

Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Wednesday, March 31, 2021 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves, Cherryl Jackson-Williams and Rob Saka.

County Staff:

Patrick Hamacher, Simon Farretta, Erin Arya, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson.

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from March 3, 2021

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from March 3, 2021. Member Saka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Overview of Redistricting Criteria

Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson provided an overview of the statutory and charter criteria and requirements for the redistricting work including equal population, compactness, geographical contiguous areas, preservation of communities of common interest, and the requirement to avoid favoring a political party or racial group.

4. Committee operating procedures

Patrick Hamacher reviewed draft committee operating procedures which were updated based on the 2011 committee's procedures. The committee agreed to include as standing agenda item the disclosure of contacts with King County elected officials that could reasonably reflect councilmember or executive support for or opposition to any particular districting plan, or aspect thereof. Based on committee feedback, staff will modify language regarding disclosure of contacts with King County elected officials related to the districting process. Action was deferred to a future meeting.

5. Update on the RFP for the Districting Master

Simon Farretta provided a brief update to the committee on timeline for the RFP for the Districting Master. The proposals are due on April 2.

6. Legislative update regarding SB 5013

Simon Farretta updated the committee on the status of SB 5013 regarding the deadline for redistricting work and the timeline for receiving census data.

7. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at 8:54 p.m.