



King County

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

September 16, 2025 Meeting | 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Acting Chair Hays called the meeting to order at approximately at 11:33 am.

2. Acting Chair Updates

Acting Chair Hays congratulated Members Flood, Sakahara, Mae and Rodriguez for the recent appointments or reappointments to CEOC.

3. Approve May 20, 2025 minutes*

The May 20, 2025 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Report including the August 2025 Primary Election and Budget Update

Director Wise gave an update regarding the budget which will be transmitted to King County Council on September 23rd. King County Council typically approves the budget around the week of Thanksgiving. The Executive did not approve the King County Elections' (KCE) request for temporary staff positions and "I Voted" stickers. Director Wise is hoping that the Council will approve these temporary staff positions and stickers.

Director Wise gave an update on the Primary Election including turnout, ballot alerts, and use of ballot drop boxes. Additionally, Director Wise gave an overview of the general election including dates on when ballots will be mailed out to overseas and to military service voters. KCE is projecting a 45% voter turnout for the general election.

5. Overview of the Risk Management Strategy

Director Wise gave an overview of KCE's risk strategy and mitigation. KCE has regular meetings with law enforcement at the city, state and federal level. KCE intentionally defines what areas they are risk averse, risk concerned, risk neutral, risk tolerant and risk seeking. Their risk mitigation strategies include continuity of operations plan, coordination with partners and risk mitigation.

6. Discuss Ideas for the 2026 CEOC Workplan

Staff were directed to take notes of what ideas CEOC members have for their 2026 CEOC workplan. Staff will present the draft workplan at the October meeting for discussion and anticipate a final vote will be taken at the November CEOC meeting.

7. Discuss Timeline for the 2025 Annual Report to King County Council

Staff 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. Best Practices and Participation Workgroup Recommendation Regarding the Voter Pamphlet Educational Pages

At the last CEOC meeting, the Best Practices and Participation Workgroup was tasked with taking back their recommendation and determining whether their 2024 recommendation needed to be edited. The workgroup has decided that they need further time to discuss their recommendation before making recommended edits. As such, this will be added to their 2026 workplan.

9. Election of Interim CEOC Chair

Member Mae withdrew her application to be considered for the interim chair vacancy. Acting Chair Hays was appointed to serve as the interim chair for the remainder of the year.

10. KCC Staff Update

Tania reminded members to check their emails regularly.

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

CEOC members shared it was national voter registration day. Member Floss plans to share data the Democratic Party received upon request from KCE regarding voter language access.

12. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:48 p.m.

*Below is a screenshot of the Zoom chat for the September 16th CEOC meeting.

