



King County

**Metropolitan King County Council
Employment and Administration Committee**

STAFF REPORT

Agenda Items:	4-6	Name:	Sherrie Hsu
Proposed No.:	2021-0429 2021-0430 2021-0431	Date:	November 23, 2021

SUBJECT

Proposed Motions 2021-0429, 2021-0430, and 2021-0431 would confirm the reappointment of the following members to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) for three-year terms to expire on July 31, 2024:

- Stefan Sharkansky representing the King County Republican Party;
- Jeffrey Manson, representing the King County Democratic Party;
- Stanley Tsao, representing the Chinese-speaking community.

BACKGROUND

The current Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) was established by the King County Council in May 2006, under Ordinance 15453.¹ Duties and membership for the CEOC are outlined in King County Code chapter 2.53.

In September 2018,² the Council took action to update the membership of the CEOC. In addition to increasing the number of and changing the composition of CEOC members, the ordinance changed the mission of the committee to "help King County maintain public confidence in elections."

Under King County Code chapter 2.53, sixteen members represent named types of organizations or sectors of the community, including two at-large King County registered voters, and one ex-officio, nonvoting member representing the Secretary of State's office. Under the Code, appointments and reappointments to the CEOC are subject to review by the Employment and Administration Committee, who make a recommendation to the full Council for final confirmation, via motion.

Table 1 lists the current membership of the CEOC and the organization or constituency they represent.

¹ Previously, Council had created a CEOC in July 2003 (Ordinance 14711) and a CEOC in April 2005 (Ordinance 15157); each met for one year and produced a report with recommendations.

² Ordinance 18795

Table 1: 2021 CEOC Membership as of November 2021

Member	Organization/Constituency
Kyle Vixie Chair	Registered voters
Eliseo Juárez First Vice Chair, Voter Participation	Spanish-speaking community
Nanette Sullivan Vice Chair, Election Monitoring	Municipal League Foundation
Jayson Todd Morris Vice Chair, Best Practices	Disability community
Hillary Coleman	Registered voters
Allison Feher	League of Women Voters
Linda Grez	Jurisdictional representative
Stuart Holmes	Office of Secretary of State
Julie Kang	Korean-speaking community
Jeffrey Manson	King County Democratic Party
Maya Manus	Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
Quynh Pham	Vietnamese-speaking community
Stefan Sharkansky	King County Republican Party
Stanley Tsao	Chinese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Academic institution with knowledge of elections
<i>Vacant</i>	Representative who has experience in technology

REAPPOINTMENT APPLICANT INFORMATION

Jeffrey Manson, Stefan Sharkansky, and Stanley Tsao were all originally appointed to the CEOC in July 2019.

PM 2021-0429 would reappoint Stefan Sharkansky to the CEOC as a representative of the King County Republican Party. As noted in his application materials, Mr. Sharkansky's experience includes extensive research of King County election operations and participating in Canvassing Board meetings. Included in Mr. Sharkansky's application materials is a designation letter from the King County Republican Party.

PM 2021-0430 would reappoint Jeffrey Manson to the CEOC as a representative of the King County Democratic Party. As noted in his application materials, Mr. Manson's experience includes election and campaign system reform activities, voter protection efforts and voter registration drives, and serving on the Executive Board of the 36th District Democrats. Included in Mr. Manson's application materials is a designation letter from the King County Democratic Party.

PM 2021-0431 would reappoint Stanley Tsao to the CEOC as a representative of the Chinese-speaking community. As noted in his application materials, Mr. Tsao has worked with King County Elections on voter engagement projects, worked with Seattle Department of Neighborhoods on consulting and community engagement projects, and served on the board of APACEvotes and Equal Rights Washington.

ANALYSIS

Staff has not identified any issues with the proposed reappointments. They appear to be consistent with the requirements of the County Code.

INVITED

- Erin Arya, Staff Liaison to the CEOC

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposed Motion 2021-0429
2. Proposed Motion 2021-0430
3. Proposed Motion 2021-0431