

**Citizens Election Oversight Committee
April 11, 2018**

MINUTES

Members Present: Monica Tracey, Sheryl Moss, Ellen Hansen, Emily Willoughby, Marilyn Knight, Bruce Huang, and Linh Thai

Elections Staff: Julie Wise and Nate Valderas

CEOC Staff: Hiedi Popochock (excused), Erica Newman

Special Guest: NONE

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:38 a.m.

2. Meeting Minutes

Marilyn Knight moved approval of the February 14, 2018 minutes. Seeing no objections the minutes were approved.

3. Director's Report

Nathan Valderas, Deputy Director, King County Elections, updated the Committee on the April 24 2018 special election. There are four participating jurisdictions; City of Kent, Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority, King County Fire Protection District, and Tahoma School District. Department of Elections anticipates a 32% participation rate, and as of today there have been 5,000 ballots returned. There are thirteen drop boxes open for this election, including the newest drop box in Duvall, and two accessible voting centers.

Prepaid Postage Update

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, transmitted the proposed ordinance to Council, the ordinance was read into the record April 09, 2018 and it is hoped that the ordinance will be implemented in the near future. Department of Elections will also be changing the envelope artwork by the May 3, 2018 deadline.

State's Election Modernization Project RFP

The Secretary of State's Office received five vendor responses for the RFP process and expects to have vendor demonstrations next week. The Executive Steering Committee will select the winning bidder and the goal is to have a signed contract by June 01, 2018.

2018 Legislation Summary

The Legislature passed the following election-related bills:

- Washington Voting Rights Act
- Same Day Registration
- Pre-Registration of 16 and 17 year olds
- Automatic Voter Registration
- Post-Election Audits

- Write in Bill (requires write in candidate to file as a candidate to have their votes counted)
- Help America Vote Act (HAVA) has been funded by the federal government.

4. CEOC Composition Proposal

CEOC Proposal
Non-partisan organization that evaluates candidates and ballot measures (e.g. Municipal League)
Nonpartisan organization that provides elections information to the public (e.g. League of Women Voters)
Representative from King County Republicans
Representative from King County Democrats
Jurisdictional representative (e.g. school district, small city, or junior taxing district)
Representative from the disability community
Representative from the Chinese-speaking community
Representative from the Vietnamese-speaking community
Representative who has experience working with limited English speaking communities
Representative from an academic institution who has knowledge of elections
Representative who has experience in technology
At-large member
At-large member
At-large member
At-large member
Representative from the Secretary of State's Office (ex officio)

Chair Hansen announced that the subcommittee met again and they came up with a modified proposal for the CEOC Composition. Chair Hansen proposed the idea of selecting more at large members to give councilmembers an opportunity to appoint individuals from their jurisdictions. Ms. Knight moved approval of the proposal and it passed unanimously.

5. 2018 Work Plan

Chair Hansen modified item 3, deleting “selection and”. She also modified item 9, deleting “Discuss and review the history”, replacing it with “Work with Council to update”. The members agreed to delete all of item 12 and add a bullet point to item 14 that says “Monitor Pre-paid postage. There was an addition to item 10 that includes a succession plan for members of the CEOC. Ms. Knight moved approval of the 2018 workplan, and it passed unanimously.

6. Review of CEOC Charter and Code of Conduct

Ms. Knight proposed an item 5, which reads “No more than two unexcused absences”. Ms. Knight moved approval of the 2018 work plan and it passed unanimously.

7. Other Business/ Good of the Order

Director Wise will give a review of audits and candidate filings at the next meeting. The next meeting is June 20th and the August meeting has been moved to August 15th. Chair Ellen acknowledged Ms. Moss for receiving an award from the National Association for Secretaries of State Award. She has been invited to the national convention in San Antonio, TX.

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:54 p.m.