

# King County Districting Committee

## Meeting Materials

*November 9, 2021*

*Draft Minutes from November 4, 2021*

*Summary of Legal Criteria*



**King County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**King County Districting Committee**

**Thursday, November 4, 2021**  
**7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

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

**County Staff:**

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 7:05 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes from October 26, 2021**

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from October 28, 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**

There was no public comment.

**5. Discussion of the draft maps**

Dennis Higgins presented a draft map worked on by Committee Members Danenberg and Saka. Committee Members Jackson-Williams and Graves shared they had begun working on a draft map which they would plan to share at the next meeting of the committee (11/9).

**6. Districting Master updates**

The Districting Master noted that they are available to support committee members in their map work between now and the next meeting.

**7. Staff updates**

Staff shared that they would begin sharing email feedback in more frequent intervals.

**8. Chair updates**

No updates.

**9. Adjournment**

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 8:20 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