



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 19, 2021
8:09am

In Attendance:

Location: Sheraton Crescent Hotel
2620 W. Dunlap Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85021

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

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Danielle Arrelano, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Sean Sommers, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Brett Johnson, Esq. Snell & Wilmer
Eric Spencer, Esq. Snell & Wilmer
Kim Portik, Transcriptionist (AM)
Angela Miller Transcriptionist (PM)

Mark Flahan, Timmons
Brian Kingery, Timmons
Parker Bradshaw, Timmons
Doug Johnson, NDC Research
Ivy Bellar-Sakansky, NDC Research
Ken Chawkins, NDC Research

I. Call to Order and Roll Call ([:24 YouTube](#))

- A. Call for Quorum
- B. Call for Notice

Present:

Chairwoman Neuberg
Vice-Chair Watchman
Commissioner Lerner
Commissioner Mehl

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. 18, 2021 *(2:10 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Commissioner York motioned to approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes from Oct. 18, 2021, and Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(3:25 YouTube)*

At 8:12am 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. 19, 2021 meeting. *(4:43 YouTube)*

The Commissioners again thanked the public for the huge number of maps being submitted and paying close attention to the process. They reminded the public that it is still early in the process, the daily changes being made to the maps are not final yet.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(6:13 YouTube)*

The polarization report was sent to the legal team for review, which is a written and more detailed report of Dr. Lisa Handley's presentation. The legal team will review and return with a rough analysis to present to the Commission.

VI. Potential report from staff and mapping consultants regarding public outreach, utilization of mapping software, and report on public map submissions. *(8:46 YouTube)*

Mark Flahan from Timmons advised that there are now 104 maps submitted. The Arizona Coalition's Legislative maps have been received and uploaded for the Commissioners and public to view. Timmons/NDC is working with IRC staff on scheduling a mapping help session for the public.

VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.
(10:27 YouTube)

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

Commissioner Lerner motioned to go into Executive Session to obtain additional VRA guidance. Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

The mapping team presented the requested changes made to the Congressional maps, and after discussions, Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve Congressional map 4.2 as a starting point for the day, and Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-0.

The mapping team presented the changes to the Legislative map as directed by the Commission. After discussion, Commissioner York motioned to approve Legislative Map 4.1 as a starting point for the day and Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

VIII. Executive Director's Report and discussion thereof. *(7:14:56 YouTube)*

- A. Draft Map Public Comment Meeting Discussion
- B. Public Records Update
- C. Budget Report
- D. Potential schedule of public comment period post Draft Map approval

Deputy Director Lori Van Haren requested input from the Commissioners on the upcoming Listening Tour locations and dates. Van Haren suggested that the Commission hold open houses, telephone town halls and hearings throughout the month of November to meet the statutory requirements once the draft maps are adopted. The Commission provided input as to dates and formats. Staff will provide location recommendations for the Commission to select from.

IX. Next Meeting Date *(7:54:49 YouTube)*

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 20, 2021 from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

X. Closing of Public Comments *(7:55:02 YouTube)*

Public Comments closed at 4:04pm.

XI. Adjournment. ([7:55:32 YouTube](#))

Vice-Chair Watchman motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:04pm

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 10/19/21