

Citizens Election Oversight Committee
April 12, 2017

MINUTES

Members Present: Ellen Hansen (Chair), Marilyn Knight (Vice Chair), Glenn Avery, Chuck Gerringer, Sven Kalve, Frank Radford, and Linh Thai

Telephone: Sheryl Moss

Excused: Bruce Huang, Kristina Swanson, Monica Tracey, and Emily Willoughby

Elections Staff: Julie Wise (Director), Kafia Hosh, Jimi Robinson, and Nate Valderas

CEOC Staff: Mary Bourguignon and Miranda Leskinen

1. Call to Order:

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:32 am.

2. Meeting Minutes:

The minutes of February 8, 2017 were approved.

3. Director's Report:

April Special Election Update. Director Wise provided an overview of information relating to the upcoming April 25, 2017 special election, which is to include a measure for the Vashon Island School District. Director Wise noted for the committee that ballots for the April 25th special election will feature pre-paid postage, which will be noted in the voters' pamphlet and on the ballot return envelope. Director Wise noted that the pre-paid postage cost is estimated at \$2,500 and is within the scope of the King County Elections pre-paid postage pilot.

Voter Education Fund Launch. Director Wise and the committee discussed the program launch, application period, and community outreach regarding the Voter Education Fund, which is a partnership between King County Elections and Seattle Foundation to award grants to community-based organizations toward addressing inequities reduction in voting access in historically marginalized communities. Both the program launch and application period, as noted by Director Wise, opened on April 3, 2017.

Candidate Filing. Director Wise identified candidate filing information relating to upcoming filing dates and deadlines. Director Wise noted that King County Elections will be hosting two-hour workshops, which are currently scheduled for April 28th and April 29th at King County Elections Headquarters in Renton, and further noted that information similar to that provided during the workshops will be made available online in video format by King County Elections.

Tabulation System Project Update. Elections staff updated the committee on the Tabulation System Project, which entails replacement of elections tabulation equipment with a new system that is anticipated to be more efficient and adaptive to voters' needs. Staff is finalizing the vendor agreement with Clear Ballot and will be giving the King County Disability Advisory Committee the opportunity to receive an equipment demonstration and provide feedback. Director Wise reiterated her appreciation for the work of CEOC members throughout the process. She will send information on communications and outreach on the new system to the committee.

Legislation. Sheryl Moss and Director Wise provided an update on outstanding elections-related legislation. Of primary concern is SB 5472, which would require King County to add an additional 43 new ballot drop boxes without any funding from the State. Director Wise noted that this bill passed the Senate on a unanimous vote. She noted that, if passed, it would pose logistical and budgetary issues. She discussed a similar bill, HB2173, which would require additional drop boxes, but which would provide some level of funding. Director Wise will provide a written summary of the seven active bills currently in the Legislature.

4. 2017 Work Plan:

Chair Hansen asked for comments on the CEOC work plan for 2017, as amended during the February meeting.

Mr. Radford suggested several amendments:

- Discuss and review the history, duties, charter, and membership of the CEOC
- Prepare a disaster plan
- Prepare a safety plan for the Elections facility

During discussion, committee members agreed to incorporate the first amendment into the work plan. They determined that disaster and safety planning were already adequately incorporated into the work plan.

The 2017 CEOC work plan was adopted as amended with a new item: "Discuss and review the history, duties, charter, and membership of the CEOC."

5. Other Business/Good of the Order:

Mr. Gerringer announced that he was resigning from his position due to other opportunities and travel plans. He thanked his colleagues for a wonderful four years on the committee and thanked Director Wise and her staff for their work. Chair Hansen led committee members in acknowledged his service.

6. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 pm.