

July 6, 2001, 8:00 a.m.

Public Hearing; Minutes of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission
1700 W. Washington, 2nd Floor, Governor's Reception Room, Phoenix, Arizona

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

Staff present: Adolfo Echeveste, Outreach Director; Amy Rezzonico, Press Information Officer, Augusta Knight, Outreach Coordinator.

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

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

Consultants Present: Florence Adams; Alan Heslop; Marguerite Mary Leoni; Chris Hutchison; Marion Porch; Tim Johnson.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Public Comment: No one indicated a desire to speak at this time.

Agenda Item III: Presentation, discussion and possible decision with respect to the operational implications of citizen input and the development of the AURs (Arizona Units of Representation) for each area of the state.

Dr. Heslop made a Power Point presentation to the Commission as well as providing a handout on the AURs of the state as NDC is developing them based on the information coming in. He indicated the summaries for the Pima County hearings were not yet incorporated as those transcripts had not yet been received.

NDC indicated that they would like to receive copies of any maps that are received by the Commission, specifically the Mary Rose Wilcox plan that was submitted on CD ROM.

The Commission requested that any of the submissions that indicated the public would like lines in certain places be compiled into a notebook. NDC indicated it would compile such a notebook for the Commission.

Agenda Item IV: Presentation, discussion and possible decision with respect to the process and schedule for development of draft congressional and legislative maps, the 30-day public comment period, the second round of public hearings and adoption of the final congressional and legislative maps.

The Commissioners discussed two items, a time line with a cover memorandum from Ms. Hauser on a time line for preparation for congressional and legislative maps and a memo from Mr. Echeveste regarding a methodology for the second round of outreach meetings.

Ms. Hauser went through the timeline as outlined in the handout and memo. The Commission discussed the details of the timing. **Ms. Hauser and Mr. Rivera were asked to redraft the time line.**

Mr. Echeveste presented the outreach plan and ideas incorporating interactive television and other approaches. Discussion was had on consolidating some of the locations and holding Saturday meetings.

MSC For the Commission to pursue a consolidation schedule and that Mr. Echeveste present a new schedule and plan to the Commission for the second round of outreach meetings.

Agenda Item V. Executive Director's Report:

A. The Commission thanked the staff for their hard work during the outreach meeting process.

Commissioner Minkoff made a suggestion that she felt it would be beneficial to the public if at the next round of public meetings presenters either be limited to 10 minutes, including group presentations, or that group presentations be held to the end so that individuals could make their comments without waiting for extended periods of time at the public hearings.

Another comment for the next public hearings was to have them all start at the same time to avoid confusion.

B. Mr. Echeveste's comments were included in the agenda item above. Presentation of the next plan for outreach will be put on the next agenda for the next meeting.

C. Ms. Rezzonico indicated she had nothing to add at this time.

Chairman Lynn announced that there would be an Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters. In order to facilitate that and give members of the public an opportunity to speak, item nine of the agenda was taken out of order.

Agenda Item IX: Call for public comment.

No one indicated a desire to speak.

MSC to go into Executive Session for consideration of legal and personnel matters.

Recess taken while the Commission was in Executive Session from 10:54 a.m. until 12:12 p.m. (**Agenda Item VIII**)

Agenda Item VI: Discussion or consideration and possible decision concerning acceptance of resignation of Executive Director.

Chairman Lynn read a letter of resignation written by Executive Director Enrique Medina Ochoa.

MSC The Independent Redistricting Commission accept with regret the resignation of Enrique Medina Ochoa and further authorize an additional \$500 per month compensation retroactive from date of his hire.

Agenda Item VII: Possible discussion, consideration, and/or decision concerning selection of new Executive Director.

MSC to table agenda item VII.

Next meeting is to be July 16th, or within a day or so of that date as scheduling permits.

Agenda Item X: Adjournment.

Minutes submitted by Lisa Nance