

EOC Staff Report – October 2025

A. Commissioner update

9 Commissioners

B. Follow up and/or inquiries from last meeting

1. The Festival - OEI and EOC will oversee, is scheduled for 2026, new name pending -
 - a. Follow up with Corporation Counsel - As long as the event fits within the objective of the EOC's charge, there would be authority for the EOC to establish this. Budget may be an issue.
Excerpt from ordinance, "The commission may initiate special projects to enhance opportunities for traditionally excluded groups; collaborate with a wide range of individuals and organizations in the county to provide positive means of engaging the community in equal opportunities; and design initiatives and support existing efforts to increase cooperation and enhance understanding among diverse populations".
 - b. There has been an approval to proceed. Commissioner Lahti and Supervisor Fries met with the Director of OEI – Wes Sparkman in September to discuss the proposal. Director Sparkman communicated with Alliant Energy Center about hosting the event there. Logistics are still being discussed.
2. Youth Attending Commission meetings
 - Q: Can community partners bring youth into meetings to speak and share?
 - A: Yes. Meetings should be instructional to provide a conducive learning atmosphere. Be mindful of topics being discussed and behavior being displayed in front of youth.

C. Current Complaints and Resolutions

1. None