



**King County**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**King County Districting Committee**

**Thursday, June 24, 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, 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 about 7:04 p.m.

**2. Approval of the minutes from June 10, 2021**

Member Saka moved approval of the minutes from June 10, 2021. Member Jackson-Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Chair Schindler reported on a presentation to the King County Council about the status of the committee's work, including project milestones, trainings completed and upcoming, and community outreach plans. She also highlighted OFM population estimates. At the request of the Chair, staff previously provided a copy of the PowerPoint to the committee members. Staff will provide a video recording of the meeting to the committee members.

**4. Community outreach plan update**

The Chair noted that committee had received an updated outreach plan and draft questions for the community sessions and the online survey. The Chair requested that members provide any feedback on the questions by July 2 to facilitate adoption at the July 8 regular committee meeting.

The Chair reported that staff were working on scheduling the community sessions identified in the outreach plan. Committee staffer Patrick Hamacher highlighted some changes to how the meetings were being grouped. He noted some ongoing discussions and upcoming planning meetings with stakeholder groups identified as possible meeting co-hosts. Committee staffer Tania Santiago Pastrana provided additional details on work to arrange a series of co-hosted listening sessions. The Chair noted that committee members should take the lead on community outreach, and she would attend community sessions only as necessary and as needed.

The committee discussed timing and sequencing of the sessions and the release of Census data. Staff noted the opportunity to create a video as part of the community outreach plan. Committee members Saka and Danenberg offered to work with KCTV on the video.

**5. Discussion of council engagement**

Hamacher suggested that one approach could be to offer Councilmembers the option to provide written comment or in-person comment at a regularly scheduled Districting Committee meeting. The Chair suggested the committee consider that proposed approach and decide at the July 8 meeting.

**6. Equity GIS training with Greg Babinski, King County GIS**

King County GIS staffer Greg Babinski gave a detailed presentation based on selected material from the County's half-day GIS for Equity and Social Justice workshop. Babinski covered myriad topics including political implications of geography; malevolent uses of GIS throughout history; how GIS imposed boundaries can conflict with pre-existing territories, populations, travel routes, natural geography, etc.; the history and legacy of Redlining; the relationship of geography and inequity; early pioneers in using GIS for social justice objectives; contemporary uses of GIS to pursue equity; concepts of equity and equality; the role of GIS in informing equitable public policy; best practices in applying GIS, and more. Babinski answered committee member questions.

**7. Staff updates**

Hamacher noted that the Districting Master sent a written update and also that the outreach plan updates would be a standing item on the committee agenda.

**8. Districting Master updates**

The Districting Master provided a written update that included information on his preparatory work and highlighted newly posted resources on [current council districts](#) and [languages and demographics](#).

**9. Chair updates**

No updates.

**10. Adjournment**

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 9:10 p.m.