

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

September 18, 2024 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Chair: Eliseo Juárez, Hanna Floss, Tyson Hartman, Julie Kang, Mike Flood, Mathew Patrick Thomas, Chris Hays,

Absent: Hilary de la Cruz, Stuart Holms, Kathy Sakahara, Jason Lambacher, Stanley Tsao, Matthew Vinci, and Carolyn Stevens

Special Guests: Director Julie Wise and Janice Case

Council Staff: Sherrie Hsu, Jonathan Fowler and Tania Mondaca

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chair Juárez called the meeting to order at approximately 11:40 a.m. Due to a lack of quorum, Chair Juárez announced that the meeting would continue with briefings and updates but no votes.

2. Chair Update

Chair Juárez thanked Jude Ahmed for her service as she recently resigned from CEOC. Chair Juárez provided an update on the annual report process that will be transmitted to Council in early 2025.

3. Approve May 15, 2024 minutes

Meeting minutes were deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

4. Director's Report

Director Wise provided an overview of the August primary election and preparations for the November General Election. She was asked about pending litigation pertaining to online signature challenges. She indicated that there was little she could share because it is an active legal matter.

5. King County Elections Budgetary Priorities Update

Director Wise provided an update on the County's budget process. The County is facing a fiscal cliff but Elections has been able to work within their budget. Certain positions have been left vacant leading to less of a financial impact to the department when considering cuts.

6. City of Seattle Rank Choice Voting Update

Director Wise provided an update on Seattle's rank choice voting process. Elections has convened an advisory committee regarding this issue, and Chair Juárez is a member representing the CEOC.

7. Overview of Special Purpose District Elections

This agenda item was deferred to the next meeting due to lack of quorum.

8. CEOC Code Change Update

Sherrie Hsu, King County Council Principal Legislative Analyst, provided background and updates regarding recent code changes to CEOC.

9. Discussion of Potential Bylaw Changes

This agenda item was deferred to next meeting due to lack of quorum.

10. KCC Staff Update

Staffer Mondaca flagged a recent email she sent CEOC members regarding observation training and election observation opportunities for the November 2024 General Election.

11. New Business and/or for Good of the Order

No comments or updates were given.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 12:58 p.m.