



King County

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

May 20, 2020 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Zoom Conference (emailed link)

MINUTES

Members Present: Chair: Kyle Vixie, First Vice Chair: Eliseo Juárez, Vice Chair: Jayson Todd Morris, Vice Chair: Nanette Sullivan, Hillary Coleman, Julie Kang, Jeff Manson, Maya Manus, Sheryl Moss, Seth Orr, Stanley Tsao and Stefan Sharkansky

Absent: Allison Feher and Quynh Pham

Special Guest: King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci

Elections Staff: Elections Director Julie Wise, Kendall LeVan Hodson, Janice Case and Kathy Soliz

Council Staff: Erin Arya, Patrick Hamacher and Miranda Leskinen

1. Call to Order

Kyle Vixie, CEOC Chair, called the meeting to order at 11:32 a.m.

2. Approve February 19, 2020 minutes

Jayson Todd Morris moved approval of the minutes of the February 19, 2020 meeting. Seth Orr seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Council Chair Claudia Balducci, Welcome Address

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Council Chair Claudia Balducci thanked members of the CEOC for their time and expertise serving King County on the CEOC. She also discussed the importance of their work as it relates to voting rights, public confidence in a vote by mail system, secure, accurate and fair elections.

4. Workgroup Updates

EJ Juárez, First Vice Chair, Voter Participation

EJ reported that COVID has impaired the workgroup's ability to meet.

Jayson Morris, Vice Chair, Best Practices

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Nanette Sullivan, Vice Chair, Election Monitoring

Nanette reported that the Elections Monitoring workgroup is working to develop procedures, a checklist for elections monitoring and ensure more presence in canvassing board meetings. The group hopes to next meet in mid-June.

5. Director's Report w/ KCD Election Lessons Learned + Filing Week Recap

Director Wise provided an update on filing week and the King Conservation District Election to the CEOC.

KCE noted several issues that occurred with VoteWA during filing week. The system lacked a party declaration for the first two days so filers were asked to refile. There were also issues with slowness and the user interface on the last day of filing week. Jayson moved to send a letter to the King County Council from the CEOC reporting on the issues experienced during filing week and Maya seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

KCE does not run King Conservation District elections but provided a requested update on the most recent election which garnered national attention for using mobile voting. Discussion included the large expense incurred by small jurisdictions required to run their own elections by state law.

6. Contingency Planning (i.e. COVID-19, Potential USPS Disruptions)

Director Wise provided an update of steps they are taking amid COVID-19 to ensure the primary and general elections are run smoothly and safely. She also discussed contingency planning they are beginning to access various scenarios that might occur, how online services can be enhanced, and planning for potential disruptions to USPS service.

Sheryl reported that a postal task force meeting will be held on June 11 where much of the potential issues with USPS will be addressed.

7. Proposed Bylaws Revisions

Jayson moved that the definition of a quorum in the bylaws be updated to a majority of total appointed members, not counting any vacant seats. EJ seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

8. Census 2020 Regional Task Force

Kyle and Maya provided an update on Census operations in King County amid the challenges of COVID-19.

9. KCC Staff Updates (training scheduling, reimbursements)

Erin Arya provided updates on staffing, reimbursements and outstanding observer training (Tsao, Pham, Manson, Kang).

10. New Business and/or for Good of the Order

Kyle Vixie inquired whether members would like to receive third party event notices.

11. Adjournment

Jayson Todd Morris moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:51 p.m. Seth Orr seconded. Motion carried.