

Biography of Meagan Wolfe

Summary Biography

Meagan Wolfe is the Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission (WEC), serving as the state's Chief Election Official. Meagan was appointed by the bi-partisan, six-member Commission in February of 2018 and unanimously confirmed by the Wisconsin State Senate in May of 2019 for a four-year term. Serving as an election security advocate and ambassador for the needs of Wisconsin's clerks and voters are among her highest priorities. A significant part of her job is ensuring that Wisconsin's 1,922 local election officials (the most of any state) have the resources and technology they need to conduct elections. Meagan previously served as WEC's Deputy Administrator and IT Director, managing the teams that develop and maintain the statewide voter registration system, election security, and all other IT applications of the Commission. Meagan joined state service in 2011, starting as the state's voter outreach coordinator and later as an elections IT project manager leading a major redesign of the MyVote Wisconsin voter information portal (myvote.wi.gov).

Extended Biography

Meagan Wolfe is the non-partisan Administrator of the Wisconsin Elections Commission and the state's Chief Election Official. In 2018, Meagan was unanimously appointed by the six-member, bi-partisan Wisconsin Elections Commission. In 2019, she was unanimously confirmed by the Wisconsin State Senate for a four-year term. Wisconsin is the most decentralized election administration state in the nation with 1,850 city, town, and village election officials and 72 county officials. The majority of Wisconsin's election jurisdictions are small townships and the election officials there often rely on the state for IT, policy, and communications support. Meagan considers it to be one of her most important roles to advocate for the resources needed by Wisconsin's many unique election jurisdictions.

Prior to serving as Administrator, Meagan served as **Deputy Administrator and IT Director** where she oversaw the in-house development and maintenance of the custom-built, statewide voter registration system. She also spearheaded the state's cyber security efforts after 2016, positioning Wisconsin as a leader in election security. Accomplishments include instituting multifactor authentication for more than 3,000 system users, creation of custom cyber security training for local officials, implementation of endpoint detection and response software, and integration of system event log tracking. Through 2019 and 2020, Meagan oversaw the distribution of federal grant funds directly to Wisconsin's 1,922 local election officials to assure each jurisdiction had secure hardware devices, professional IT services, and cyber security training.

Meagan also worked in the role of agency **IT project manager**, leading the state's multi-year project to design, develop, and secure the state's voter facing information portal and the new online voter registration system (myvote.wi.gov). Her leadership in this area includes implementing usability and accessibility testing and a data-driven approach to all Wisconsin election technology.

Meagan began her career in elections in 2011 and was charged with developing a voter education and outreach program for the state's new voter photo ID law. Her **voter outreach** efforts included a photo ID public information and outreach campaign (bringit.wi.gov) and establishing an agency presence and policy on social media. Meagan has also worked extensively with military and overseas voters and was the agency MOVE Act and UOCAVA coordinator. Meagan is an accomplished public speaker who has

represented the agency in public speaking and media engagements for the last decade. She has been invited to speak or testify before the following organizations: United Nations-Electoral Policy Program, United States Senate Rules Committee, Wisconsin State Legislature, National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), Bi-Partisan Policy Center (BPC), The American Bar Association, Wisconsin Bar Association, National Council of State Legislators (NCSL), Council of State Governments (CSG), the National Governor's Association (NGA), the Governor's Cyber Security Council, and many others. In addition, Meagan is often called upon as a witness in election litigation proceedings most notably in *One Wisconsin Institute v. Thomsen* and *Democratic National Committee v. Bostelmann*.

Meagan extends her advocacy for the state of Wisconsin and Wisconsin's election officials by engagement in national organizations to ensure Wisconsin always has a seat at the table and a voice in conversations about elections. Current appointments include:

- **Chair, Electronic Registration Information Center (ERIC)**
Elected member of the ERIC Executive Committee Since 2018
- **Incoming President, National Association of State Election Directors (NASSED)**
Elected member of the NASSED Board since 2018
- **Executive Committee, Elections Infrastructure Information and Analysis Center (EI-ISAC)**
Elected member of the Executive Committee since 2018
- **State Representative, Government Coordinating Council - Elections Infrastructure (GCC)**
Workgroup member since 2018
- **State Member Designee, U.S. Election Assistance Commission (US EAC)**
State designee since 2018
- **Member, Wisconsin IT Directors Council (ITDC)**
Member since 2016
- **Member, Wisconsin Homeland Security Council**
Appointed by Adjutant General Knapp in 2021
- **Member, Council for State Governments (CSG) Military and Overseas Vote Initiative (OVI)**
Appointed member since 2014
- **Member, Bi-Partisan Policy Center (BPC) Elections Task Force**
Appointed member of various initiatives and publications since 2018

Meagan is very proud to serve her state in a non-partisan role to administer elections for all Wisconsinites in both large and small counties. Meagan is a lifelong resident of Wisconsin; born in Waukesha County, raised in Waupaca County, and spending at least one week of every summer in the northwoods of Vilas County. Meagan has lived in the state's capital of Madison for the last 13 years

where in 2009 she co-founded a rental real estate company and enjoys refurbishing old and historic buildings in her limited spare time.