



AGENDA

DISTRICTING COMMISSION

223 East 4th Street, Room 160
Port Angeles, Washington
August 30, 2021 – 1 p.m.

****ATTENTION****

In response to the current Governors order Clallam County has moved Phase 3 of the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery Plan. To be in compliance with the Healthy Washington Roadmap to Recovery Plan the following general requirements for COVID safety for meetings held in the Board of Commissioners Board Room are as follows:

1. All attendees are encouraged to provide contact information on a sign in sheet which will be retained for 28 days for contact tracing purposes.
2. Public seating areas and Board member seating must be arranged to ensure physical distancing is maintained.
3. Meeting attendees must follow current face covering guidelines.
4. No food or drink should be consumed in the BOCC Board Room.
5. Meeting organizers shall clean or arrange to have cleaned high-touch surfaces before and after each meeting.
6. Hand sanitizing stations will be available in the BOCC Board Room.
7. Keep doors and windows open where possible to improve ventilation.
8. The Chair of the meeting shall ensure current masking and social distancing practices are enforced and practiced by all event attendees.

Meeting information can be found on the Clallam County website at:

<http://www.clallam.net/bocc/DistrictingCommission.html>

This meeting can be viewed on a live stream at this link: <http://www.clallam.net/features/meetings.html>

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom audio only, call 253-215-8782 and use meeting ID: 875 561 7844 and passcode: 12345

If you would like to participate in the meeting via Zoom video conference, visit <https://zoom.us/j/8755617844> and use meeting ID: 875 561 7844 and passcode: 12345

Citizens are encouraged to make public comment in person, phone, video or in writing. Citizens with comments or questions regarding the Districting Commission may contact the Clerk of the Districting Commission at agores@co.clallam.wa.us or 360-417-2256.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes June 14, 2021

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chair report

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BUSINESS ITEMS

- Review the updated information on when the County will receive "**usable**" 2020 Census data. Initial data on the 2020 Census will be forwarded to the States in mid August
- Discuss and establish tentative dates for future public meetings as the Redistricting progresses.
 - Tentative meeting dates are:
 - Open meeting in Port Angeles to explain the process for Redistricting – in-person and live streamed on Granicus
 - Open meeting in Port Angeles to present 3 Redistricting options
 - Open meeting in Sequim to present 3 Redistricting options
 - Open meeting in Forks to present 3 Redistricting options
 - Open meeting in Port Angeles to present the preferred Redistricting option – in-person and live streamed on Granicus

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next meeting date – TBD

PUBLIC COMMENT – Please limit comments to three minutes

ADJOURNMENT

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR SPEAKING AT A
DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING:**

- Members of the public wishing to address the Commission on general items may do so during the designated times on the agenda.
- Public comment is limited to 3 minutes for each speaker subject to the Commissions concurrence.
- Individual making comments shall first state their name and address for the official record.
- General comments, applause, booing from members of the audience are inappropriate and may result in removal.
- Written public comment can be emailed to the Clerk at agores@co.clallam.wa.us.

These guidelines are intended to promote an orderly system for conducting a public hearing so that each person has an opportunity to be heard and to ensure that exercising their right of free speech embarrasses no one.

Note: Written testimony presented by members of the public during the meeting is considered a public document and must be submitted to the Clerk of Districting Commission. Copies of public documents from meetings are available by contacting the Public Records Department.

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Draft Minutes June 14, 2021



CLALLAM COUNTY DISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES of June 14, 2021

MEETING OF THE DISTRICTING COMMISSION (DC)

Chair Teichert called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m., Monday, June 14, 2021. Also present were Commissioners Livingston, Hetrick-Oosterveld (video) and McEntire. Collins was excused.

CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

REQUEST FOR MODIFICATIONS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACTION TAKEN: McEntire moved to approve as presented, Livingston seconded, motion carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes April 26, 2021

ACTION TAKEN: Hetrick-Oosterveld to approve as presented, McEntire seconded, motion carried

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- Chair report – No Chair report

Teichert commented that he attended a couple redistricting webinars. He noted that the webinars were beneficial for him to attend.

BUSINESS ITEMS

- Review 2010 Districting Commission process
- Districting Master expectations

The DC discussed legacy data and general data. Teichert noted that Census data is predicted to be available in the end of September. DC discussed the redistricting timeline process once the Census data is received.

NEXT MEETING DATE

- Next meeting date – TBD

Teichert noted that the next meeting date will probably be in September.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting concluded at 1:26 p.m.

ACTION TAKEN: McEntire moved to adjourn, Livingston seconded, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Loni Gores, CMC
Clerk to the Districting Commission
Approved: xxx xx, 2021

DISTRICTING COMMISSION

Business Items

Gores, Alanna

From: Lorraine M Ralston (CENSUS/LA FED) <lorraine.m.ralston@2020census.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, August 03, 2021 3:56 PM
Subject: Census Bureau to Release 2020 Census Results This Month

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2020 Census Redistricting Data To Be Released Soon

Later this month, the Census Bureau will release the redistricting data from the 2020 Census. These data include the first sub-state population counts and demographic characteristics from the census; information that the states typically use for redistricting.

Redistricting data, which were delayed as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, will be provided in two releases. Both releases contain the same information but are presented in different formats. The first release will be Aug. 16 and the second by Sept. 30.

Informational Webinar

The Census Bureau will host an informational webinar **Thursday, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. Pacific Time**, about the data to be released later this month. The webinar will include instructions about how to access redistricting data; information on improvements to the race and ethnicity questions design, processing, and coding; and how the Census Bureau is measuring diversity in the United States. A live Q&A session with subject-matter experts will immediately follow the webinar.

Speakers:

- James Whitehorne, chief of the Redistricting and Voting Rights Data Office
- Matthew Spence, senior advisor for Special Population Statistics and Disclosure Avoidance, Population Division
- Eric Jensen, senior technical expert for Demographic Analysis, Population Division
- Rachel Marks, chief, Racial Statistics Branch, Population Division

Webinar Access:

<https://uscensus.webex.com/uscensus/onstage/g.php?MTID=e1ac6145baf7dbb085e41ae6a0fbcdbfa>

Audio access: 888-847-6588, passcode 7727651

Redistricting Data

The data that will be released by Aug. 16 will include:

- Housing unit counts
- Occupancy status for housing units (occupied or vacant)
- Population totals
- Population totals by race
- Population totals by race and Hispanic/Latino origin
- Voting-age population (18 and older) totals by race and Hispanic/Latino origin
- Population totals in group quarters by major group quarters type

Data will be released for all 50 states, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia. Within each, we will provide data for multiple geographies such as:

- Counties
- Townships
- Cities
- Voting Districts
- School Districts
- Tracts
- Census Blocks

RELEASE 1: August 16

The data will be provided on the public Census Bureau FTP site in summary file format (as has been provided in past decades).

The format consists of a group of pipe-delimited text files that include:

- **A geographic header (geoheader) file** that contains geographic information
- **Three separate data segments per state** that contain the data tables. Because of the number of fields, we've separated the data tables into three data segments:
- Data segment 01 contains tables P1–Race and P2–Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race.
- Data segment 02 contains tables P3–Race for the Population 18 Years and Over, P4–Hispanic or Latino, and Not Hispanic or Latino by Race for the Population 18 Years and Over, and H1–Occupancy Status.
- Data segment 03 contains table P5–Group Quarters Population by Major Group Quarters Type.

This format requires data users to use additional software and perform extra work to extract the data. To help states and other data users prepare, we've provided a number of materials. All of these materials are available on our [Redistricting Data Program Management](#) page. The materials include:

- **Prototype data.** These data come from the 2018 End-to-End Census Test in Providence County, R.I., and are in the same format that will be available from the 2020 Census. We produced a prototype product to illustrate what states can expect. This prototype is used to build and test systems in advance of the official data release so that states can begin work immediately when they receive the 2020 data.
- **Microsoft Access database shell.** The shell comes with a step-by-step guide on how to use it to import the redistricting data and extract data from the files. The shell serves as a template for extract queries by blocks, counties, and county subdivisions.
- **A list of frequently used geographic summary level codes.** All data are available at coded levels specific to the type of geography, including states, counties, places, congressional or legislative districts, voting districts, census tracts, and blocks. Users can check this list to look up the summary level code that corresponds to some of the most commonly used types of geography.
- **SAS import scripts.** These scripts help users import the data files into the SAS statistical software.
- **R import scripts.** These scripts help users import the data files into the R statistical software.
- **Geographic support products.** These products will help users map the actual 2020 Census data and redraw district boundaries. The products include shapefiles for the new 2020 Census blocks and updated boundaries for legal governments referenced to January 1, 2020, as well as other geographic information.

Watch this [video](#) that shows how to download, import, and extract the data from the summary files.

RELEASE 2: by September 30

The second release of data will have easier-to-use formats to empower everyone to access and use the redistricting data.

The same data will be released as above but in two additional formats that are easier to use:

- Toolkits including DVDs and flash drives will be provided to the state officers (or their designees) and to any other public bodies responsible for their state's legislative apportionment or districting.
 - The DVDs and flash drives will contain an integrated software browsing tool. This tool allows for intuitive browsing of the data.
 - The DVDs and flash drives will also include an extraction menu that allows for the easy extraction of large datasets. These datasets can then be imported into a Geographic Information System (GIS) or database.
- The states and the public will be able to access the data through the Census Bureau's primary data dissemination tool, the data.census.gov platform.

Protecting Confidentiality

Because the redistricting data have demographic characteristics available for very small areas, it's essential that steps are taken to protect the data reported by or on behalf of individuals.

The 2020 Census redistricting data will be the first census protected using differential privacy. This modern method protects individual information while letting us share important statistics about communities. Differential privacy has been successfully used in several other Census Bureau data products.

By design we have carefully calibrated how much protection or noise to add so that the results strike a balance between data protection and precision. Instead of looking for precision in an individual block, we strongly encourage data users to aggregate or group blocks together.

Here are some resources to help understand differential privacy:

Blog: [Modernizing Privacy Protections for the 2020 Census, Next Steps](#)

Video: [Protecting Privacy in Census Bureau Statistics](#)

Release: [Key Parameters Set to Protect Privacy in 2020 Census Results](#)

Data Quality

As always, the Census Bureau is committed to being transparent about the quality of the 2020 Census results. Shortly after the August release of redistricting data, we plan to release additional operational quality metrics to provide further insight into how we collected the census responses and what that might mean for the quality of the data.

Also, data users will be able to compare for themselves how the local and demographic 2020 Census counts compare against other population benchmarks, such as our annual population estimates.

Throughout data processing, we've been comparing the counts to benchmarks as part of our quality checks on the data. We have conducted one of the most comprehensive reviews in recent census history.

As part of our review, we've had to contend with higher item nonresponse rates for characteristics than we've experienced in past censuses. This means while people were counted, some people left one or more questions blank, even if they completed most of the census questionnaire.

We saw this for almost every variable in the questionnaire — age, sex, race, Hispanic origin, and whether the home is owned or rented. We saw this across the board regardless of whether the response was submitted online, by paper, over the phone or during in-person interviews with our enumerators. These blank responses left holes in the data which we had to fill. We're still analyzing this and will share how we addressed this challenge later.

In addition, please remember the 2020 Census represents a count of everyone living in the nation on April 1, 2020. This is important to note when comparing to other Census Bureau surveys or other non-Census Bureau data sources.

Where there are questions about the data, we have a process called the Count Question Resolution Program. This program is limited in scope and won't change either the redistricting data or the apportionment results, but it will help us update the census totals we use to build our population estimates each year. We'll share more details about this program later.

Apportionment Data

Earlier this year, on April 21, the Census Bureau released the apportionment counts from the 2020 Census. Full details of those data can be found [here](#).

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