

# King County Districting Committee

## Meeting Materials

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*Summary of Legal Criteria*

*Preliminary Draft Maps*



## King County

### Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Thursday, September 23, 2021  
7:00 – 9:00 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, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

**Districting Master:**

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

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:04 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes from September 9, 2021**

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from September 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**

Chair Schindler disclosed that she provided an update to the King County Council at their September 14 meeting as scheduled. Member Jackson-Williams disclosed that in passing she noted to Chandler Gayton in Councilmember Zahilay's office that some constituents in the unincorporated area of Tukwila had expressed an interest in collaborating with their office and being in District 2. Patrick Hamacher disclosed that he worked with Councilmember Lambert's office to have her either attend the September 23 meeting, or email a letter to the committee. She chose to email the committee on September 21. He also disclosed that he emailed council offices on September 23 to let them know the preliminary draft maps would be available during the meeting. There were no other disclosures.

**4. Public comment**

There was no public comment.

**5. Adoption of map schedule**

Chair Schindler reviewed the updated draft map development schedule with the committee. Members decided that all meetings without times stated should be 7 p.m. with the exception of the public hearing on November 30 for which 2 p.m. was chosen. Member Saka moved approval of the schedule. Member Jackson-Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. Presentation of the preliminary draft maps prepared by each member**

Dennis Higgins provided an overview of each of the four preliminary draft maps. Each committee member shared their priorities while work working on the preliminary draft maps.

**7. Executive Session**

At 8:24 pm, the Committee went into Executive Session for 15 minutes pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(1)(i)(iii) to discuss with legal counsel legal risks of a proposed action when public knowledge of the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal consequence to the County.

**8. Districting Master updates**

The Districting Master thanked Mary Ullrich and Josh Popelka for their work on the maps. The committee members also thanked Ullrich and Popelka for their work. Higgins reported that the plans would be posted on the districting website. They will be putting together a list of areas of agreement for the next meeting as well as areas that may be of interest for member discussion. Chair Schindler noted that it should be made clear that the maps presented tonight are preliminary drafts that will continue to be worked on at the September 30 and, if needed, October 5 meeting(s) before draft maps are published for the town hall meetings.

**9. Staff updates**

Staff noted that that they will begin drafting elements for the final report that they will share in the weeks leading up to the first town hall meeting on October 17.

**10. Chair updates**

No updates.

**11. Adjournment**

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 8:47 p.m.

# 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

## **Preliminary Draft Maps**

Below are the four preliminary draft maps first shared at the September 23 committee meeting. Note that the drafts may change prior to the town hall meetings. The drafts for the town hall meetings will be finalized by early October.

### **Preliminary Draft Plan 1**

[Full Map](#) | [Map Highlights](#) | [District Profile](#)

### **Preliminary Draft Plan 2**

[Full Map](#) | [Map Highlights](#) | [District Profile](#)

### **Preliminary Draft Plan 3**

[Full Map](#) | [Map Highlights](#) | [District Profile](#)

### **Preliminary Draft Plan 4**

[Full Map](#) | [Map Highlights](#) | [District Profile](#)