



## King County

### CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

**January 18, 2023 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Zoom Conference**

**Members Present:** Chair: Eliseo Juárez, Vice Chair: Jayson Todd Morris, Vice Chair: Jude Ahmed, Vice Chair: Mathew Patrick Thomas, Hanna Floss, Linda Grez, Tyson Hartman, Kathy Sakahara, Hillary de la Cruz, Stanley Tsao, and Dr. Jason Frederick Lambacher, Stuart Holmes, Julie Kang, Mike Flood and Chris Hayes

**Absent:** N/A

**Special Guests:** N/A

**Elections Staff:** Deputy Elections Director Janice Case, Kendall LeVan Hodson and Jerelyn Hampton

**Council Staff:** Mac Nicholson, Deandra Stanley, Sherrie Hsu, Carmela Ennis and Tania Santiago Pastrana

### AGENDA

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Juárez called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

#### **2. Approve November 16, 2022 minutes\***

Member Hanna Floss moved approval of the minutes as amended of the November 16, 2022 meeting. Vice Chair Jayson Todd Morris seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously as amended.

#### **3. Sexual Harassment Training**

Barbara Flemming, attorney from the King County Prosecuting Attorney's Office, conducted a sexual harassment training.

#### **4. Director's Report including Legislative Priorities**

Director Wise recently testified in the House and Senate in favor of eliminating advisory votes ([SB 5082](#) and [HB 1158](#)) and in support of [HB 1174](#), which improves access to voting in jails. One of King County Election's priority bills is [SB 5182](#) which is a bipartisan bill.

GIS team will be doing precinct alterations as a result of the Seattle districting process. GIS will make annual alterations to accommodate annexations and improve administration. Proposed changes will be published on Monday, January 16. There will be a ten day public comment period. King County Council (KCC) will need to approve the changes.

The February Special Election is right around the corner. Voters in Seattle and the Enumclaw School District will have the opportunity to weigh-in on two [ballot measures](#). Ballots went out to military, overseas, and out of state voters last Friday. Expect turnout is about 33%.

King County Elections is assisting the King Conservation District with their [Board of Supervisors Election](#). They will be primarily using an online portal to get voters access to a ballot and sending a

postcard to promote awareness. Getting these elections onto the regular ballot remains one of Director Wise's top legislative priorities.

Seattle voters recently passed a ballot measure to bring ranked choice voting (RCV) to Seattle Primary elections by 2027. King County Elections is working on that planning and implementation process.

## **5. Overview of CEOC King County Code**

Sherrie Hsu, Senior Legislative Analyst with KCC, conducted an overview of what CEOC is tasked to do according to the King County Code.

## **6. Overview of Various Types of Elections and Canvassing Board (CARMELA)**

King County Elections shared there are various elections throughout the year including:

- February Special Election
- April Special Election
- August Primary Election
- November General Election
- Special Elections

**Chair Juárez:** Some people don't understand the role of the Canvassing Board or election cycles. Is information available on the website?

**Kendall LeVan Hodson:** No. I'll flag to the communications team as we revamp our website.

## **7. King Conservation District Election Update from King County Elections**

King County Elections is assisting with the election process of the King Conservation District. Three candidates ran for Position No. 3. Voting opened January 24<sup>th</sup> and closes on February 14<sup>th</sup>. KCD plans on sending out a mailer to all voters letting them know the election is happening. The ballot can be accessed via a QR code.

## **8. King County Council Position on King Conservation District Election Bill**

Mac Nicholson, King County Director of Government Relations shared no bills at the legislator have been introduced yet regarding the Conservation District election. Last year, KCC supported two bills.

CEOC members passed a motion to draft a letter to King County Elections to support any legislation that would move conservation districts to the regular election process.

## **9. Discussion and Approval of CEOC Annual Report**

CEOC members passed a motion approving the CEOC 2022 Annual Report.

## **10. KCC Staff Update**

Staffer Santiago Pastrana reminded CEOC members of the Ballot Process Observer Training is scheduled to take place January 25<sup>th</sup>. Deandra Stanley, King County Council HR Manager, helped answer questions about the COVID-19 vaccination policy.

## **11. New Business and/or for Good of the Order**

## **12. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at about 12:57 p.m.