

**Citizens Election Oversight Committee
September 10, 2014**

MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Hansen, Paul Berry, Chuck Gerringer, Bruce Huang, Sven Kalve, Sheryl Moss, Linh Thai, Monica Tracey, Emily Willoughby

Excused: Marilyn Knight, Frank Radford, James Rigby, Carolyn Weikel

Elections Staff: Kim van Ekstrom, Dale Hartman, Nathan Valderas, Jackie Blackwell?

CEOC Staff: Mary Bourguignon, Katherine Cortes

1. Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:30 am and made introductions. She asked Mary Bourguignon to introduce Katherine Cortes from the County Council staff, who will be the new staff person for the committee.
2. The minutes of June 18, 2014, were approved as presented.
3. Election Calendar and Observation Opportunities: Kim van Ekstrom noted that observation opportunities for the November election would be posted on the web site within the next two weeks.
4. Director's Report: Sherril Huff was unable to attend the meeting, but provided a written report. That report noted that turnout for the August election was 30 percent, with 351,927 voters returning ballots. Her report also summarized ballot returns by mail, through the three Accessible Voting Centers, and at ballot drop-off locations. Elections staff noted that the turnout was lower than the projection, possibly because of the lack of issues on the ballot. Dale Hartman noted that Elections had procured a new elections management system through DFM Associates, a California company that currently provides elections management software to approximately two-thirds of Washington's counties.
5. Committee members summarized their observations for the August election. They noted that at most ballot drop-off locations, staff was well prepared and professional and shutdown went well. However, committee members expressed concern that staff for the Ballard drop-box were nearly too late in arriving due to the need to send the original Ballard team to a different location. They also expressed concern about the need for written procedures for staff to follow during the Logic & Accuracy Test.
6. The committee held an executive session.
7. Remaining meeting schedule for 2014: October 8, November 12

The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Mary Bourguignon