

Citizens Election Oversight Committee
October 10, 2018

MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Hansen, Emily Willoughby, Marilyn Knight, Bruce Huang (appeared via phone), Sheryl Moss (appeared via phone), and Monica Tracey

Excused: Frank Radford and Linh Thai

Elections Staff: Julie Wise, Nate Valderas, Margaret Brownell, and Janice Case

CEOC Staff: Erica Newman

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m.

2. Introductions

Chair Hansen initiated group introductions.

3. Approve August 15, 2018 minutes

Marilyn Knight moved approval of the August 15, 2018 meeting minutes. Seeing no objections the minutes were approved.

4. Director's Report

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, updated the Committee on the General Election update.

General Election Update

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, provided estimated projections for the General Election and the department expects a higher return rate than the Primary Election. She mentioned that ballots have been mailed to voters who are on active duty status and overseas. The department is working diligently to resolve the backlog of voter registration forms; ballots have been mailed to voters that are currently out of state and plan to return after the election. There will be 66 drop boxes open during the election. The deadline for citizens to become a registered voter is October 29, 2018. The department is recommending voters put their ballots in the USPS mailbox no later than November 2nd to avoid the late arrival of ballots. Nate Valderas, Deputy Director, King County Elections, noted there has been an increase in voter registration and the department plans to hire 201 temporary workers for the general election.

Observation Opportunities

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, provided a list of observer requested activities and noted they can also be located on the King County Elections website.

Update on Completion of Ballot Tabulation Project

Nate Valderas, Deputy Director, King County Elections, mentioned that the department is working on paying invoices, and completing administrative tasks by December 31, 2018. The department is currently using the newest version of the software provided by the Clear Ballot Company.

5. Legislation on CEOC Composition

- Next Steps

The Committee reviewed the CEOC composition and discussed change in membership.

- Our Responsibilities

Chair Hansen suggested that current members serve beyond their term to help with the transition of the new members.

6. Other Business/ Good of the Order

Chair Hansen discussed the New York Times article regarding the vulnerability of elections systems. Nate Valderas, Deputy Director, King County Elections, provided brief comments to the Committee. Janice Case, Operations Manager, King County Elections, discussed revising the methods used for members to provide feedback to the Department of Elections on ballot drop boxes and discussed plans for security presence at the drop boxes on Election Day.

7. Next Meeting is November 14, 2018

8. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:37 PM.