

CITIZENS' ELECTIONS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE (CEOC)

Best Practices Workgroup

September 7, 2023 | 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. | Virtual Meeting

<https://kingcounty.zoom.us/j/87929355634> : Passcode: 005309

Members Present: Chair: Jayson Todd Morris, Kathy Sakahara, and Jason Lambacher.

Absent: Chris Hays

Special Guests:

CEOC Staff: Jonathan Fowler and Ternia Wilson

MINUTES

- 1. Call to Order** 11:00 a.m.
Jayson Todd Morris, CEOC Chair of Best Practices Workgroup

Jayson Todd Morris called the meeting to order at 11:02 AM. Called for motion to approve minutes from July 18th meeting, all present approved, and Chair Jayson Todd Morris announced minutes approved as drafted.

- 2. Discussion of King County Auditor's 2018 Report and 2021 Follow-Up Report on Elections** 11:02 a.m.
Jayson Todd Morris, CEOC Chair of Best Practices Workgroup

DETAILS: Workgroup members had follow-up questions directed at either King County Elections or at King County Auditor's Office. Workgroup members will discuss their thoughts on their responses and discuss next steps.

Jayson Todd Morris led discussion on questions directed at King County Auditor's Office. Kathy Sakahara discussed King County's plans for an alternative to signature matching for voters and spoke about the process required to change methodology in state law.

Jonathan Fowler informed CEOC that he will retrieve information about King County's legislative agenda from Director Julie Wise. Jonathan also informed workgroup that Director Julie Wise will provide a recap of the August primary at the September 20th CEOC meeting and that would be a good time to ask any follow up questions.

Jayson Todd Morris mentioned the idea of creating an analysis sheet of CEOC's responsibilities and roles, in terms of clarifying weaknesses and strengths.

Jonathan Fowler informed CEOC workgroup that he will send the letter to King County Elections drafted by Jayson Todd Morris containing follow-up questions and comments to the responses sent from King County Elections.

- 3. King County Elections Resources Discussion** 11:30 a.m.
Jayson Todd Morris, CEOC Chair of Best Practices Workgroup

DETAILS: The Best Practices Workgroup recently requested resources from King County Elections related to elections best practices. Workgroup members will discuss how to divide the work to review King County Elections' response.

. Members discussed the desire to promote lines of communication between them and King County Council. Workgroup would like an executive summary of the questions sent and responses received from other CEOC groups.

Members discussed the CEOC end of year report. Kathy Sakahara asked Jonathan Fowler about due date of report. Jonathan Fowler provided information on process of drafting and submitting report and informed group that Tania Santiago Pastrana will construct a workplan for CEOC.

Kathy Sakahara asked if workgroup has conducted a national search for best practices. Jason Lambacher mentioned workgroup discussed links for researching national best practices during July meeting. Kathy Sakahara asked Jason Lambacher to investigate sources for best practices information and Kathy Sakahara will check with the National League of Women Voters.

4. Staff Updates

11:55 a.m.

Tania Santiago Pastrana, CEOC Staff

Jonathan Fowler announced that there will be a full CEOC meeting on September 20th, and that this will be an optimal time to share reports. Jonathan also announced that Tania Santiago Pastrana will return next week, on Monday. Jonathan Fowler discussed action items he will work on for the workgroup.

Jayson Todd Morris inquired about the work progression of other workgroups. Jonathan Fowler reported that a workgroup sent questions out to KCE and King County Auditor's Office. He also reported that the Elections Monitoring workgroup discussed plans to request that CEOC be made a notified group. Another workgroup has also requested a comprehensive document of the questions and responses from the King County Auditor's Office with explanation of how the auditor's office functions and its approach to monitoring activity.

5. Adjournment

12 p.m.

Jayson Todd Morris adjourned meeting at 11:23 AM.