

November 3, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

**Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
Embassy Suites Hotel, 1515 North 44th Street, Turquoise Room, Phoenix, Arizona**

Commissioners present: Chairman Steven W. Lynn; Vice Chairman Andi Minkoff;
Commissioner James R. Huntwork; Commissioner Joshua M. Hall;
Commissioner Daniel R. Elder.

Staff present: Amy Rezzonico, Press Information Officer; Lou Jones, IRC Staff; Cindy
Le, IRC Staff; Kristina Gomez, IRC Staff.

Counsel: Lisa T. Hauser and Jose de Jesus Rivera.

Also present: Lisa A. Nance, RPR, CCR, court reporter with Atwood Reporting.

Consultants Present: Alan Heslop; Florence Adams; Marguerite Leoni;
Doug Johnson; Marion Porch; and Tim Johnson.

Agenda Item I: Meeting was called to order by Chairman Steve Lynn at 10:00 a.m.

Agenda Item II: Call to the public.

No one from the public indicated a desire to address the Commission at this time.

Agenda Item III: Possible Executive Session pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and
A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(4).

**Motion was made, seconded and carried to move into Executive Session for the
purpose of receiving legal counsel pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S. 38-
431.03(A)(4).**

The Commission recessed Public Session and went into Executive Session from 10:21
until 11:28 a.m. at which time Public Session resumed and a recess was taken.

Agenda Item IV: Presentation by NDC and/or legal counsel, discussion and possible
decision(s) concerning public input received following the 10-14-01 adoption of the final
Congressional and Legislative drafts subject to further action of the Commission.

Dr. Heslop made a presentation to the Commission regarding the public input received by
the Commission, NDC, and gleaned from newspaper sources since 10-14-01.

Agenda Item V: Presentation by NDC, discussion and possible decision(s) concerning:

- A Possible changes to the final Congressional plan for population balancing.
- B Possible changes to the final Legislative plan for neighborhood clean-up;
and
- C Possible adjustments to final Legislative lines to prevent small populations trapped between Congressional and Legislative lines.

Mr. Johnson made a Power Point presentation to the Commission regarding this agenda item. He pointed out the Commissioners all had a written document regarding the changes made pertaining to these items.

In the Congressional plan four trade-offs were made. Mr. Johnson indicated there were many more changes that had to be made on the Legislative map.

Motion was made, seconded and carried three to two to reject the proposed adjustment by NDC that would place nine Phoenix residents in with Scottsdale. The result would leave the nine-person precinct as is.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to accept the changes recommended by NDC and modifications recommended by the Commission Congressionally and Legislatively.

Agenda Item VI: Presentation by legal counsel, discussion and possible decision(s) concerning additional record of Commission findings.

Ms. Hauser reported that legal counsel reviewed the record and have no recommendation to make at this time.

Agenda Item VII: Presentation, discussion and possible decision(s) concerning amendment of the Commission's budget.

Executive Director Echeveste made a brief report. A written memo was submitted to the Commissioners. The Executive Director indicated that the budget amendment reflects the extensive outreach efforts done by the Commission throughout the hearing process and that essentially the increases are an amendment to NDC's contract, additional funding for transcription, increased travel for all committees, and increased support from NDC. The Executive Director requested the Commission approve the amendment so the Commission can finish off the year and balance.

Motion was made, seconded and carried to approve the amended budget.

Commissioner Hall pointed out that thus far, of a budget allocation of six million, the Commission is returning 4.5 million at this point to the General Fund.

Commissioner Minkoff requested a format change in the budget to add a column for expenditures to date.

Agenda Item VIII: Certification of the Final Congressional and Legislative Districts to the Secretary of State.

Ms. Hauser read the document to be signed by the Commissioners and described the attachment.

Motion was made and seconded to certify the final Legislative and Congressional Districts. Motion was amended to include authorization for Commission counsel to attach the correct Exhibits based on the maps and Exhibits the Commission has approved. The amended motion was seconded and carried.

At this point in the proceedings the Commissioners signed two sets of each of the formal certifications. (This would allow each Commissioner to retain one.)

Agenda Item IX: Discussion of future Commission meeting(s).

It was announced the next meeting would be at the call of the Chair.

Agenda Item X: Public Comment.

John Mills addressed the Commission.

Agenda Item XII: Possible statements by Commissioners, Executive Director, consultants and/or legal counsel of a general nature.

Executive Director Echeveste read and presented the Commissioners with their Certificate of Appointment for the Commissioners from the State of Arizona, Department of State.

Ms. Hauser read and presented each of the Commissioners with a proclamation from the Governor's Office.

Adolfo Echeveste made his personal comments of appreciation to the Commission and all those involved.

Commissioner Minkoff made her personal comments of appreciation to her co-commissioners and all the other people involved in the process indicating that she would do it again in a heartbeat despite all the hard work involved as it had been so rewarding.

Commissioner Elder made his personal comments of introspection and thanks to everyone involved.

Commissioner Hall made his personal comments of appreciation to everyone involved and gave his thoughts on the experience.

Commissioner Huntwork thanked everyone involved for their hard work and dedication. He paid particular tribute to Steve Lynn.

Chairman Lynn addressed everyone, thanked each and every person for their hard work, and gave his personal remarks.

Lisa Hauser thanked everyone for their hard work and for having the opportunity to be involved in the process.

Jose Rivera shared fond and humorous memories, thanked everybody for their hard work and the tremendous experience of working on the redistricting.

Dr. Heslop spoke for NDC and expressed their thanks to the everyone that worked so hard to make their job easier and to the Commission for being a pleasure to work with. He also expressed how unique in so many important ways this redistricting had been.

Lisa Nance addressed everyone expressing her respect and admiration for the group and thanked them for letting her have the pleasure of being their court reporter throughout the process. She made particular note of the fact this group, as diverse as it was, as hardworking as it had to be, always managed to get along and behave with the utmost integrity, civility and politeness which had made it an absolute pleasure to be with throughout the previous nine months.

Agenda Item XII: Recess or adjournment.

Whereupon the meeting concluded at approximately 2:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance