



King County

Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Monday, April 12, 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, Simon Farretta, Erin Arya and Mike Sinsky.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the minutes from March 31, 2021

Member Danenberg moved approval of the minutes from March 31, 2021. Member Graves seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Committee operating procedures

Chair Schindler highlighted the change in language since the last meeting regarding a standing agenda item to allow for the disclosure of contacts that could reasonably reflect councilmember or executive support for or opposition to any particular districting plan, or aspect thereof. Member Danenberg moved approval of the committee operating procedures. Member Saka seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Review of written submissions to RFP for the Districting Master

The committee discussed the option to utilize executive session, but agreed to conduct the evaluations in open session. The committee held a roundtable discussion about the strengths and weaknesses of each of the six written proposals. Staff facilitated tallying total scores for each of the proposals. The proposals were ranked from one to six according to their raw scores. Members discussed the rankings, whether to conduct interviews, and how many firms to interview. The committee decided by consensus to interview the top three ranked firms: Berk Consulting, FLO Analytics, and King County GIS Center. Staff were instructed to arrange the interviews for the next scheduled Districting Committee meeting on April 20.

5. Meeting schedule

Chair Schindler reviewed the upcoming meeting schedule and previewed the agenda for the May 13 meeting including the work and community outreach plans and a presentation from the county demographer.

6. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m.