



King County
Meeting Minutes
King County Districting Committee

Monday, April 20, 2021
7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Members Present:

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

County Staff:

Patrick Hamacher, Simon Farretta, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson.

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the minutes from April 12, 2021

Member Saka moved approval of the minutes from April 12, 2021. Member Danenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Disclosure of contacts per Operating Procedure 4.6

There were no disclosures.

4. Interview questions

Chair Schindler outlined the process for the Districting Master interviews and deliberations, including the timing, format, question order, and scoring. Staff indicated that all three firms intended to start with a short presentation. The firms had been notified of the applicants to be interviewed, but were not given questions in advance.

5. Districting Master interviews

Flo Analytics gave a presentation on their districting master proposal. Members of the presentation team included Tyler Vick (Principal in Charge), Jed Roberts (Project Manager), John McKenzie (Technical Lead), Charla Skaggs (Community Engagement Lead), and (Alex Brasch) Population Geographer. Following the presentation, District Committee members each took turns asking a set of standard questions and proposal specific follow-up questions. The Chair thanked Flo Analytics for their presentation.

King County GIS Center gave a presentation on their districting master proposal. Dennis Higgins (KCGIS Client Services Manager) and Greg Babinski (KCGIS Project Manager) presented. Following the presentation, District Committee members each took turns asking a set of standard questions and proposal specific follow-up questions. The Chair thanked KCGIS for their presentation.

Berk Consulting gave a presentation on their districting master proposal. Kevin Gifford (Senior Associate), Kevin Ramsey (Associate Principal), and Josh Linden (Associate) presented. Following the presentation, District Committee members each took turns asking a set of standard

questions and proposal specific follow-up questions. The Chair thanked Berk Consulting for their presentation.

The committee took a short recess.

The committee reconvened at 9:31 p.m.

6. Districting Master evaluation

Committee members discussed the interviews and qualifications of the applicants. At 9:56 p.m., the Chair announced the committee would enter into executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110(i).

At 10:16 p.m., the committee returned from executive session and the public meeting resumed. The committee members scored each of the interviewees. KCGIS was the highest ranked applicant. Staff were given instructions for contacting KCGIS.

7. Chair updates

Chair Schindler noted that there is a regular meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 22. The chair proposed and the committee agreed to cancel the meeting on April 22.

8. Staff updates

Patrick Hamacher updated the staff that the next meeting on Thursday, May 13 will include initial drafts of the work program and concepts for the community outreach plan. Upcoming meetings will include briefings and trainings discussed previously.

9. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at 10:26 p.m.