CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

Best Practices and Participation Workgroup Meeting
August 4, 2026 | 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. | Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Vice Chair John Rodriguez, Dr. Jason Lambacher, Hillary De La Cruz, Hanna Floss, Kathy Sakahara and Corin Goodwin

Absent: Mike Flood, Tasha Mae and Stanley Tsao

Guests: Christopher Hays

Council Staff: Tania Mondaca and Jose Brito

MEETING MINUTES

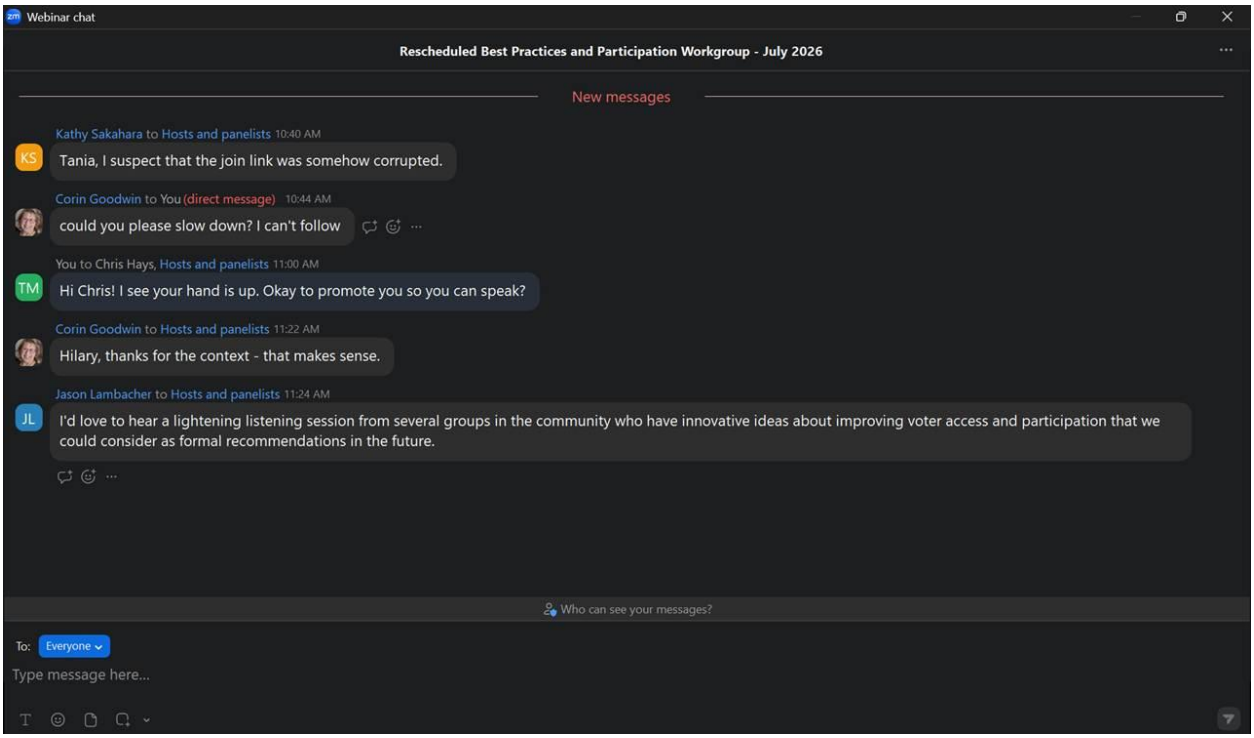
1. **Call to Order**
   Vice Chair Rodriguez called the meeting to order at approximately 10:37 a.m.

2. **Meeting Minutes Approval**
   The June 17, 2026 meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

3. **Overview of Workgroup 2026 Presentation and Discussions**
   Staff member Tania Mondaca presented an overview of the topics discussed in 2026. Several members noted the need for video voter guides and acknowledged the associated financial challenges. Guest Christopher Hays gave a brief history of the agenda and offered suggestions for prioritizing future topics and potential recommendations to the King County Council in the CEOC end of year report. Members also discussed the effectiveness of the workgroup and possible ways to strengthen the workgroup's impact, including a suggestion to add a new position. Staff member Mondaca noted that any applicant who meets the eligibility criteria outlined in the King County Code could qualify. Members expressed general support for exploring the idea further.

4. **Staff Updates**
   Staff member Tania Mondaca, reminded members that today, August 4th, is election day. She also noted that, according to the bylaws, members must complete election observation training and observe at least one election annually.

5. **Good of the Order**
   Member Jason Lambacher asked whether voter drop boxes are fireproof. Member Hanna Floss confirmed that drop boxes are equipped with a fire suppression system. Member Hillary De La Cruz directed staff to ask KC Elections whether drop boxes can withstand wildfires. Member Jason invited members to a ranked choice voting event on August 8, 2026, featuring Seattle Mayor Katie Wilson and King County Elections Director Julie Wise

6. **Adjournment**
   Vice Chair Rodriguez adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:30 a.m.

Appendix – Workgroup meeting chat history