



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 26, 2021  
8:02am**

**In Attendance:**

**Location:** Virtual via Google Meet

Chairwoman Erika Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Derrick Watchman  
Commissioner Shereen Lerner  
Commissioner David Mehl  
Commissioner Douglas York

Executive Director, Brian Schmitt  
Deputy Director Lori Van Haren  
Public Information Officer, Michele Crank  
Community Outreach Coordinator, Marie Chapple  
Community Outreach Coordinator, Alex Pena

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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(6:17 YouTube)*
  - A. Call for Quorum
  - B. Call for Notice

**Present:**

Chairwoman Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Watchman  
Commissioner Lerner  
Commissioner Mehl  
Commissioner York

A quorum is present.

Executive Assistant Valerie Neumann confirmed that the meeting agenda was properly posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

II. Approval of minutes from Oct. 21, 2021 [\(8:08 YouTube\)](#)

A. General Session

B. Executive Session (Session I and Session II and Session III)

Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes from Oct. 21, 2021, and Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments [\(9:52 YouTube\)](#)

At 8:06am Chairwoman Neuberg opened public comments and indicated that public comments would be open for a minimum of 30 minutes and would remain open until the adjournment of the meeting.

IV. Discussion on Public Comments received prior to the Oct. 21, 2021 meeting. [\(10:33 YouTube\)](#)

The Commission thanked and reassured the public that their feedback matters, and that nothing has been locked in yet, the maps are just draft maps. The Commission will go on tour to hear comments from the public once the draft maps are adopted, and requested that the public continue submitting feedback for the Commission.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. [\(11:53 YouTube\)](#)

Dr. Lisa Handley's report will be available to the Commissioners and to the public, on the IRC website under the "Newsroom" tab. The Commissioners can review and ask questions about the report at Thursday's meeting.

VI. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map. [\(13:37 YouTube\)](#)

- A. Legislative Map Drawing
- B. Congressional Map Drawing

Discussion and requests regarding changes to the latest Legislative and Congressional maps that the mapping team can present to the Commission at Thursday's meeting.

Timmons/NDC demonstrated how the public may submit feedback on any plan on the HUB.

*Commissioner York left the meeting at 9:06am.*

VII. Executive Director's Report and Discussion thereof. [\(1:16:44 YouTube\)](#)

- A. 30 day public comment Listening Tour update
- B. Budget update

Listening Tour dates with details and updated budget information will be provided at Thursday's meeting.

VIII. Discussion of future agenda item requests. [\(1:19:26 YouTube\)](#)

Future agenda items requested were, plans for deliberation in December, method and specific dates. Possibly having two meeting days, then a break, then two meeting days and a break, etc., allowing the Commission to absorb the information presented.

IX. Announcements [\(1:27:41 YouTube\)](#)

Next deliberation meeting is Thursday, October, 28, 2021 at 9:30am. No business meeting will be held on November 2, 2021.

X. Next Meeting Date [\(1:28:17 YouTube\)](#)

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021 at 9:30am.

XI. Closing of Public Comments [\(1:28:25 YouTube\)](#)

Public Comments closed at 9:25am.

XII. Adjournment. *(1:28:51 YouTube)*

Commissioner Lerner motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:25am.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 10/26/21