

Citizens Election Oversight Committee

April 10, 2019

MINUTES

Members Present: Monica Tracey, Bruce Huang, Marilyn Knight, Frank Radford, Ellen Hansen, Sheryl Moss, Emily Willoughby

Members Excused: Linh Thai

Elections Staff: Nate Valderas, Julie Wise (by phone)

CEOC Staff: Sahar Fathi

Special Guests: Carolyn Busch, Rosemary Ogden

1. Call to Order

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 11:30 AM.

2. Approve February 20, 2019 minutes

The minutes were amended to include Monica Tracey and Bruce Huang as members excused. Frank Radford moved approval of the February 20, 2019 minutes. Emily Willoughby seconded the motion. Seeing no objections, the minutes were approved.

3. Executive Session

The CEOC went into Executive Session until 1225.

4. Report from Carolyn Busch

Special guest Carolyn Busch was invited to discuss the process for CEOC recruitment.

5. Director's report

April Special Election

King County Elections staff updated the committee on the April Special Election. They noted that there are 290,000 eligible voters and that 20 ballot drop boxes will be open. They also provided an update on the contents of the ballot and that the open vote centers will be Renton Headquarters and Bellevue Regional Library.

Candidate filing

King County Elections staff updated the committee on Candidate filing. They projected that over 700 candidates would file and that over 330 offices were up for election. They are in the process of

completing final candidate “running for office” workshops across the county. Individuals looking to file can do so online or in person at the Renton office.

VoteWA

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, updated the committee on VoteWA. They expressed a lot of concern about the timeline for this project. The “go live” date was supposed to be April 29. King County has proposed moving this date because they feel it is ambitious. King County is requesting a new “go live” date of May 28. Training will continue through May 9 and mock elections will take place May 16-21. The internal team has been working on this for more than eight months.

Legislation

Julie Wise, Director, King County Elections, updated the committee with some highlights on the legislative process in Olympia.

Vote Centers

Nate Valderas, Deputy Director, King County Elections, updated the committee on Vote Centers. These are staffed sites where residents can come and be registered to vote and immediately be issued a ballot. Per legislative requirements, these are in Seattle, Renton, Bellevue, Kent and Federal Way. They are also looking for a location in North King County to provide some geographic equity.

6. Other Business/Good of the Order

The committee confirmed the rest of the meetings for the year: June 19, August 14, October 9, and November 20.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:04 pm.