

**Citizens Election Oversight Committee
November 14, 2018**

MINUTES

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

Elections Staff: Julie Wise, Nate Valderas, Margaret Brownell, Janice Case, and Kendal LeVan-Hodson

CEOC Staff: Erica Newman and Sahar Fathi

Special Guest: Rosemary Ogden

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 October 10, 2018 minutes

Marilyn Knight moved approval of the October 10, 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.

General Election Recap

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, credited her employees for making sure the operations of the Elections Department was smooth and provided an update of election results. King County had a 76% participation rate and to date there were over 979,000 ballots received. The ballot drop boxes and prepaid postage have been a success and has improved voter participation.

Voter Registration

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, briefed the Committee on the increasing number of voter registration from September 2018-October 2018. There were over 30,000 new voter registrations.

Updated/ Replacement Ballots

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, provided an update to her email that she sent out on October 23, 2018 regarding replacement ballots. There were about 17,000 voters that received duplicate ballots, but the computer software will not allow duplicate ballots to be counted.

Mail Theft

There was media coverage regarding mail theft involving ballots. While mail theft is a serious issue, there was no wide spread reports specifically about ballots being taken. Ballots could have been taken if it were amongst other mail that was being stolen.

Outreach (media and videos)

Julie Wise, Director, Department of Elections, provided a video "Get Out and Vote" that was created to encourage voters to vote.

Security

There is a specific page on the Elections website regarding security concerns.

February Election

The February Election deadline is December 4, 2018. The ballot will contain measures for the Seattle School District, Renton School District, King County Fire Districts, and King County Water District.

5. Observation of General Election

Members observed various drop box locations and had a good experience. The members provided the Department of Elections with positive feedback and ways to improve customer service on Election Day.

6. Accomplishments/Review of Work/Annual Report

Chair Hansen discussed the next steps for completing the Annual Report.

7. Other Business/ Good of the Order

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

8. Next Meeting: January 09, 2019

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:52 PM.