



City of Everett

Re- Districting Commission Meeting

Thursday –March 10, 2022

Location: ZOOM Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

AGENDA

- **District Commission Roll Call**
- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Staff Comments**

Item 1: Interview Process:

Interview 1: 5:15 Dale Larson Dist 3

Interview 2: 5:35 Angela Pioli Dist 4

Interview 3: 5:50 Kelly Fox Dist 5

Interview 4: 6:10 – Paola Herrera Dist 3

Notes:

City Charter – Districting: <https://everett.municipal.codes/Charter/II>

Re-Districting City Website: <https://everettwa.gov/1856/City-Council-Districts>

Interview Questions – 9th Member Re-Districting Commission

Interview questions will be asked by the commissioners alphabetically by last name, in continuation through the interviews (ie: Sievers-Bailey will ask Q1 on interview 2). There can be clarifying questions asked as needed by any of the commissioners at the end of the interview. Airt-Atkinson, Bader, Benitez, Neely, Seitz, Sievers- Bailey, Shelby, Tarver

1. Please introduce yourself and share a bit of your background.
2. Please share any experience you have working with a large group or board.
3. What qualifications or experiences do you feel would be an asset this commission?
4. Are you available to attend meetings on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 5:00?
5. Have you reviewed the provided materials including timeline?
6. Do you have any questions?

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Thursday –February 24, 2022

Location: ZOOM Time: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

- **District Commission Roll Call**

- Leah Airt-Atkinson
- Scott Bader
- Ana Benitez
- Susan Neely
- Jared Seitz
- Nathan Shelby
- Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey
- Simone Tarver

- Absent:

- None

- **Staff Comments (OPMA Video)**

Item 1: Member introduction and why you joined the re-districting commission

Each member in attendance spent time talking about why they joined the commission.

Item 2: Background, timeline, and website – Nichole Webber

Shared City Charter and Districting website in the Chat for the group to review and get up to speed on the previous work done.

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(Items 3 and 4 were discussed in reverse order as edited below)

~~Item 3: Meeting schedule – reoccurring~~ Item 4: 9th commissioner selection processes

The commissioners brought forward names from the provided packet of applicants and decided the narrow the focus to the districts that were currently represented by only one commissioner. This process eliminated possible candidates from districts 1 and 2 and left: Kelly Fox, Angela Pioli, Paola Herrera, and Dale Larson to be contacted and invited to attend the March 15th meeting for a 15min interview. Nichole will pre-draft interview questions related to the written questionnaire already completed and send out the commission for review.

~~Item 4: 9th commissioner selection process~~ Item 3: Meeting schedule – reoccurring

The reoccurring meeting schedule will be the 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:00PM starting March 10th. On March 10th, the commission will host their nominations on Zoom for 15min interviews. There will also be an AdHoc meeting on March 24th @ 5:00 PM to make the 9th member selection and begin the conversation about selecting a Re-Districting master.

Additional Notes: It was decided that staff (Nichole Webber) will send out some possibilities regarding a Re-Districting Masters, check on the precinct work at the county and request interested parties provide comment in writing or on the phone until the community meeting dates reserved for public comment later in the process. Next steps and the importance of keeping on the timeline were also discussed.

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CITY OF EVERETT

Districting Commission

ABOUT THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION

In 2018, Everett voters approved Proposition 1 to fundamentally change how city council members will be elected and establish districts throughout the city. Also, via Proposition 2, the voters decided that of the seven city council seats, two will be at-large (meaning they can live anywhere within the city) and five must live in the district they represent. Within this ballot measure, it was determined that the City would need to establish an initial districting commission, composed of Everett residents appointed by the current city council and the mayor and a re-districting commission following each decennial census.

Below is the 2022 City of Everett Re-Districting Commission

Members:

Leah Airt- Atkinson
Scott Bader
Ana Benitez

Susan Neely
Jared Seitz
Nathan Shelby

Jocelyn Sievers-Bailey
Simone Tarver
TBD

Important Deadlines

- By January 31, 2022– appoint 1st eight commissioners (council and mayor).
The council must find that the eight nominees are reasonably geographically diverse.
- Promptly after the first 8 commissioners are appointed the commission must appoint the 9th member.
- The commission shall elect a chair from among its members.
- Within 90 days of the 9th appointment, the commission must appoint a districting master.
- Public Comment Meetings, one in each district and one city wide- Completed by September 22 or sooner.
- By November 1, 2022 – on or before, the map must be adopted by the council without modification (Oct 26 is the last council meeting before Nov 1st).

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ENGAGEMENT

All districting meetings are available online, and by phone. After the meetings, the recorded videos are available at everettwa.gov/districting, as well as the minutes and any meeting materials.

The Districting Commission welcomes any feedback or comments from the public via email. Reach out via email to nwebber@everettwa.gov, and your feedback will be shared with the commission.

Timeline

