



**King County**

## King County Districting Committee

January 24, 2011  
2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
King County Administration Building  
8th Floor, Conference Room A  
500 Fourth Avenue, Seattle, WA 98104

### Minutes

Members: Rod Dembowski  
John Jensen  
Sally Nelson  
Sally Poliak

Staff: Simon Farretta, Council Staff  
Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff

**The following members were present:** Rod Dembowski, John Jensen, Sally Nelson and Sally Poliak.

**Excused:** None

**I. Call to Order**

Simon Farretta, Council Staff, called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Mr. Farretta introduced himself and welcomed the members.

**II. Introductions**

The members of the Districting Committee introduced themselves. Mike Sinsky, Sr. Prosecuting Attorney, Civil Division, King County Prosecutor's Office, and David Wilson, GIS Specialist, Elections Division, introduced themselves and answered questions from the members.

**III. Public Records Act and Open Public Meetings Act**

Mr. Sinsky briefed the members of the committee on the Public Records Act and the Open Public Meetings Act. He discussed the importance of email records. Members decided they would have individual county email accounts for Districting Committee business with a forwarding alert to their personal accounts.

**IV. Appointment of Fifth Districting Committee Member to Serve as Chair**

The members nominated the following people for the position of Chair of the Districting Committee: Marianna Parks, Steve Ohlenkamp, and Michael Mann.

The members composed a list of questions for the candidates to answer during the interview process:

- Q: We recognize people have a partisan background, but it is important that the chair can be a fair person. Please give us an example of working across parties to achieve a consensus. What was the outcome? (How would you work across parties?)
- Q: What makes you a qualified person for this position? Explain what you believe is your relevant experience?
- Q: How do you view the role of the Chair?
- Q: If two committee members have a strong disagreement over map versions, and have well thought-out rationales, what are the tools you will use and what is your approach to achieving a resolution?
- Q: Please briefly introduce yourself.

The members approved providing the questions in advance to the candidates to enable them to give more thoughtful responses.

The members tasked Mr. Farretta with setting up interview times with the three candidates on Monday, January 31.

**V. Next Steps**

The April 1 deadline for hiring a Districting Master was announced. The committee would like to have several public hearings before the first round of maps is produced, and follow-up hearings afterwards.

**VI. Other Business**

The members were reminded to turn in their public disclosure forms to Mr. Farretta or directly to the Ethics Board by February 1. Members would like to see the web site include a means for public input into the process.

**VII. Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne Rasmussen, Council Staff