

Citizens Election Oversight Committee
January 09, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Hansen, Emily Willoughby, Marilyn Knight, Bruce Huang, and Monica Tracey

Elections Staff: Julie Wise, Nate Valderas, and Kendal LeVan-Hodson

CEOC Staff: Erica Newman and Sahar Fathi

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:37 a.m.

2. Approve October 10, 2018 minutes

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

3. Director's Report

February Special Election

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, updated the Committee on the February 12th election. The election includes propositions from Seattle and Renton School District, King County Fire Protection District, and King County Water District #45. Elections is expecting about a 35% participation rate and there will be accessible voting locations open, including Union Station. There will be 40 drop box locations open for this election.

VoteWA

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, briefed the Committee on VoteWA which is the new statewide voter registration and database system. The system should be up and running no later than June 2019. To date, Elections is scheduled to go live with the system in April 2019.

Legislation

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, provided an updated list on the vote center locations that need to be setup per Washington state law.

Priorities

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, provided a list of legislative priorities that included signature alternatives, primary election, ballot language, and same day registration.

4. Review Draft of 2018 Annual Report

Chair Hansen requested that all members review the Draft Annual CEOC Report and to make any changes or request to Sahar Fathi, Council Staff, by January 16, 2019.

5. Membership Vacancies

Sahar Fathi, Council Staff, briefed the Committee on membership vacancies and the process to fill the positions. Emily Willoughby, Bruce Huang, and Ellen Hansen would like to be reappointed to the CEOC. Marilyn Knight does not wish to be reappointed to the CEOC and Monica Tracey is uncertain of her decision, but is waiting for the new Chair of the Republican Party to develop a succession plan.

6. Election of Officers

Ellen Hansen will remain Chair and Marilyn Knight will remain Vice Chair of the CEOC until new members are appointed to the Committee.

7. Meeting Schedule for 2019

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, requests that meetings not be held the day after elections. As proposed, the 2019 CEOC meeting schedule has been approved.

8. Other Business/Good of the Order

There was no other business to come before the Committee.

9. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:33 PM.