

King County Districting Committee

JANUARY 29, 2021

Agenda for January 29, 2021

- ▶ Welcome and Call to Order
- ▶ Discussion on Selection Process for Chair – All
- ▶ Discussion on candidates to serve as Chair - All
- ▶ Future Topics to be considered and next meeting – Patrick Hamacher
- ▶ Adjournment

Discussion on Selection of Committee Chair

- ▶ At the January 22 meeting of the Districting Committee, members agreed to submit names to county staff for potential candidates to serve as Chair.
- ▶ Members discussed an approach where each member would pursue an individual process to identify potential candidates and then individually vet those candidates prior to submitting to staff.
- ▶ Since that meeting, at least one member has expressed interest in how the prior Committee selected its chair and also asked staff to propose a process for identifying candidates with judicial backgrounds.
- ▶ Additionally, since the last meeting, the Census Bureau has announced as much as 4-month delay in transmittal of local districting data.

Prior Districting Committee Chair Selection Process

- ▶ The 2011 Districting Committee undertook the following process to select its Chair:
 1. At an initial meeting, three candidates were identified as potential Chair. Those three candidates were interviewed at a subsequent meeting.
 2. However, there was not consensus among the four members on selecting any of the first three candidates.
 3. At the next meeting, two additional candidates were considered and interviewed.
 4. Ultimately Terrance Carroll, a mediator by trade and former Superior Court Judge was selected as Chair.
 5. The Chair was selected on February 7.

Potential Process for Identifying Candidates with Judicial Backgrounds

- ▶ If directed to do so, County Staff could consult with the Superior Court and District Court to identify a list of recently retired judges.
- ▶ We could then share that list with Committee Members for consideration.
- ▶ Of note, while that list is likely to be public, that is not a list of former judges who might be interested. That would require some additional work (and time – probably more importantly).
- ▶ Additionally, staff could reach out to the various bar associations in the County and ask for recommendations.

Potential Chair Candidates Submitted by 12pm on January 28

- ▶ Jeanne Burbridge – Submitted by Committee Member Graves
 - ▶ Former Mayor of Federal Way and current board member of a number of civic organizations. See additional materials.
- ▶ Tyrone Grandison – Submitted by Committee Member Danenberg
 - ▶ Technologist with experience in health metrics and using census data. Seattle Human Rights Commissioner.
- ▶ Pete Lewis – Submitted by Committee Member Graves
 - ▶ Former Mayor of the City of Auburn with a history of being actively involved in civic, business development and military support organizations.
- ▶ Chris Petzold– Submitted by Committee Member Danenberg
 - ▶ Sr Program Manager, Cloud + Ecosystems Catalog at Microsoft and former systems analyst at T-Mobile.

Upcoming Tasks

- ▶ Identify Next Meeting (can be done offline – based upon Chair selection schedule)
- ▶ Select Chair
- ▶ Review Draft Statement of Work for Districting Master
- ▶ Discuss Community Outreach Efforts

Possible Future Topics

- ▶ Possible Future Topics (staff would like direction to begin scheduling):
 1. Overview of Legal Structure
 2. Briefing on the County's Equity and Social Justice Efforts
 3. Adopt by-laws and rules
 4. Review of Current Districts
 5. Discussions with KC Elections
 6. Interview with prior DC members
 7. Interviews with current councilmembers
 8. Outreach Plan (interest groups, cities, special districts, etc.)