

**MINUTES
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
PIERCE COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMITTEE
December 16, 2021**

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

1. Call to Order

The December 16, 2021, Special meeting of the Pierce County Districting Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Cuthbertson via teleconference.

2. Roll Call

The Clerk called the roll.

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

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

3. Approval of Agenda

Leighton moved to amend the agenda to advance Public Comment to Item 4. and to renumber the remaining agenda items accordingly. Chair Cuthbertson voiced no objection to advancing Public Comment, and he explained why it was placed on the agenda where it was. Motion seconded. Hanek provided comment. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 5 to 0 (aye: Cuthbertson, Hanek, Leighton, Richardson, and Stanford).

4. Public Comment

There was none.

5. Adoption of Final Districting Plan

Chair Cuthbertson addressed the many written comments that were received, and he noted all written comments will be included in the record. Hanek spoke to the variance in District 3 and noted she sent the Committee a minor amendment for consideration (a copy is contained in the meeting file). Chair Cuthbertson provided comment, and discussion followed. Hanek moved to amend the map to bring in a portion of precinct number 29658 along the Sprinker area from District 6 to District 3 (the cut off lines would be approximately 145th Street, from Spanaway Loop Road to Pacific Avenue); motion seconded.

At Chair Cuthbertson's request, Luna provided a legal opinion on whether minor changes to the map can be made at this point in the process with the deadlines still being met. Hanek explained her amendment. Kyle Haugh, Auditor's Office, spoke to the impact of the amendment. Leighton and Stanford 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 approve the final draft map; motion seconded. Leighton, Richardson, Stanford, and Hanek provided comment. They all thanked staff for their work, the Committee members for their commitment, the public for their input, and Chair Cuthbertson for his leadership. Chair Cuthbertson also provided comment. The motion carried on a roll call vote of 3 to 2 (aye: Cuthbertson, Leighton, and Stanford; nay: Hanek and Richardson).

6. Filing and Publication of Final Districting Plan

Chair Cuthbertson noted the final districting plan needs to be filed now that it has been adopted. Discussion followed regarding whether an action is needed. Luna clarified a motion is not needed. Chair Cuthbertson suggested the Committee send a letter of transmittal to the Auditor's Office.

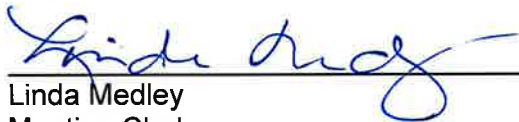
5. Other Business

Discussion occurred regarding the process for approving the final minutes. Chair Cuthbertson thanked all staff for their assistance and work throughout the process, and he also spoke to the civility of public comments received.

6. Adjournment

The Special meeting of the Districting Committee adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Approved:



Linda Medley
Meeting Clerk