

King County Districting Committee

Meeting Materials

November 4, 2021

Draft Minutes from October 28, 2021

Summary of Legal Criteria

Preliminary Draft Maps



King County
Meeting Minutes
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Thursday, October 28, 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, Erin Arya, Tania Santiago Pastrana, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

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

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the minutes from October 26, 2021

Member Saka moved approval of the minutes from October 26, 2021. Member Danenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no disclosures.

4. Public comment

The following individual provided public comment: Linda Newing.

5. Comparison and discussion of the draft maps

Dennis Higgins presented comparison maps of Draft Maps A and B, and Draft Maps A and C. Committee Members Danenberg and Saka agreed to give direction and meet with the Districting Master about Draft Maps A and B to explore mapping options. Committee Members Jackson-Williams and Graves agreed to meet to explore mapping options for Draft Maps A and C prior to 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 8:52 p.m.

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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