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Fitzgerald Statement on Ethics Commission

[Madison, WI] Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) released the following statement following today's meeting of the Wisconsin Ethics Commission:

"I am pleased that the Ethics Commission and Administrator Bell respected the senate confirmation process. I am confident that the transition to a new administrator can occur without a disruption to the agency's responsibilities.

"Now it is time for the Elections Commission to fulfill its legal obligation and find a replacement for former Administrator Haas. Yesterday's decision by four commissioners to recognize Haas as the interim administrator was unlawful and there are important responsibilities to be fulfilled for the spring elections to proceed.

"Based on advice from the non-partisan Legislative Reference Bureau, non-partisan Legislative Council, and the Department of Justice, the 45-day window for the commission to select a new administrator has begun. If the commission fails to act, the Joint Committee on Legislative Organization must comply with the law and appoint a new administrator.

"The Elections Commission must select a new administrator as soon as possible to ensure that the individual deciding ballot access, advising clerks, and certifying election results is acting lawfully and legitimately."

Senate Majority Leader Scott Fitzgerald (R-Juneau) represents the 13th Senate District, which covers portions of Dodge, Jefferson, Waukesha, Washington, Dane, and Columbia counties.

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