



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – November 9, 2021  
8:01am**

**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

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Danielle Arellano, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Brett Johnson, Esq. Snell & Wilmer  
Eric Spencer, Esq. Snell & Wilmer

Mark Flahan, Timmons  
Doug Johnson, NDC Research  
Ivy Bellar-Sakansky, NDC Research  
Debbie Wilks, Transcriptionist

I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(1:56 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. 28, 2021 [\(3:37 YouTube\)](#)

A. General Session

B. Executive Session (Session I and Session II)

Commissioner Lerner motioned to approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes from Oct. 28, 2021, after the correction of a typo, and Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments [\(5:39 YouTube\)](#)

At 8:05am 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 November 9, 2021, meeting. [\(6:23 YouTube\)](#)

The Commissioners stated that the virtual town hall held on Saturday, November 6, 2021, was a success, and they were pleasantly surprised at the turnout. The Commissioners also wanted to address comments that the maps adopted were the Commission's ideas and not someone else's map.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. [\(11:49 YouTube\)](#)

Timmons/NDC updated the Commission that the polarization report is progress, they are pulling and analyzing data and their goal is to furnish the report at next Tuesday's business meeting.

VI. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map. [\(14:50 YouTube\)](#)

A. Updated status of obtaining polarization data based on approval draft maps and potential related variations.

B. Review of draft maps and opportunity for discussion regarding draft maps adherence to Article IV, pt.2, §§ 1(14) and (15) of the Arizona Constitution.

Timmons/NDC demonstrated how public comments that are submitted on the HUB may be viewed.

A review of data relating to Congressional Maps CD-1, CD-2 and CD-3 and Legislative Maps, LD-1, LD-2, LD-3, LD-4, LD-5, LD-6, and LD-7 was presented to the Commissioners. At the next business meeting a review of another grouping of maps will be done.

VII. Executive Director's Report and Discussion thereof. [\(1:26:59 YouTube\)](#)

- A. Public Comment Meetings
- B. Various ways to submit public comment to the Commission about the Adopted Draft Maps
- C. Mapping Mondays
- D. Virtual Town Halls
- E. Budget Update

Executive Director Schmitt and Deputy Director Van Haren advised the many ways the public may present their comments to the Commission. Spanish interpreters are available at all the virtual and in person public meetings. The first virtual "Mapping Monday" was held, with two more on the schedule for November. If the Commission desires, more virtual town halls can be added to the schedule to accommodate as many people as possible who have not yet had a chance to comment to be able to do so.

Budget expenditures to date were provided by Executive Director Schmitt.

VIII. Discussion of future agenda item requests. [\(1:39:41 YouTube\)](#)

There were no requests for future agenda items.

IX. Announcements [\(1:39:56 YouTube\)](#)

The next business meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 8:00am, and the upcoming public meetings will be on Wednesday, November 10th in Yuma and Flagstaff, and on Saturday, November 13th in South Phoenix and Florence.

X. Next Meeting Date [\(1:41:24 YouTube\)](#)

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 16, 2021, at 8:00am.

XI. Closing of Public Comments [\(1:43:05 YouTube\)](#)

Public Comments closed at 9:42am.

XII. Adjournment. [\(1:43:32 YouTube\)](#)

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 9:43am.

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