

# King County Districting Committee

## Meeting Materials

*December 8, 2021*

*Draft Minutes from November 30, 2021*

*Draft Minutes from December 1, 2021*

*Amended Final Draft Redistricting Master Plan*

*Summary of Legal Criteria*



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

**Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, November 30, 2021**  
**2:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

Ann Schindler, Chair, Sophia Danenberg, Paul Graves and Rob Saka

**County Staff:**

Patrick Hamacher, Erin Arya and Tania Santiago Pastrana

**Districting Master:**

King County GIS: Dennis Higgins

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 2:05 p.m.

**2. Welcome**

Chair Schindler welcomed participants and offered a land acknowledgment.

**3. Brief overview of districting**

Chair Schindler presented an overview of the work undertaken by the districting committee thus far, the legal requirements for districting and next steps.

**4. Presentation of the draft maps**

Dennis Higgins with King County GIS presented the redistricting plan.

**5. Public comment**

The following individuals provided public comment: Terri Lindeke, Rod Dembowski, Joanna Cullen, Jeanne Kohl-Welles, Girmay Zahilay, Mark Proulx, Mary Fertakis and Jayson T. Morris.

**6. Discussion of approval schedule**

The committee provided direction to the Districting Master to develop potential options for amending the draft to present to the committee at the December 1 special meeting.

**7. Adjournment**

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 3:44 p.m.



**King County**  
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**Wednesday, December 1, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:**

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

**County Staff:**

Patrick Hamacher, Erin Arya, Tania Santiago Pastrana and Mike Sinsky

**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 3:03 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes from November 23, 2021**

Member Saka moved approval of the minutes from November 23, 2021. Member Jackson-Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Member Jackson-Williams disclosed that she was contacted by Councilmember Girmay Zahilay to express his support of the change that Councilmember Rod Dembowski requested be made at the public hearing.

Erin Arya disclosed that during a Chief of Staff meeting she shared the remaining Committee meeting dates as part of a general update on her work. In addition, Council Chair Balducci's staff requested that committee staff email a process update to council offices following today's meeting.

Patrick Hamacher disclosed that Councilmember Girmay Zahilay requested Committee process information. Councilmember Joe McDermott also contacted Patrick to request committee process information and an update after the December 1<sup>st</sup> meeting.

**4. Consideration of and possible action on amending the districting map**

Committee members agreed to and directed the Districting Master to make two amendments to the draft Districting Master plan map. The Committee discussed their process and timeline. The Districting Master confirmed the amended map could be finalized, transmitted to the Committee and posted on December 1. In addition, Chair Schindler directed staff to schedule the special meeting to vote on adoption of the plan for December 8 rather than December 7 to ensure compliance with deadlines.

**5. Districting Master updates**

No updates.

**6. Staff updates**

Staff stated they will publish the amended final draft Districting Master plan on the Committee's website as soon as it is transmitted to the Committee. In addition, staff is prepared to provide notice of the amended plan and share it with the community email list after it is published.

**7. Chair updates**

No updates.

**8. Adjournment**

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 4:27 p.m.

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# Amended Final Draft Redistricting Master Plan

Published December 1, 2021

[Amended Final Draft Districting Master Plan](#)

[Plan Profile](#)

[Comparison Map of Current Council District Boundaries and the Amended Draft Districting Master Plan](#)

[Comparison Map of Amended Final Draft Plan \(published 12/1\) and the Draft Districting Master Plan \(published 11/23\)](#)

# 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