

**MEETING MINUTES
PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE
October 19, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

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1. Call to Order

The October 19, 2021, meeting of the Pierce County Districting Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Cuthbertson via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

Susan Long, Pierce County Council office, called the roll.

Committee Members Present: The Honorable Frank Cuthbertson, Chair; and Sharon Hanek, Justin Leighton, Doug Richardson, and Joy Stanford, Members.

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Without objection, the agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of Minutes:

- October 12, 2021, Special meeting; and
- October 12, 2021, regular meeting.

Hanek moved approval of the October 12, 5:00 p.m. and October 12, 2021, 5:30 p.m. minutes of the Districting Committee as presented; motion seconded and carried on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (aye: Cuthbertson, Hanek, Leighton, Richardson, and Stanford).

5. Selection of Districting Master

Discussion ensued on the proposals submitted in response to the RFP for a Districting Master. Richardson moved to select Berk Consulting as the Districting Master; motion seconded. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 3 (aye: Hanek and Richardson; nay: Cuthbertson, Leighton, and Stanford).

Richardson moved to select James Thatcher as the Districting Master; motion seconded. Leighton provided comment, Richardson spoke to his motion, and Chair Cuthbertson provided comment. The motion failed on a roll call vote of 2 to 3 (aye: Hanek and Richardson; nay: Cuthbertson, Leighton, and Stanford).

Leighton moved to select Steven Garrett as the Districting Master; motion seconded. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 3 to 1 to 1. (aye: Cuthbertson, Leighton, and Stanford; nay: Richardson; abstain: Hanek).

Discussion followed regarding drafting of the contract, timeline of the contract, and options for proceeding with the contract. Chair Cuthbertson suggested the draft contract be submitted to the Committee members for their review prior to formal approval.

Leighton moved to authorize the Chair to work with legal staff to finalize a draft contract with Steven Garrett for the Committee's approval, with the contract amount not to exceed \$26,000; motion seconded. Discussion ensued. Leighton spoke to his motion. Following continued discussion regarding the contract amount, Leighton agreed to amend the amount of the contract in his motion to not exceed \$24,000; motion seconded. The motion passed as amended on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (aye: Cuthbertson, Hanek, Leighton, Richardson, and Stanford).

6. Public Comment

Marianne Lincoln testified.

7. Other Business

Chair Cuthbertson noted the Committee will be approving the Districting Master contract at the next meeting, and he also stated he would like to begin discussions about community involvement in the process.

8. Adjournment

The meeting of the Districting Committee adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Approved:



Linda Medley
Meeting Clerk