

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

Best Practices Workgroup Talking Points
November 1, 2023 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

Members Present: Christopher Hays and Jason Lambacher

Absent: Kathy Sakahara

CEOC Staff: Jonathan Fowler and Tania Mondaca

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Member Hays called the meeting to order at 11:02 am.

2. October 3, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Member Lambacher moved the October 3rd meeting minutes. It was seconded by Member Hays. Meeting minutes were approved unanimously.

3. Best Practices Workgroup Chair Election

Member Hays reminded and encouraged members to consider running for the Best Practices Vice Chair position which is currently open. Candidate statements are due to staff by November 3rd.

4. Draft Best Practices Workgroup Update for the CEOC End of Year Report

Member Lambacher shared the latest draft of the Best Practices end of year report draft. Member Hays thanked Member Lambacher for his work on the draft. No additional edits were made. Staff were directed to send the draft and addendum to Chair Juárez.

5. 2024 Workplan Discussion for the Election Monitoring Workplan

Member Hays opened dialogue to discuss what the Best Practices Workgroup would like to focus on in 2024. He suggested the workgroup focus on how King County and other elections departments process complaints and calls for investigations regarding procedures and handling of election ballots. The Best Practices Workgroup would like to first learn about King County Elections' process including what complaints were brought up in the last two years and how complaints were handled. After learning about the King County Elections process, members would consider what other jurisdictions to learn about. Additionally, Member Lambacher suggested also looking into King County Election's strategies in combating election and ballot processing disinformation. Staff will work with the new Best Practices Workgroup Chair in November on a draft 2024 workplan to further discuss and potentially vote on at the January workgroup meeting.

Additionally, workgroup members decided to meet monthly except for August and December in 2024. Staff will email a doodle to coordinate meeting times.

6. Staff Updates

Staffer Mondaca thanked Vice Chair Jayson Morris for his service on CEOC. CEOC staff are thankful for Vice Chair Morris' leadership not only on CEOC but also for his dedication to the Best Practices Workgroup.

7. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 11:45 am.