



**King County**

**CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)**

**September 16, 2020 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Zoom Conference**

**MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Chair: Kyle Vixie, First Vice Chair: Eliseo Juárez, Hillary Coleman, Allison Feher, Julie Kang, Maya Manus, Sheryl Moss, Seth Orr, Quynh Pham, and Stefan Sharkansky

**Absent:** Vice Chair: Nanette Sullivan, Vice Chair: Jayson Todd Morris, Stanley Tsao, Jeff Manson

**Special Guest:** King County Councilmember Rod Dembowski

**Elections Staff:** Elections Director Julie Wise, Kendall LeVan Hodson, Janice Case and Halei Watkins

**Council Staff:** Erin Arya, Patrick Hamacher and Miranda Leskinen

**1. Call to Order**

CEOC Chair Kyle Vixie called the meeting to order at 11:33 a.m.

**2. Approve July 15, 2020 minutes**

Seth Orr moved approval of the minutes of the July 15, 2020 meeting. Maya Manus seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**3. Dropbox Monitoring with Microsoft Forms**

Kyle provided an update on piloting Microsoft Forms as a tool for providing standardized feedback on drop box monitoring for the General Election. Kyle and Nanette Sullivan are in talks with the Municipal League Foundation about having their volunteers use the tool in addition to CEOC members.

**4. Proposed Bylaws Updates for Virtual Meeting Flexibility**

Kyle raised for discussion and action the proposal previously shared via email for consideration to require 24 hours notice for a special virtual meeting in the CEOC bylaws. Members sought and change the notice to a longer period and agreed to 48 hours. Hillary Coleman moved approval to amend the bylaws to require 48 hours notice for a special virtual meeting. Eliseo Juárez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

## **5. Hit 90 Campaign**

Kendall LeVan Hodson gave a brief report on the Hit 90 campaign to encourage 90% turnout in King County for the General Election including King County Library and King County Metro, Seattle Center and YMCA partnerships, social media efforts.

## **6. Director's Report**

Director Wise provided an update to the CEOC on Elections long term relationship with USPS and expectations and data collection for the General Election. She provided a recap of the Canvassing Board decision and protocols moving forward for timing of the closing of drop boxes. She also addressed voter pamphlet deadlines and fielded additional questions related to ballot drop boxes.

## **7. Councilmember Rod Dembowski, King County Council**

Councilmember Dembowski provided a welcome and shared his thanks on behalf of the Council for serving on the CEOC. He shared the history of the CEOC and its inception out of the 2004 election, along with making the Elections Director an elected position. He also spoke of the great work of King County Elections and Director Wise as well as the present-day relationship and role the CEOC plays in ensuring accessible, transparent and secure elections.

## **8. Primary Election Review with COVID Process Changes/CenturyLink Center**

Janice Case provided an update on changes being made to facilities and operations due to COVID-19. She also discussed the large volume of traffic experienced in their parking lot on Primary Election Day and how they are changing procedures and traffic plans for the General Election to accommodate flow better.

## **9. NPR Interview: "How Mail-In Voting Impacts People Experiencing Homelessness"**

Hillary was a guest on NPR's [Here and Now](#) program to talk about the processes and impacts of registering people experiencing homelessness to vote. She noted that locally it's great to have local and state elections officials making things possible. Registration process hardest when moving to virtual world so having different options is important.

## **10. Census 2020 Regional Task Force**

Kyle provided a brief update on upcoming deadlines and U.S. Census operations.

## **11. KCC Staff Updates (training scheduling, reimbursements)**

None.

## **12. New Business and/or for Good of the Order**

None.

## **13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.