



**Meeting Minutes  
of Redistricting Committee**

**Redistricting Committee Meeting**  
 August 24, 2021 – 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.  
 Spokane Arena – Public Facilities District Board Room  
 720 West Mallon Avenue  
 Spokane, Washington 99201  
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Staff Present	Committee Members	Members of the Public	Flo Analytics Staff
John Dickson (Zoom)	Robin Ball	Sylvia Oliver	Tyler Vick
Rob Binger, Sr. DPA	Natasha Hill	Ann Murphy	Abbi Russell
Ginna Vasquez, COB	Jim McDevitt	Su Sawyer	Alex Brasch
Vicky Dalton (Zoom)	Brian McClatchey	Golie Jansen	
Karen Corkins (Zoom)	Chair Elaine Couture	Colin Tiernan (Spokesman Review)	
		Isiah Paine	
		Tolar Bryan	
		Diana Wilhite	
		Daniel Walter (The Inlander)	
		Various members of the public via Zoom	

Chair Elaine Couture calls meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

- Welcome and overview of mask mandate for in-person meetings.
- Open Public Forum.  
 Questions and comments from the public.  
 Close Public Forum.
- Approve Meeting Minutes
  - **MOTION No. 1:**  
 Committee Member Brian McClatchey moves to approve meeting minutes of August 3, 2021.

Committee Member Jim McDevitt seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 4-0.

Committee Member Robin Ball: Aye; Committee Member Natasha Hill: Aye;  
 Committee Member Jim McDevitt: Aye; Committee Member Brian McClatchey: Aye.

- Meeting Agenda

1. August 24, 2021 Draft Plan Follow-Up – Alex Brasch [Flo Analytics].
  - Provide overview of Coversheet which entails the Draft Plan. Now available on the Redistricting Committee’s webpage. The public can submit public comments by October 23, 2021. Upcoming Information Session/Public hearing dates, information for the public to submit public comments, and State mapping requirements and guidelines for creating scenarios of the draft plan.
  - Overview summary of the four map scenarios.
  - Committee asks what the process is for getting edits to FLO Analytics for plan that is needed to meet deadline – Committee proposes to review with edits to Flo by 8:00 p.m. and response back by 10:00 p.m.

- **MOTION No. 1:**

Committee Member Natasha Hill moves to provide our comments to FLO Analytics by 8:00 p.m. and for FLO Analytics to provide/publish the final draft plan which incorporates all the Committee’s comments and/or edits to the Committee Members by 10:00 p.m. to meet our statutory deadline.

Committee Member Robin Ball seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 4-0.

Committee Member Robin Ball: Aye; Committee Member Natasha Hill: Aye;  
Committee Member Jim McDevitt: Aye; Committee Member Brian McClatchey:  
Aye.

Discussion on process for providing draft plan edits to FLO Analytics – all Committee Members edits to be sent to Tyler Vick and to cc Chair Elaine Couture.

Discussion to recess and reconvening after review of draft plan subject to final approval of the draft plan.

- **MODIFIED MOTION No. 1:**

Committee Member Natasha Hill moves to withdraw motion and modify current motion to approve the draft plan with the maps subject to edits and approval by each of the Committee Members to be sent to FLO Analytics (Tyler Vick) and cc to Chair Elaine Couture by 8:00 p.m. That FLO Analytics will publish the final draft plan by 10:00 p.m.

Committee Member Jim McDevitt seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 4-0.

Committee Member Robin Ball: Aye; Committee Member Natasha Hill: Aye;  
Committee Member Jim McDevitt: Aye; Committee Member Brian McClatchey:  
Aye.

The Committee asks FLO Analytics (Alex Brasch) to go through the narratives of each of the four maps and summary comparison of statistics and Metadata to each scenario maps/districts [see attached].

Committee asks FLO Analytics if each Committee Member can try the different scenarios in the Tableau workbook.

Map requirement criteria in RCW 36.32.054(6) for Commissioner Districts must correspond as nearly as practicable to election precinct boundaries. The Committee members asked FLO Analytics to analyze the maps in conjunction with precinct boundaries.

2. Publication of Draft Plan – FLO Analytics (Abbi Russell).

Chair Elaine Couture reiterates that the four maps will be on the Committee's webpage and notification of the four maps will be published in The Spokesman Review referencing on the Committee's webpage.

FLO Analytics recommended that the Committee set an end date for receipt of comments on the Draft Plan as Sept. 30<sup>th</sup>.

○ **MOTION No. 2:**

Committee Member Jim McDevitt moves to accept public comments until September 30, 2021 for the draft plan.

Committee Member Natasha Hill seconds the motion.

Discussion on the motion on the timeline for draft plan and final plan dates for public comments.

After discussion, a motion was withdrawn and amended by Committee Member Jim McDevitt to accept written public comments until September 24, 2021 for the draft plan.

Committee Member Brian McClatchey seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 4-0.

Committee Member Robin Ball: Aye; Committee Member Natasha Hill: Aye; Committee Member Jim McDevitt: Aye; Committee Member Brian McClatchey: Aye.

3. Community Engagement Plan Update. (FLO Analytics – Abbi Russell)

a. Website Follow-Up (none at this time).

b. E-Mail Follow-Up (none at this time).

c. Media Coverage. Received an e-mail from Daniel Walters with The Inlander. Email asked for general information on how to get data on the maps. Ms. Russell via email advised Legal Counsel and Clerk that a Public Records Request will be forthcoming. Rebecca White with Spokane Public Radio asking how the Census Date may impact the process and sent information on this.

d. Advertising. Will update deadline for the public comment and will send to The Spokesman Review for submittal no later than Thursday morning and sending ad to Cheney Free Press later this week to begin running early September.

4. Miscellaneous Items.

- Chair Elaine Couture asks Committee Members if feel the need to hold a second regularly Thursday meetings via virtually only to help meet with the deadline of the maps. Will re-visit on where at after the discussion on the four maps.
- **MOTION No. 3:**  
Committee Member Robin Ball moves to take the next week to individually review, analyze the maps and come back for discussion next week on the four options.

Committee Member Jim McDevitt seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 4-0.

Committee Member Robin Ball: Aye; Committee Member Natasha Hill: Aye;  
Committee Member Jim McDevitt: Aye; Committee Member Brian McClatchey:  
Aye.

- Chair Elaine Couture reminds the Committee Members on the process that all communication from this point forward will be between FLO Analytics and the Chair on behalf of the Committee Members.
- **MOTION No. 4:**  
Committee Member Natasha Hill moves to designate one point of contact for FLO Analytics to communicate to Committee Members, namely Chair Elaine Couture with and that the Committee has a commitment for a timely response within 24 hours from FLO Analytics through Tyler Vick.

[NOTE: a motion was made, discussion on the motion, but no second. Motion failed. However, during the discussion on the motion, consensus was arrived at that Elaine Couture would be the main point of contact for Committee Members to contact FLO Analytics and Tyler Vick would be the main point of contact between FLO Analytics and Elaine Couture. Therefore, a motion was not necessary].

Committee Member Natasha Hill reiterates that John Dickson is not the point of contact for the Committee Members and no further emails should be sent by John Dickson.

Asks to see all emails between John Dickson and FLO Analytics. The Committee never designated John Dickson for point of contact with FLO Analytics. Would like those to be submitted to her by NOON prior to next Tuesday's meeting.

- Committee has requested that Zoom recordings, chat messages, and audio of the meetings be available on the website. FLO Analytics has advised that the Committee's webpage which they maintain cannot support the zoom recordings, chat messages and audio recordings. As a result of Flo Analytics inability to support these items, any members of the public will have to make a Public Records Request through GOVQa.
- At the present time, the Clerk places on the County's website the Agendas for all Redistricting Committee Meetings. She also emails the Agendas to all individuals who normally gets the agendas of the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and to all Redistricting Committee Members. FLO Analytics maintains the Redistricting Committee's website. All Agendas for all Redistricting Committee meetings will now only be placed on the Redistricting Committee website. County would like to have a separation from the BOCC and the Independent Redistricting Committee. The Clerk

of the Committee will still e-mail copies of the Agenda to the Committee Members. The Clerk will not e-mail copies of the Agendas to the individuals who normally subscribe to get the BOCC Agendas.

Committee asks Clerk to have a link on the county website to direct individuals to the Independent Committee's webpage.

- E-mail request from Liz VanDenBerg with the Spokane Building Owners and Managers Association (BOMA Spokane). Would like a presentation by a Committee Member to speak at an upcoming luncheon at NOON on Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> regarding the redistricting process. Chair will follow-up on Zoom capabilities.
  - Clarification on process for point of contact designee for FLO Analytics/Committee Members technical support. Tyler Vick will provide a contact name for technical support by tomorrow at 5:00 p.m. Chair Elaine Couture and Tyler Vick will be cc'd on future e-mails with the technical support.
  - Committee would like an updated FLO Analytics budget expense spreadsheet through today. Have available by next Tuesday's meeting.
  - Committee asks to have the four draft plan maps onto a big poster board where members of the public can draw on for input.
- Open Public Forum.  
Questions and comments from the public.  
Close Public Forum.
  - Meeting Adjournment.
    - **MOTION No.5:**  
Committee Member Jim McDevitt moves to adjourn at 6:19 p.m.  
  
Committee Member Brian McClatchey seconds the motion.  
  
Motion passes unanimously. Vote: 4-0.  
  
Committee Member Robin Ball: Aye; Committee Member Natasha Hill: Aye;  
Committee Member Jim McDevitt: Aye; Committee Member Brian McClatchey:  
Aye.

Meeting adjourns at 6:19 p.m.