



King County
Meeting Minutes
King County Districting Committee

Thursday, August 26, 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, Erin Arya, Tania Santiago Pastrana and Mari Isaacson

Districting Master:

Dennis Higgins, King County GIS

1. Call to Order

Chair Schindler called the meeting to order at about 7:03 p.m.

2. Approval of the minutes from August 12, 2021

Member Graves moved approval of the minutes from August 12, 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

There were no disclosures.

4. Public comment

There was no public comment.

5. King County Council Chair Claudia Balducci

Council Chair Balducci provided her perspective to the committee about the redistricting process.

6. Census data briefing by Districting Master

Dennis Higgins provided a high-level overview of the 2020 Census Data which was released on August 12 as well as analysis of differences in the data as compared to the OFM estimates. He also noted that the Districting [demographics page](#) has been updated with the 2020 Census Data.

7. Mapping options, number of town halls, and timeline/deadlines

Staff reviewed the draft timeline for developing the draft maps, holding town hall meetings, and conducting the legally required final public hearing and approval process. The committee also discussed and directed staff to proceed with updating the schedule with four town hall meetings. Member Saka suggested developing a media advisory so that the town hall meetings can be publicized as soon as they are scheduled.

8. Reports of community outreach listening sessions

Committee Member debriefed on the community listening sessions held to date, which included the following meetings:

August 16 – Filipino community listening session – Saka, Schindler

August 18 – Faith community listening session – Graves, Saka

August 19 – Community Response Alliance listening session – Danenberg, Schindler

Chair Schindler noted that the plan is to have the notes from each meeting will be compiled and distributed to committee members prior to draft mapping work sessions.

9. Staff updates

Staff noted that Chair Schindler will brief the King County Council at their meeting on September 14 per the Council's request.

10. Chair updates

Chair Schindler reviewed the schedule for the remaining community listening sessions.

11. Districting Master updates

No additional updates.

12. Adjournment

Chair Schindler adjourned the meeting at about 9:07 p.m.