

# CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

## Election Monitoring Workgroup

September 6, 2023 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

<https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/86290963244> : Passcode: 132488

Members Present: Mathew Patrick Thomas and Hanna Floss

Absent: Chris Hays

Special Guests:

CEOC Staff: Jonathan Fowler and Terna Wilson

### MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** 11:00 a.m.  
Mathew Patrick Thomas, CEOC Chair of Election Monitoring Workgroup

Mathew Patrick Thomas called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m. Members of the workgroup approved the meeting minutes from the July 31<sup>st</sup> workgroup meeting with one amendment that corrected the way Mathew Patrick Thomas' name appears in the notes.

- 2. Report out of Observation for the August Primary Election** 11:02 a.m.  
Mathew Patrick Thomas, CEOC Chair of Election Monitoring Workgroup

*DETAILS: Election Monitoring Workgroup members observed the August Primary Election. They will take turns sharing their experience.*

Members discussed election observations from the August Primary. Mathew Patrick Thomas reported on a server error that was not immediately brought to the attention of the state political parties. Mathew Patrick Thomas suggested updating King County Code so that King County Elections is required to notify CEOC should any urgent issues take place during elections.

- 3. Discussion of King County Auditor's 2018 Report and 2021 Follow-Up Report on Elections** 11:07 a.m.  
Mathew Patrick Thomas, CEOC Chair of Election Monitoring Workgroup

*DETAILS: Workgroup members will share their thoughts and questions regarding answers they received from the King County Elections and King County Auditor's Office.*

Members discussed King County's auditors report and past elections. Discussed the potential benefits of election audits every 4 years.

- 4. CEOC Member Election Monitoring Protocols** 11:25 a.m.  
Mathew Patrick Thomas, CEOC Chair of Election Monitoring Workgroup

*DETAILS: Discussion of election monitoring protocols for CEOC members.*

Jonathan Fowler reports that legal team at King County is reviewing election monitoring protocol. Current protocol in works may be effective at upcoming November elections. Jonathan Fowler will send update on protocol at end of week. Jonathan Fowler discussed the process of submitting a request to change King County Code. Members and staff discussed to the process for CEOC to make recommendations to the Council and the process for legislation at the King County Council.

#### **5. Staff Updates**

11:55 a.m.

Tania Santiago Pastrana, CEOC Staffer

Notes: Jonathan Fowler reports that Tania Santiago Pastrana will return next week.

#### **Adjournment**

Mathew Patrick Thomas adjourned the meeting at 11:25 AM.