelopes was the city and state of the 6 witness. 7 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I'll note those 8 had been written in in red. These are envelope 325 9 and 707. 10 Had we been unable to verify the 11 addresses for these two witnesses and would 12 therefore be considering rejecting these two 13 envelopes, would it be possible to identify the 14 ballot 707 and 325 that correspond to these 15 envelopes? 16 MS. ROESKE: Within our envelopes, if you 17 were to reject those two, not for that district. 18 They did not record the voter. They didn't 19 recognize the voter on these ballots. 20 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Oak Creek, by my 21 understanding, is a simple count for absentees; is 2.2 that right. 23 MS. ROESKE: We have been central count 24 for a year now.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And I believe,

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by the central count, it is required to mark the ballots consistent with each envelope; is that correct, my understanding correct?

MS. ROESKE: So we did review the central count, per guidelines given for it by the election commission and also by the state. The state requires that we identify the voter, which we have not done. It was an oversight. It is something that we do not do. We will do it in the future for central count. We don't identify the voter. It was not intentional. This is something that has been a practice long before I was city clerk. It was brought to our attention by the election commission for this election.

Unfortunately, for this canvass, if those two were rejected for missing city and state, we would not be able to pull those. It would have to be a drawdown.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And I appreciate those comments, and I think from the commission's perspective, we would instruct you consistent with those guidelines to do so going forward.

From our perspective, when we've had to address these issues, one of the issues just comes down to fairness, where a voter complies with all

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the requirements to vote, and their absentee ballot could be set aside because of some other formality by another voter wasn't followed.

And so some voter who does comply with everything that is done would have their vote discounted by virtue of the fact that we couldn't reconcile the ballots with the envelopes.

But after verifying these two witnesses were in -- I think one is in Milwaukee and one is in Oak Creek, I would move to accept these two envelopes and their ballots.

COMMISSIONER BAAS: I just wanted to note for the record -- and I can understand and I am grateful that it was done in red, but I don't believe that we asked you to write on these. We just asked you to ascertain.

So I would seek counsel before I started adding things to the outside of the envelopes.

Thank you.

COMMISSIONER PENN: In my review of this,

I don't know that when this was created, it was

really --

Well, on this ballot, there are -- there is a line for the person's signature and two lines for an address. And on this envelope, there is --

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1	there are two lines for a signature and one line
2	for address. So I don't know that it leaves me
3	questioning whether city, state, and zip code
4	disqualifies it. I think it does not.
5	So any further discussion?
6	Joe, would you be so kind as to
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
8	accept, commissioner Baas?
9	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
11	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?
13	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, there
15	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion to accept
16	prevails.
17	(Pause in proceedings.)
18	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. We're going
19	back on the record.
20	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
21	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. We have an
22	absentee ballot for Ward 132 where and we've
23	actually seen one of these once before where the
24	voter filled in the D, in Donald, but not the oval
25	that's the name of the candidate.

1	So we believe the voter intent to be a
2	vote for Donald Trump, but wanted to bring that
3	before the board.
4	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Do we know how
5	this ballot was counted?
6	MR. ALBRECHT: The ballot was counted as
7	a blank an undervote for the office of
8	president.
9	COMMISSIONER PENN: Anyone want to look
10	at this? Questions, comments, concerns?
11	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Neil, do you
12	need this to be reconstructed in order to count it?
13	MR. ALBRECHT: That's correct, we would
14	need to reconstruct it onto a new ballot.
15	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move to
16	reconstruct this ballot to reflect what I believe
17	the voter's intent is, and that's a vote for Donald
18	Trump and Mike Pence.
19	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: On the motion,
20	Commissioner Baas?
21	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
22	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: Commissioner
23	Posnanski?
24	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
25	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: Chairwoman

1	Penn?
2	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
3	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: Three ayes,
4	zero nos. Motion prevails.
5	(Pause in proceedings.)
6	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. So we're going
7	back on the record.
8	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
9	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. Two ballots
10	to assess whether or not voter intent can be
11	determined. Both were we believe were read as
12	undervotes in the office of president on election
13	day.
14	One, we would the first, we would
15	continue to identify as an undervote, the second as
16	a vote for Donald Trump because there is a mark in
17	the candidate box, but looking to guidance from the
18	board. Both ballots would have to be
19	reconstructed.
20	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Neil, one ballot
21	doesn't have any vote for president. That would
22	still be reconstructed and then run through?
23	MR. ALBRECHT: No, it would be fed as is
24	because the machine would read it as an undervote.
25	COMMISSIONER PENN: Neil, the ballot that

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has the marking in the box, in the first box, and it kind of goes in -- a little bit into the second box and a little bit outside the box, isn't this going to be -- the voting box, isn't this going to be -- is the machine going to count it for this candidate?

MR. ALBRECHT: Well, without feeding it

MR. ALBRECHT: Well, without feeding it in, I don't know for certain, but because of its distance from the ovals, which is really what it's looking for, I don't think it would pick up the mark for either candidate.

COMMISSIONER PENN: Oh. I guess I look at this ballot, and I think that the intention of the voter was to vote for this candidate, as opposed to the one below it. That's what -- that's how I read it. Do you read it the same?

COMMISSIONER BAAS: (Nods head.)

MR. ALBRECHT: I would say a majority of the mark is in the box for the top candidate.

review of the ballot, I do not. There appear to be stray marks all over this ballot, both on the front and back. So from my perspective, I would count this as an undervote. Reconstruct it, if necessary to tabulate it, but to count it as an undervote,

1	with no vote for president. But I certainly
2	understand the chair's comments.
3	COMMISSIONER BAAS: In our past practice,
4	and if I'm not mistaken counsel will correct
5	me that if it's inside that box, it is to be
6	considered a vote for them.
7	So I'm moving that the first one be fed
8	into the machine as an undervote, and the one with
9	the mark inside the Trump-Pence box be
10	reconstructed as a vote for Trump-Pence.
11	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Should we vote
12	separately?
13	COMMISSIONER PENN: Yes.
14	Okay. So we're going to vote separately
15	on this. So the first motion is to first motion
16	was to
17	COMMISSIONER BAAS: As far as this
18	ballot, we treat this one as an undervote, that's
19	the motion.
20	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to count
21	the ballot as an undervote, Commissioner Baas?
22	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
23	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
24	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
25	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?

1	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
2	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairman, there
3	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
4	COMMISSIONER BAAS: I move that this
5	ballot be reconstructed in accordance with what I
6	believe to be the voter's intent, and that would be
7	Trump-Pence.
8	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Did you want to
9	see anything or say something?
10	MS. COURTNEY: My name is Pam Courtney.
11	I am a GOP representative, and I believe the voter
12	intent on both of them was the same. This is a
13	husband-and-wife team. You can see their absentee
14	ballot. You can see their absentee information.
15	You can see that they both voted for two
16	candidates. But they appear to be visually
17	impaired, because they're having a hard time
18	marking the correct location on the boxes. So I
19	feel intent is there on both ballots.
20	CLERK CZARNEZKI: The motion is to
21	reconstruct the ballot as a vote for Trump-Pence?
22	COMMISSIONER PENN: Yes, yes, that's the
23	motion.
24	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to
25	reconstruct the ballot, Commissioner Baas?

1 COMMISSIONER BAAS: 2 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 3 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: 4 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn? 5 COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye. 6 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam chairwoman, there 7 are two ayes, zero nos. The motion to 8 reconstruct -- excuse me. Two ayes, one no. 9 motion to reconstruct the ballot for Trump-Pence 10 prevails. 11 MR. PERZAN: Jeff Perzan for the Green 12 Party. I would like it noted that just because two 13 electors reside in the same residence, whether or 14 not they are married, does not necessarily indicate 15 voter intent. 16 COMMISSIONER PENN: Point taken. 17 MR. ALBRECHT: My final ballot is an 18 overseas -- it was an absentee ballot that was 19 emailed to a voter with a certificate. It was 20 returned to us. The envelope, which we do not 21 have, was taped together. This is an envelope 2.2 created, we believe, created by the voter, but 23 because it was taped and we were not aware of the 24 exceptions related to taped ballots, the ballot had 25 been rejected.

1	COMMISSIONER PENN: So you're asking for
2	permission to reconstruct the ballot?
3	MR. ALBRECHT: That's correct. All other
4	requirements associated with the ballot were met.
5	COMMISSIONER PENN: Thank you.
6	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: What's the issue
7	again with this ballot?
8	MR. ALBRECHT: It was rejected on
9	election day because the if you vote an email
10	ballot, you have to construct your own return
11	envelope, and the envelope was taped, so it was
12	rejected because the envelope had been taped.
13	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Is there any
14	other evidence of tampering with the envelope at
15	all?
16	MR. ALBRECHT: None.
17	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Okay. Any of
18	the political party representatives wish to inspect
19	or be heard on this issue?
20	(Inspection performed.)
21	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move that this
22	ballot be reconstructed and counted.
23	COMMISSIONER PENN: Any discussion?
24	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Sure. As I did with
25	the other envelope that came back taped, no one has

1 evidence that it was tampered with, nor does anyone 2 have evidence that it was not tampered with. 3 I'll be consistent with my vote. 4 CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion to reconstruct, Commissioner Baas? 5 6 COMMISSIONER BAAS: 7 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski? 8 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye. 9 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn? 10 COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye. 11 CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam chairwoman, there 12 are two ayes, one no. The motion prevails. 13 MS. LEDESMA: Carla Ledesma, Wauwatosa 14 City Clerk. We're processing District 2, Ward 4. 15 Absentee ballots No. 78A, 421A, 541A were all voted 16 in the city clerk's office. Two of them have 17 witness signatures, but no address for the witness. 18 One has the witness address, but no signatures. 19 do recognize the two signatures that we do have as 20 being temporary election workers that worked in the 21 clerk's office. I request that we be allowed to 2.2 count those ballots. 23 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move that 24 these three be accepted. 25 CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,

1	Commissioner Baas?
2	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Aye.
3	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?
4	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
5	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?
6	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairman, there
8	are three ayes, zero nos. The motion prevails.
9	(Pause in proceedings.)
10	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
11	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. We have an
12	overvoted ballot with a write-in for a candidate
13	whose name appears on the ballot, but without the
14	name of the vice presidential candidate. We just
15	want to be sure on how to proceed.
16	COMMISSIONER PENN: I just want to make a
17	note that this voter voted for four presidential
18	candidates on this ballot, plus a write-in.
19	(Inspection performed.)
20	COMMISSIONER PENN: Any questions,
21	comments, concerns?
22	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Do we need to consult
23	the write-in guidelines on that one?
24	MR. PERZAN: Jeff Perzan, representing
25	the Greens. I believe that the intent of this

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voter is clear, in that the write-ins take precedence.

I think what's unique about this one that maybe not has come before the board is that both candidates were not written in the written-in portion, but as the candidates can only run as a ticket, I think the voter intent is clear.

MR. QUINN: Brendan Quinn on behalf of the Trump campaign. It's obvious that it was an overvote with the write-in. However, the statute does dictate that you're supposed to fill in the oval. Without the oval there, in trying to interpret intent, you don't know what the voter meant. It shows that this is clearly an overvote. Thank you.

COMMISSIONER BAAS: I believe that also the guidance is that if you're going to write in somebody who's already on the ballot, you have to write in both the presidential and the vice presidential candidate in order for the write-in to count.

COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I'd like some guidance from counsel on this too with respect to Wisconsin statute 7.50.

It's my understanding that the write-in

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vote for president should not be invalidated if the write-in line for vice president is left blank.

That comes from the guidance for counting presidential and vice presidential write-in votes, as provided by the Wisconsin Election Commission.

I'd also believe, from our previous review of this issue, that where the candidates -- where the voter does write in the name of a candidate as it appears on the ballot, but does not fill in the oval, that does not matter. The write-in of the name satisfies the ascertainment of the voter's intention under Chapter 7.50 of the Wisconsin statutes.

For that reason, I would move that we accept this ballot as a write-in vote for Hillary Clinton, because her name is written as it appears on the ballot, and the guidance provides that the failure to list Tim Kaine does not invalidate the vote for president.

So I would move that we accept this ballot as a vote for Hillary -- a write-in vote for Hillary Clinton.

MR. KARASKIEWICZ: Commissioner

Posnanski, your comments are correct, and they are rooted in 7.50(2)(i).

1	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Can you repeat that so				
2	everyone can hear?				
3	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: Commissioner				
4	Posnanski's comments are correct, and they are				
5	rooted, according to the WEC guidance and Wisconsin				
6	statute in Section 7.50(2)(i).				
7	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Which reads what?				
8	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: "A write-in vote for				
9	president should not be invalidated if the write-in				
10	line for vice president is left blank."				
11	COMMISSIONER PENN: And what about the				
12	four other dots that are filled in?				
13	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: We dealt with this				
14	previously, I believe it was yesterday, that the				
15	write-in is the most recent and				
16	COMMISSIONER PENN: Takes precedent?				
17	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: Yes.				
18	COMMISSIONER PENN: So would it be				
19	reconstructed, Neil?				
20	MR. ALBRECHT: No. It'll just be written				
21	as a write-in vote for Hillary Clinton on the				
22	write-in tally sheet and then included in the				
23	county canvass of write-in votes.				
24	COMMISSIONER PENN: I guess I was more				
25	curious about what the machine would do with it.				

1 MR. ALBRECHT: The machine would have 2 read it as an undervote. I'm sorry, as an 3 overvote. 4 COMMISSIONER PENN: So in order to 5 correct that, we would have to reconstruct it? 6 MR. ALBRECHT: Well, I think our goal 7 here is to get Hillary Clinton the vote due from 8 the ballot, so we would simply record it on the 9 write-in tally sheet as a vote for Hillary Clinton 10 and process the ballot as is. 11 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: As a write-in, 12 and that was my motion. 13 COMMISSIONER BAAS: So refresh my mind on 14 the procedure for named candidates without vice 15 presidents and people who are named on the ballots. 16 Can you refresh me? We did this one days ago. 17 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Yeah. The 18 quidance is that if it is a write-in for a 19 candidate who is on the ballot, so long as the 20 write-in includes the exact name of that 21 candidate -- here Hillary Clinton -- it would be 2.2 counted. If there was some error in how that name 23 was written in, then we would not count it. 24 COMMISSIONER BAAS: What about lacking 25 the vice president?

1	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And that's what			
2	we just went over with counsel, the 7.50(2)(i),			
3	that lacking the vice president does not invalidate			
4	a write-in candidate for president.			
5	COMMISSIONER PENN: Joe, would you call			
6	the vote.			
7	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the motion,			
8	Commissioner Baas?			
9	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Present.			
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?			
11	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.			
12	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?			
13	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.			
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairman, there			
15	are two ayes, one commissioner voting present. The			
16	motion prevails.			
17	(Pause in proceedings.)			
18	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. We're back on			
19	the record.			
20	MS. LEDESMA: I'm Carla Ledesma,			
21	Wauwatosa City Clerk. We're processing the			
22	election day ballots from District 4, Ward 10. We			
23	ask permission to reconstruct one that has a torn			
24	edge.			
25	COMMISSIONER PENN: For the record, we do			

1	not need to vote on this issue. We ruled on
2	Friday, after much research, that a torn ballot can
3	be reconstructed.
4	(Pause in proceedings.)
5	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. We're going
6	back on the record.
7	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht, City of
8	Milwaukee Election Commission. I have a ballot
9	for absentee ballot for Ward 133 that was
LO	processed as an overvoted ballot on election day.
L1	We're looking for any determination on voter's
L2	intent as to whether or not it is a vote for a
L3	candidate or, again, an overvoted ballot.
L4	COMMISSIONER PENN: Did you want to step
L5	forward and review this?
L6	(Inspection performed.)
L7	(There was discussion off the record.)
L8	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Neil, does this
L9	ballot need to be reconstructed?
20	MR. ALBRECHT: If we're selecting a
21	candidate, it would need to be reconstructed.
22	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I move that this
23	ballot be reconstructed consistent with what I
24	believe the voter's intent was, which was to cast a
25	vote for Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine.

1	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: Any
2	discussion?
3	COMMISSIONER PENN: I personally
4	disagree. I don't think we can determine who the
5	vote was for. Any comments?
6	COMMISSIONER BAAS: No.
7	COMMISSIONER PENN: Please call the vote.
8	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: Okay. On the
9	motion, Commissioner Baas?
10	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Nay.
11	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: Commissioner
12	Posnanski?
13	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Chairwoman
15	Penn?
16	COMMISSIONER PENN: Nay.
17	DEPUTY CLERK CHRISTENSON: The vote
18	failed by a vote of one to two.
19	(Pause in proceedings.)
20	MR. ALBRECHT: Neil Albrecht with the
21	City of Milwaukee Election Commission. We have a
22	ballot that was reconstructed on election day, with
23	the determination that the voter's intent was to
24	vote for Hillary Clinton, but we do have a
25	challenge to that ballot.

1 There is, in addition to being a 2 completed oval for Hillary Clinton, there is a 3 check mark in the box for Jill Stein. 4 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: On my review, it 5 looks like there's an X through the circle of the 6 Jill Stein oval. 7 You said this was reconstructed on 8 election night and counted as a ballot for Hillary 9 Clinton, and there's an objection to that right 10 now? 11 MR. ALBRECHT: That's correct. 12 (Inspection performed.) 13 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Either of the 14 party representatives wish to be heard on this 15 ballot? 16 MR. QUINN: Brendan Quinn on behalf of 17 the Trump campaign. I believe the additional mark 18 on that ballot for the presidential race should be 19 considered an overvote and that it should not be 20 counted. Thank you. 21 COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: I would move to 2.2 overrule the objection and to proceed, as was done 23 on election night, to reconstruct this ballot and 24 count the reconstructed ballot as a vote for 25 Hillary Clinton and Tim Kaine.

2.2

COMMISSIONER PENN: Upon looking at this ballot a little closer, it seems this individual put an X through Hillary Clinton and Jill Stein and then went back and filled in the circle. So there's room for interpretation.

Was there any instructions from the Wisconsin Election Commission in addressing this particular issue?

MR. ALBRECHT: Not that I'm aware of. I believe it was simply a matter of trying to determine the voter's intent, and since all of the other offices where the voter was marking the ballot reflected complete ovals, they determined that the completed oval for Hillary Clinton was the voter's intent and reconstructed the ballot accordingly.

COMMISSIONER PENN: Yeah, if you look at the vote for congressional, it has that little X in there too.

So, Tim, we have a ballot with a vote for -- there's an X in Jill Stein, and the circle is filled out for Hillary Clinton, but you can see that there was an X underneath that. There's also a vote for Russ Feingold, and there's -- the oval is filled out, but there was an X underneath that.

1	So			
2	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: Intent.			
3	COMMISSIONER PENN: Huh?			
4	MR. KARASKIEWICZ: Intent.			
5	COMMISSIONER PENN: Intent?			
6	CLERK CZARNEZKI: The motion was to count			
7	the reconstructed ballot for Clinton/Kaine.			
8	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: And overrule the			
9	objection.			
10	CLERK CZARNEZKI: And overrule the			
11	objection.			
12	COMMISSIONER PENN: Okay. Would you call			
13	the vote.			
14	CLERK CZARNEZKI: On the question,			
15	Commissioner Baas?			
16	COMMISSIONER BAAS: Nay.			
17	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Posnanski?			
18	COMMISSIONER POSNANSKI: Aye.			
19	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Commissioner Penn?			
20	COMMISSIONER PENN: Aye.			
21	CLERK CZARNEZKI: Madam Chairwoman, there			
22	are two ayes, one no. The motion prevails.			
23	(Pause in proceedings.)			
24	COMMISSIONER PENN: We're now in recess.			
25	We'll reconvene at eight o'clock tomorrow morning.			

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                    I, JULIE A. POENITSCH, RPR/RDR, Certified
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    Realtime Reporter, and Notary Public in and for the
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    deposition was recorded by me and reduced to writing
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    under my personal direction.
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    was taken before me at the CITY OF MILWAUKEE WAREHOUSE,
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    the 6th day of December, 2016, commencing at 8:05 a.m.
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    and concluding at 5:51 p.m.
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    or counsel, or financially interested directly or
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                    In witness whereof, I have hereunto set
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    my hand and affixed my seal of office at Milwaukee,
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    Wisconsin, on this 23rd day of December, 2016.
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                           In and for the State of Wisconsin
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    My commission expires January 25, 2019.
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