



King County

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

January 27, 2021 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Zoom Conference

MINUTES

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

Absent: Jeff Manson

Special Guest: King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert

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

Council Staff: Erin Arya, Patrick Hamacher and Miranda Leskinen

1. Call to Order

CEOC Chair Kyle Vixie called the meeting to order at 11:31 a.m.

2. Approve November 18, 2020 minutes

Vice Chair Jayson Todd Morris moved approval of the minutes of the November 18, 2020 meeting. Allison Feher seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Changes for 2021

Chair Vixie proposed that future meetings include time without Elections staff present to allow for members to have discussion amongst themselves.

4. King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert

King County Councilmember Kathy Lambert thanked members for their hard work during the general election. She emphasized the importance of talking with stakeholders after an election about how observations, access to voting and the election as a whole went. The Councilmember thanked members for doing the work of and being an example of good government.

5. CEOC Report to the King County Council

CEOC members reviewed the draft of the 2020 Annual Report due to Council on February 1. Members thanked and commended Chair Vixie for his significant work on the drafts and committed to a longer, more collaborative process in the future. Much of the discussion centered around two paragraphs which served as a point of disagreement among members. The option of striking the two paragraphs in question was raised. Member Sharkansky noted he would write a dissenting report and speak to the Council during public comment if the paragraphs were struck entirely. Vice Chair Morris moved approval of the third draft of the report as originally distributed by Chair

Vixie on January 27. Member Sharkansky seconded the motion. Member Coleman indicated she could not support as written and offered a friendly amendment to strike the two paragraphs in question. Vice Chair Morris accepted this amendment and Member Sharkansky opted to withdraw his second. Member Manus seconded the motion and members voted 11-1 in favor of approval with Member Sharkansky voting nay.

6. 2021 Committee Content Calendar

Members discussed the proposed content calendar and agreed they would like to see barriers to voting added as a topic as well as Census data as it relates to redistricting and the makeup of the committee. Chair Vixie confirmed it is a working document to help staff with planning. First Vice Chair Juarez moved approval of the content calendar. Member Manus seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

7. 2021 Work Plan

Members discussed the draft of the 2021 Work Plan. Member Sharkansky expressed interest in ballot accounting. Member Orr moved approval. Vice Chair Morris seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

8. Workgroup Preferred Operation Protocols

Members discussed the draft workgroup protocols. Member Sharkansky expressed that formalized protocols for requesting data were not desirable. Chair Vixie clarified that the language only states “preferred” not “required.” Member Orr moved approval of the protocols and Member Tsao seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

9. Director's Report (w/ Legislative Priorities Update & Voter Education Fund Grants)

Director Wise provided a brief update on Elections’ legislative priorities and how the virtual legislative session is working. She also provided an update on the voter education fund grant cycle which Elections is targeting for a March launch with applications due in April and awards in mid-May. In the past cycle, they estimate that the 39 partners reached 800,000 voters, held 5,000 events and registered 10,000 voters.

10. Overview of suggested KCE Elections 101 content w/ CEOC input

Due to time constraints, Kendall Levan Hodson will share the training content information via email for feedback.

11. KCC Staff Updates

Erin Arya told committee members that she will soon send information regarding the upcoming legislative branch training.

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

None.

13. Adjournment

Member Coleman moved to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chair Morris seconded. The meeting was adjourned unanimously at 12:58 p.m.