

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE
ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
February 13, 2001**

A public meeting of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was convened on Tuesday, February 13, 2001, 9:15 a.m., at the Office of the Secretary of State, located at 1700 West Washington, 7th Floor, Phoenix, Arizona, pursuant to public notice duly given.

Members Present: Dan Elder, Tucson
Joshua Hall, St. Johns
Andrea (Andi) Minkoff, Phoenix
James Huntwork, Phoenix

Others: Betsey Bayless, Secretary of State
William Gresser, Yuma
Donald Jerome, Flagstaff
Steven W. Lynn, Tucson
Bruce Mac Arthur, Phoenix
W. Scott Bales, Solicitor General
Joseph A. Kanefield, Assistant Attorney General
Rudolfo H. Perez, Jr., Director of the Phoenix Program Office for the Mexican/American Legal Defense
Tony Sissons

I Secretary of State Betsey Bayless called the meeting to order at approximately 9:15 a.m

II. **Oath of Office.**

The Commissioners were introduced and administered the Oath of Office. Secretary of State Betsey Bayless informed the public that the Commission's task is drawing Arizona's boundaries for legislative and congressional districts.

Commissioner Huntwork asked if it would be appropriate to designate a chairman pro tem to proceed in an orderly manner. Mr. Bales advised the Commissioners they had that authority.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hall, seconded by Commissioner Minkoff, Commissioner Huntwork was elected pro tem chairman. Motion carried.

III. **Interview of Nominees.**

Commissioner Huntwork asked Mr. Bales if it was legally correct that the Commission had the option of going into executive session for the purpose of conducting interviews as well as for the purpose of deliberating. Mr. Bales advised Commissioner Huntwork that it was generally correct that the Commission would have that option, however, it was also the right of the applicant to choose to have both the interview and the discussions concerning them

held in public session. The Commission decided to conduct the interviews in the open meeting and address deliberations later.

The Nominees were interviewed by the Commissioners in the following order:

Steven W. Lynn, Tucson
William Gresser, Yuma
Donald Jerome, Flagstaff

Commissioner Elder asked if the Commissioners would be violating any law or regulation if they ate lunch together. Mr. Bales advised that they could do so as long as they were careful not to discuss Commission business.

Nominee interviews continue
Bruce MacArthur, Phoenix

IV. Public Comment.

Rudolfo H. Perez, Jr. - Director of the Phoenix Program Office for the Mexican/American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Represents the Coalition for Latino Political Action in Maricopa County.

Rudolpho Perez, Jr. expressed his organization's disappointment with the selection process and the lack of minority representation on the Commission. He further stated that his organization supported Bruce MacArthur as a fifth member and Chairman of the Commission.

V. Deliberation on Election of Fifth Member.

Commissioner Elder made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Minkoff, that the Commission go into executive session and have a working lunch to discuss the four applicants. Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Hall informed the public that the Commission would go into Executive Session.

Commission went into Executive Session to deliberate.

Executive Session ended.

VI. Election of the fifth member of the Commission.

It was moved by Commissioner Elder and seconded by Commissioner Minkoff to nominate Steven Lynn as the Chairman on the Commission. The public was invited to speak but declined. The Motion unanimously carried.

Commissioner Lynn is sworn in by Secretary of State Betsey Bayless and assumes his role as Chairman.

Presentation by the Arizona Attorney General's Office regarding the redistricting timeline in Arizona.

Scott Bales introduced himself and Joseph Kanefield of the Attorney General's Office and gave an overview of the redistricting timelines. The Commission requested a memo from Mr. Bales summarizing the redistricting timelines.

Public Comment

Tony Sissons - Geo-demographic consultant

Mr. Sissons asked if the Commission would allow other public comment. Mr. Bales suggested comments should be directed to what is on the agenda. Mr. Sissons expressed his concern that the prior election results data base was not in a format that could be read by the redistricting software, however, the problem was correctable. Commissioner Lynn informed Mr. Sissons that it would be inappropriate for the Commission to make any comments and suggested he attend the next meeting.

VIII. **The next meeting is Friday, February 16, 2001, 10:00 a.m. Scott Bales will notice the Commission on where the next meeting is to be held.**

IX. **Agenda items for next meeting:**

- Selection of Vice Chair
- Public Service Orientation
- Personnel: Hiring executive director and staff
- Office space
- Presentation by Arizona Attorney General's Office
- Information about Census
- Selection of Counsel
- Presentation by Maricopa County Elections Department
- Presentation by Department of Administration
- Call for Public Comment

X. **Adjournment**

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