

## SEATTLE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

### REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 20, 2022

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM

Zoom Meeting

Approved on September 27, 2022

**Commissioners Present:** Eliseo EJ Juárez, Patience Malaba, Commission Chair Greg Nickels, Rory O’Sullivan, Neelima Shah

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**Commissioners Absent:**

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**Commission Staff and Guests:** Logan Drummond: Department of Neighborhoods, Elsa Batres-Boni: Department of Neighborhoods, Ariel Schneier: Assistant City Attorney, Mary Ullrich: Districting GIS Consultant, Dennis Higgins: Districting GIS Consultant

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(Transcriber’s Note: Seattle Redistricting Commission meeting minutes are not an exact transcript and represent key points and the basis of discussion. The recording of the meeting is available upon request.)

#### **Meeting Minutes:**

##### **I. Call to Order**

- To follow the recent amendment by Governor Inslee [House Bill 1329](#), of the Open Public Meeting Act to increase the accessibility of and participation in public meetings. This meeting was held online and in a physical location at the City of Seattle L280 Boards and Commissions Room on floor L2 at 600 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Seattle WA, 98104.
- This meeting was open to the public and was advertised through appropriate channels. The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM once the Redistricting Commissioners had quorum.

##### **II. Welcome & Housekeeping**

- Reading of the agenda, welcome and land acknowledgement

##### **III. Minutes approval**

- The 8.02.2022, 9.06.2022, and 9.15.2022 meeting minutes were up for approval at today’s meeting. The minutes were approved as a group and motioned for approval by Commissioner Malaba with a second from Commissioner O’Sullivan. These meeting minutes were approved unanimously with five votes.

##### **IV. Agenda Review and approval**

- There were no questions or concerns from the Commissioners on today’s agenda for the 9.20.22 meeting Motioned by Commission Shah and seconded by Commissioner Juárez. The agenda for 9.20.22 was then passed unanimously with five yes votes.

##### **V. Received Public Comment Acknowledgement**

- Commissioners acknowledged that they have reviewed the latest submitted public comments.

**VI. Conflict of Interest Disclosure**

- No conflicts of interest were disclosed at this time by Redistricting Commissioners.

**VII. Public Comment**

- No one from the public signed up for public comment prior to the meeting or raised their hand to provide public comment either online or in-person.

**The Seattle Redistricting Commission took an Executive Meeting to speak to City of Seattle legal staff for 20 minutes.**

**VIII. New Chair – Discussion and vote**

- In the interest of fairness and to give adequate time for Commissioner Patience Malaba to lead the Redistricting Commission, Commission Chair Greg Nickels recommended that the commission select Commissioner Patience Malaba as the final Commission Chair until the redistricting process is completed. Commissioner O’Sullivan motioned for a vote to approve Commissioner Malaba as the new chair, with a second by Commissioner Shah. The motion was then passed unanimously.

**IX. Draft Map Discussion**

- Commissioner Rory O’Sullivan presented an alternative to the current map draft, that is informed by public comment on the official boundary around the Magnolia village to keep it wholly in District 6, by taking the Fremont neighborhood and moving it to District 7.
- Commissioner O’Sullivan noted that it is important to consider that his amendment jumps water boundaries in two districts, as opposed to the current draft map that only jumps water boundaries for one district.
- Commissioner Shah also created a draft map that keeps Eastlake whole in District 3.
- King County GIS Center will create an amendment draft map that reflects both suggested changes. These draft maps will be posted on the website and are planned to be voted upon at the next regular meeting on September 27<sup>th</sup>. See Exhibit 1

**X. Next regular meetings – and public forums**

- The Redistricting Commission’s next meeting will be a regular public meeting on September 27, 2022 from 12:00pm-1:30pm at the L280 Boards and Commissions Room at City Hall on Floor L2.
- There will be the last public forum on October 8, 2022, from 10:00am-12:00pm at the Bertha Knight Landes Room (BKL) on the first floor at 600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle WA 98104.

**XI. Adjourn**

- Acting Commission Chair Nickels asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner O’Sullivan motioned for adjournment, and Commissioner Juárez seconded. The motion for adjournment was approved unanimously with five yes votes.
- Questions and comments, please send them to [Elsa.Batres-Boni@Seattle.gov](mailto:Elsa.Batres-Boni@Seattle.gov)

**Exhibit 1**

- The Commissioners’ Draft Map with Proposed Changes can be found below and at the following Dave’s Redistricting App link:

- o <https://davesredistricting.org/maps#viewmap::03505efb-5748-4906-9d13-a9628e4f8721>

