

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE
October 5, 2021**

(Note: These minutes are not verbatim. Audio recordings are available at the [Pierce County Districting Committee website](#).)

1. Call to Order

The October 5, 2021, Special meeting of the Pierce County Districting Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Linda Medley, Meeting Clerk, via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll.

Committee Members Present: Sharon Hanek, Justin Leighton, Doug Richardson, and Joy Stanford.

Staff Present: Pierce County Council Office – Susan Long, Linda Medley, and Natalie Ferri; Prosecuting Attorney's Office – Michelle Luna.

3. Approval of Agenda

Richardson moved approval of the agenda as presented; motion seconded and passed on a voice vote.

4. Public Comment

Lyz Kurmitz-Thurlow and Marianne Lincoln testified.

5. Appointment of 5th Member/Chair

Discussion ensued among Members on how they would like to proceed with the appointment. At Leighton's request, Medley read the names of the remaining candidates into the record.

Richardson nominated Kathy Yang as the 5th Member/Chair of the Pierce County Districting Committee; motion seconded. Richardson spoke to his motion, and Leighton provided comment. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 2 (aye: Hanek and Richardson; nay: Leighton and Stanford).

Leighton nominated Jim Walton as the 5th Member/Chair of the Pierce County Districting Committee; motion seconded. Leighton spoke to his motion, and Richardson provided comment. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 2 (aye: Leighton and Stanford; nay: Hanek and Richardson).

Stanford nominated Colleen Klein as the 5th Member/Chair of the Pierce County Districting Committee; motion seconded. Stanford spoke to her motion. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 2 (aye: Leighton and Stanford; nay: Hanek and Richardson).

Richardson nominated Kent Keel as the 5th Member/Chair of the Pierce County Districting Committee; motion seconded. Richardson spoke to his motion. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 2 (aye: Hanek and Richardson; nay: Leighton and Stanford).

Leighton nominated Frank Cuthbertson as the 5th Member/Chair of the Pierce County Districting Committee; motion seconded. Leighton spoke to his motion and Richardson provided comment. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 4 to 0 (aye: Hanek, Leighton, Richardson, and Stanford).

Long updated Chair Cuthbertson on the Committee's progress to date, and Chair Cuthbertson thanked the Members for their vote.

6. Setting Regular Meeting Dates, Times, and Frequency

Long provided background information on the topic. Chair Cuthbertson spoke to potential meeting dates and subject matter. Discussion followed. Chair Cuthbertson clarified that establishing a regular meeting date does not preclude the Committee from calling a Special meeting. Richardson moved to establish Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. as the regular meeting day and time for the Districting Committee; motion seconded. Discussion followed. Chair Cuthbertson questioned staff on their availability, and staff provided comment. The motion passed on a voice vote.

Stanford moved to request the five Districting Master candidates appear at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Districting Committee for interviews; motion seconded. Discussion followed. Richardson suggested a Special meeting to discuss the process. Discussion followed, and Chair Cuthbertson agreed some criteria should be set. Leighton offered an amendment to the motion to hold a Special meeting on Thursday, October 7, 2021, to discuss criteria and process related to the selection of a Districting Master; motion seconded. Discussion followed. At Richardson's request, Long provided clarification on the vote for the motion. Chair Cuthbertson asked Stanford if she would object to an action item being included on the Special meeting agenda, and he requested the agenda include the action item "RFP Process." Stanford voiced no objection to the request. The motion, as amended, carried on a roll call vote of 4 to 1 (aye: Hanek, Leighton, Stanford, and Cuthbertson; nay: Richardson).

Chair Cuthbertson raised the issue of a Vice Chair. Discussion followed, and Chair Cuthbertson explained why he raised the issue. He requested the next agenda also include the action item "Vice Chair." Leighton objected, and Richardson provided comment.

7. Other Business

a. **Budget Review Discussion:** Long provided an overview of the Districting Committee's budget, and shared an illustrative budget breakdown from 2011 (copies are contained in the meeting file).

Luna outlined the Committee's timeline, and discussion followed.

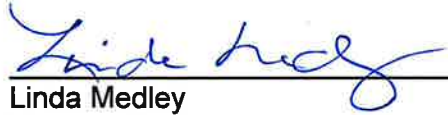
There was no public comment.

Chair Cuthbertson noted a letter from the League of Women Voters has been added to the record.

8. Adjournment

The Special meeting of the Districting Committee adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Approved:



Linda Medley
Meeting Clerk