



**King County**

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

**STAFF REPORT**

<b>Agenda Items:</b>		<b>Name:</b>	Sherrie Hsu
<b>Proposed No.:</b>	2022-0360	<b>Date:</b>	September 27, 2022

**SUBJECT**

Proposed Motion 2022-0360 would confirm the appointment of Jason Lambacher to the Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) as the representative from an academic institution who has knowledge of elections, for a one-year staggered term expiring September 30, 2023 and a three-year term expiring September 30, 2026.

**BACKGROUND**

The current Citizens' Elections Oversight Committee (CEOC) was established by the King County Council in May 2006, under Ordinance 15453.<sup>1</sup> Duties and membership for the CEOC are outlined in King County Code chapter 2.53.

In September 2018,<sup>2</sup> 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.

---

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Ordinance 18795

**Table 1: CEOC Membership as of September 2022**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Organization/Constituency</b>
<b>Eliseo Juárez</b> Vice Chair, Voter Participation	Spanish-speaking community
<b>Jayson Todd Morris</b> Vice Chair, Best Practices	Disability community
<b>Jude Ahmed</b>	Urban League of Metropolitan Seattle
<b>Hillary Coleman</b>	Registered voters
<b>Mike Flood</b>	Municipal League Foundation
<b>Hanna Floss</b>	King County Democratic Party
<b>Linda Grez</b>	Jurisdictional representative
<b>Tyson Hartman</b>	Representative who has experience in technology
<b>Stuart Holmes</b>	Office of Secretary of State
<b>Julie Kang</b>	Korean-speaking community
<b>Kathy Sakahara</b>	League of Women Voters
<b>Mathew Patrick Thomas</b>	King County Republican Party
<b>Stanley Tsao</b>	Chinese-speaking community
<i>Vacant</i>	Registered voters
<i>Vacant</i>	Academic institution with knowledge of elections
<i>Vacant</i>	Vietnamese-speaking community

**APPOINTMENT APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Proposed Motion 2022-0360 would appoint Jason Lambacher to the CEOC as the representative from an academic institution who has knowledge of elections. Mr. Lambacher is a political scientist and professor who teaches American Government at the University of Washington (UW) Bothell. Through his courses, he has partnered with the Snohomish County Department of Elections to help students better understand the voting process and how elections are administered. Included in materials is a letter of support from UW Bothell.

**ANALYSIS**

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

**INVITED**

- Jason Lambacher, Applicant for appointment to the CEOC

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Motion 2022-0360