

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

Election Monitoring Meeting Workgroup Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2023 | 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. | Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Chair: Mathew Patrick Thomas, Hanna Floss and Christopher Hays

Absent: N/A

Special Guests: N/A

Council Staff: Jonathan Fowler and Tania Santiago Pastrana

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Thomas called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m.

2. September 6, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Member Floss moved approval of the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting. Member Hays seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

3. Updated Election Observation Protocols

Staffer Fowler emailed CEOC members a document from King County Elections stating the protocols for CEOC members when observing elections. Previously, the document had only mentioned protocols for members of state parties and other election monitoring groups, but it now includes CEOC. No follow-up questions were asked.

4. November Election Observation Opportunities

Workgroup members shared what observation activities they planned on participating in for the November general election.

5. Follow-up Regarding Media and Community Interactions CEOC Policy

Staffer Santiago Pastrana shared the CEOC bylaws section titled, "Spokesperson for the CEOC" with workgroup members via email. No follow-up questions were asked.

6. CEOC as a Notified Partner with King County Elections

At the September CEOC meeting, Director Wise shared that CEOC will be a notified partner with King County Elections moving forward. Staff followed-up with King County Elections staff and verified that there is no written protocol on CEOC being a notified partner, but it will be King County Election practice moving forward.

Chair Thomas made a motion to have staff do research if it's necessary or recommended to get it in writing that CEOC is a notified party with King County Elections. Member Floss seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Drafting the Best Practices Workgroup Update for the CEOC End of Year Report

Staffer Santiago Pastrana shared the workgroup end of year draft guidelines. Workgroups are tasked with emailing Chair Juárez a draft with details of 2023 workgroup activities by October 25th. Chair Thomas agreed to email a draft early next week for workgroup members to edit via email.

Mathew Patrick Thomas: If we come up with recommendations as a workgroup, does it need to go to the full CEOC for consideration and then be added to the End of Year Report?

Jonathan Fowler: Yes and it could get added in the final report. That report is transmitted and the chair of the council reads the report and a councilmember could sponsor a motion.

Hanna Floss: Through one of the Democratic Party observers, I was informed that the Bothell ballot box was moved from the Bothell City Hall to the library. The move was requested by Bothell City Council to address disability access concerns. I confirmed with Elections that voters would be notified about the location change. As of today, the King County Elections website has not been updated.

8. Staff Updates

Staffer Santiago Pastrana reminded workgroup members to complete the end of year survey by COB on Friday, October 13th.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at about 11:01 am.