



King County

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

October 21, 2025 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Interim Chair Christopher Hayes, Hanna Floss, John Rodriguez, Julie Kang, Mathew Patrick Thomas, Hilary De La Cruz, Stanley Tsao, Stuart Holmes and Kathy Sakahara

Absent: Tyson Hartman, Leann Blanco, Jason Lambacher Mike Flood and Tasha Mae

Guest: Julie Wise and Said Shekuna

Council Staff: Tania Mondaca, Jonathan Fowler and Darren Nguyen

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Call to Order**

Interim Chair Hays called the meeting to order at approximately at 11:30 am.

2. **Acting Chair Updates**

Interim Chair wants to ensure that members attend general election observation opportunities in King County. Staff will send information on how to participate in observation opportunities.

3. **Approve September 16, 2025 minutes**

The September 16, 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. **Director's Report including General Election Preparations and Budget Update**

Director Wise gave an update about general election preparation which included changes in drop box locations in Kirkland and White Center. Director Wise gave an overview of the general elections including registered voters recently receiving their ballots, recommendations on what voters can do if they didn't receive their ballot. King County Elections (KCE) is projecting a 45% voter turnout for the general elections.

Director Wise went over the differences between voter pamphlets between the Secretary of State's Office and King County.

Director Wise shared information about a recent incident with King County Fire District No. 47 submitting their levy information to KCE. KCE did not receive the email due to Outlook security issues. The problem has since been resolved and FD47's levy will appear on the ballot for the general election. KCE is in the process of creating a portal for levy information to be uploaded instead of emailed.

5. **Jail Voting Overview**

Said Shekuna from KCE shared a presentation giving an overview of jail voting accessible for those in King County detention facilities. Said highlighted current state, challenges, and plans to strengthen the program.

6. **Discuss Draft 2026 CEOC Workplan**

Staff presented the draft 2026 CEOC workplan. CEOC members agreed with the drafted schedule, and final vote of the workplan will be in the November CEOC meeting. Chair Hays requested staff to determine a future date for an in-person meeting between CEOC members.

7. Update Regarding the 2025 Annual Report to King County Council

Interim Chair Hays shared the timeline to approve the 2025 annual report to King County Council. CEOC anticipates a final vote on the report at the January 2026 meeting.

8. Interim Vice Chair of Best Practices and Participation Update

Staff encouraged CEOC members to share two vacancies for CEOC. The application deadline is October 28, 2025. Staff went over IT issues regarding Outlook and Zoom invites and provided steps to remedy the problems.

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

No updates were shared.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:55 p.m.