

## **CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)**

### **Voter Participation Workgroup**

**October 4, 2023 | 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. | Virtual Meeting**

**Members Present:** Chair Jude Ahmed, Christopher Hays, Stanley Tsao, and Hanna Floss

**Absent:**

**Special Guests:** Peter Heineccius and Brooke Leary

**CEOC Staff:** Jonathan Fowler, Tania Santiago Pastrana, and Terna Wilson

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Chair Ahmed called meeting to order at 12:05 PM.

#### **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. Check-in Question**

Chair Ahmed checked-in with workgroup, asking members to reflect on the activities that the workgroup has done so far and asked if they had highlights. Members took turns sharing. Highlights included learning about ballot drop boxes, jail voting, signature verification, youth voting and accessibility.

#### **4. King County Elections Resources Discussion**

Chair Ahmed introduced discussion of dividing up work to read materials requested from King County Elections, including legislative RCWs and policies. Member Tsao commented that work assignments should depend on the details of the materials, would like to better understand the issues and different topics before discussing how to allot work. Staffer Fowler commented that he would find out what CEOC staffers are permitted to assist with for CEOC members.

#### **5. King County Auditor's Presentation and Q&A**

Chair Ahmed introduced guests from the King County Auditor's Office. Audit Director Brooke Leary and Auditor Peter Heineccius provided a brief presentation outlining the processes and outcomes of the 2018 King County Elections audit and 2021 update.

Workgroup members had various questions for Director Leary including if the County Auditor position is elected vs. appointed, timing of audits, scope of audits among other topics.

Member Ahmed asked if CEOC can make audit requests in specific areas such as language demographics and jail voting. Staffer Santiago Pastrana responded that King County Code dictates that CEOC can only make recommendations to King County Council.

**6. Drafting the Voter Participation Update for the CEOC End of Year Report**

Staffer Santiago Pastrana provided CEOC workgroup members guidelines on how to draft their portion of the end of year report.

Members agreed to each write meeting highlights for each workgroup meeting they had in 2023. Chair Ahmed would combine their responses.

**7. Staff Updates**

No further updates were provided by staff.

**8. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 1:07 PM.