



King County

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

January 14, 2020 | 11:30 a.m. | Teleconference *(due to inclement weather)*

MINUTES

Attending by Phone: Chair, Kyle Vixie, First Vice Chair, Eliseo Juárez, Vice Chair, Jayson Todd Morris, Vice Chair, Nanette Sullivan, Hillary Coleman, Jeffrey Manson, Maya Manus, Sheryl Moss, Seth Orr, Quynh Pham, Stanley Tsao

Absent: Allison Feher, Julie Kang, Stefan Sharkansky

Elections Staff: Elections Director, Julie Wise and Kendall LeVan Hodson

Council Staff: Simon Farretta and Sam Porter

1. Call to Order

Kyle Vixie, CEOC Chair, called the meeting to order at approximately 11:32 a.m.

2. Approve November 12, 2019 Minutes

EJ Juárez moved approval of the minutes of Nov. 12. Jayson Morris seconded. The minutes were adopted.

3. CEOC Annual Report to the King County Council

The Chair recapped the most recent report changes, most of which were to correct typographical errors. The Chair solicited additional feedback, and hearing none, entertained motions. Nannette Sullivan moved to approve report. Seth Orr seconded. The report was adopted.

4. Workgroup updates

EJ Juárez, Voter Participation: The Vice Chairs met with the Chair recently to discuss the workgroups. The next step is to work through logistics. The group will be working with Elections leadership in the next month scoping out work. Activities may be longer range than originally anticipated.

Jayson Morris, Best Practices: Working to clarify certain issues as a team in order to move forward. Will be meeting with staff to have further discussions.

Nanette Sullivan, Election Monitoring: Met with Chair Vixie recently. The goal is to focus on a user-friendly tool to track election monitoring activities and schedule commission members. The committee will have a team meeting on Friday to discuss protocols and methods.

5. King County Council Orientation & CEOC Legislative Intent

This item was postponed until February 19, 2020.

6. Director's Report

Julie Wise, Elections Director: Written materials were provided to the committee via email. The February 11 Special Election has nearly 370,000 registered voters, with about 120,000 ballots expected to be returned (32% projected turnout). School districts and a special district will be on the ballot.

King Conservation District (KCD) also has a Feb. 11 election. The election is not a King County function, but Elections is assisting. Ballots must be requested. About 1.26 million registered active voters are eligible, with a projected return of 30-60,000 ballots. Ballots can be submitted electronically, via mail, or via County drop box. The KCD has a communications plan to let people know about the election.

Drainage District No. 2 has Feb. 4 election. Just 167 properties are eligible, with each getting two votes.

The Presidential Primary is March 10. Turnout projection is 40% (+6% over past "P2" elections). There are nearly 1.4 million registered active voters eligible, with 552,000 projected ballot returns. The Democratic Party has made "uncommitted delegate" an option on the ballot, and Elections will be ready to answer questions about this issue. Voters must mark a party on the envelop to participate and it must match the party of the candidate they support.

Director Wise answered questions from CEOC members.

7. KCE Director's Legislative Priorities

Julie Wise, Elections Director: Written materials were provided to the committee via email. Legislative priorities were outlined, including:

- Restore the Right to Vote
- Eliminate Non-Binding Advisory Votes
- Exploring Signature Alternatives
- Increase Participation in Primaries
- Make Ballot Language More Accessible

Director Wise also emphasized the need to properly fund elections, including state funding.

8. Census 2020

This item was postponed until February 19, 2020.

9. New Business and/or for Good of the Order

Kyle Vixie, CEOC Chair: There are still two spots open on the CEOC (Jurisdictional Representative and Academic Institution Representative with Elections Knowledge). The Chair also welcomed Quynh Pham to the CEOC. Pham is serving as the Vietnamese-speaking community representative

Simon Farretta, Council staff: reminded committee members about the annual Statement of Financial Interests required by the Board of Ethics. He also discussed mileage reimbursement forms.

Kendall LeVan Hodson, Elections staff: told Committee members about the opportunity for a tour at K&H Election Services.

10. Adjournment

The Committee adjourned at 12:06 p.m.