

King County Districting Committee

Meeting Materials

November 18, 2021

Draft Minutes from November 16, 2021

Draft Minutes from November 17, 2021

Summary of Legal Criteria



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Meeting Minutes
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Tuesday, November 16, 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, Tania Santiago Pastrana, Erin Arya, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

King County GIS: Dennis Higgins, Josh Popelka and Mary Ullrich

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:02 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from November 9, 2021

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from November 9, 2021. Member Danenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6 and the Districting Master MOU

Member Jackson-Williams disclosed that King County Councilmember Girmay Zahilay contacted her to express preference for Draft Map E. Patrick Hamacher disclosed he was contacted by Districts 1, 4 and 6 to clarify process after Draft Maps D and E were published. Erin Arya disclosed that she sent the meeting video links to District 6 as part of their inquiry. There were no other disclosures.

4. Public comment

There was no public comment.

5. Discussion of the draft maps

Dennis Higgins presented the comparison map between Draft Maps D and E. Committee members provided direction to the Districting Master to make changes to the interim map and present options for consideration where necessary at the next meeting.

6. Districting Master updates

No updates.

7. Staff updates

No updates.

8. Chair updates

No updates.

9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 9:13 p.m.

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2. Approval of the minutes from November 16, 2021

This item was deferred to the next meeting on November 17, 2021.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6 and the Districting Master MOU

Tania Santiago Pastrana disclosed that she was contacted by District 4 staff asking for information about the next meeting. There were no other disclosures.

4. Public comment

The following individuals provided public comment: Angela Birney and Jeanne Kohl-Welles.

5. Discussion and possible action on districting map

Dennis Higgins presented an interim map incorporating direction from the November 16 meeting. He also shared the comparison map showing the differences between Draft Maps D and E with the current boundaries overlaid. Committee members provided direction to the Districting Master to make changes to the interim map and present options for consideration where necessary at the next meeting.

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No updates.

7. Staff updates

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Redistricting legal criteria

State law (RCW 29A.76) and the King County Charter (KCC Section 650) prescribe committee criteria for developing the new district boundaries:

Nearly Equal Population

- Districts shall be as nearly equal in population as possible to each other

Compact and Contiguous

- Districts are to be compact and comprised of contiguous territory

Existing Natural Boundaries

- To the extent feasible, district boundaries shall coincide with existing recognized natural boundaries and be composed of economic and geographic units

Communities of Interest

- To the extent feasible, districts boundaries shall preserve existing communities of related and mutual interest

Census Tracts + Municipalities

- As nearly as practical, district boundaries shall correspond with the boundaries of municipalities and census tracts

Not favor or disfavor a group

- Population data may not be used for purposes of favoring or disfavoring any racial group or political party