



King County

Meeting Minutes King County Districting Committee

Thursday, May 27, 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, Simon Farretta, Erin Arya, Tania Santiago Pastrana, Mike Sinsky and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

Dennis Higgins, King County GIS

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of the minutes from May 13, 2021

Member Saka moved to amend the minutes to add reference in section 6 to include reference to public comment on the committee's website. Member Jackson-Williams moved approval of the minutes from May 13, 2021 as amended. Member Danenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

There were no disclosures from committee members. The Districting Master reported that there are no political professional or personal relationships among their staff that would impact the independence of the Districting Master. The Districting Master noted one email contact with a campaign regarding a small dollar donation made in a prior year.

4. Review updates to draft committee work plan

Chair Schindler asked if there were further edits or changes to the work plan. Member Saka moved approval of the draft work plan. Member Danenberg seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

5. Work session - community outreach planning

Staff reviewed the draft community outreach plan with the committee. Staff noted they will meet with the Council's Equity and Social Justice team and King County TV the following week and that they will incorporate that feedback into the plan. Committee members provided input and directed staff to update the plan accordingly.

6. Districting Master updates

The Districting Master reported that staff has received a legal orientation from the Prosecuting Attorney's Office. The Districting Master previewed an upcoming presentation on the characteristics of each of the Council districts. The committee determined that they would like to participate in an abbreviated GIS Equity training.

7. Staff updates

Staff relayed an issue with the virtual council meeting and that staff has checked to ensure staff has appropriate permissions are strong enough to deal with such issues. Staff also relayed a request for an update on the districting process received from a community organization.

8. Chair updates

No updates.

9. Adjournment

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