

## ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING AND POSSIBLE EXECUTIVE SESSION

Erika Schupak Neuberg, Chair  
David Mehl, Commissioner

Derrick Watchman, Vice-Chair  
Shereen Lerner, Commissioner

Douglas York, Commissioner

**Location:** Virtual via GoogleMeets

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**Date:** Tuesday, March 16, 2021

**Time:** 9:00 a.m.

The Commission reserves the right to change the order of items on the agenda. The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for any item listed on the agenda, for the following purposes: discussion or consideration of personnel matters pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1), for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2), obtaining legal advice pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3), consultation with attorneys regarding pending or contemplated litigation pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4), or any other purpose as authorized under A.R.S. § 38-431.03. The executive session is not open to the public and all legal action will take place in a meeting that is open to the public.

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**All matters on the agenda may be discussed, considered and are subject to action by the Commission. The Commission reserves the right to table any item on the agenda.**

The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call
  - A. Call for Quorum
  - B. Call for Notice
  
- II. Approval of minutes from March 9, 2021.
  - A. General Session
  - B. Executive Session
  
- III. Opportunity for Public Comments

Public comment will open for a minimum of 30 minutes and remain open until the adjournment of the meeting. Comments will only be accepted electronically in writing on the following form: <https://forms.gle/azyUptsqP2JMKuqY8> (comments will be limited to 3000 characters).

Please note: Members of the Commission may not discuss items that are not specifically identified on the agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.01(H), action taken as a result of public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, responding to any criticism or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date.

- IV. Executive Director Interviews:
  - A. Tom Aughterton
  - B. Keely Varvel Hartsell
  - C. Kristina Gomez
  - D. Brian Schmitt
  - E. Trevor Abarzua

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of discussion or consideration of personnel matters, including the interviewing of Executive Director candidates (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(1)), for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law pursuant to (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)), as well as to obtain legal advice specifically related to Executive Director candidates (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)).

- V. Discussion and Possible Action on Executive Director interviews, including selection of candidates to interview in the March 16, 2021, afternoon meeting.

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- VI. Discussion on Public Comments received prior to today's (March 16, 2021) meeting.
- VII. Discussion and Possible Action on Data Census delay and ways to mitigate its disruption.
- VIII. Discussion and Possible Action on options for securing legal counsel:
  - A. Continue with the Attorney General's Office representation.
  - B. Hire legal counsel, that is already procured, from the Attorney General's Outside Counsel List.
  - C. Continue with the RFP/procurement process.

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- IX. Discussion and Possible Action on evaluating the Outside Counsel RFP/procurement.

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- X. Discussion and Possible Action on Mapping Consulting support.
- XI. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget.
- XII. Discussion on ADOA resources /updates:
  - A. IT
  - B. Human Resources
  - C. Procurement
  - D. Finance
  - E. Facilities
- XIII. Update, Discussion, and Possible Action on Howard Open Meeting Law complaint, provided by AGO legal counsel.

The Commission may vote to go into executive session, which will not be open to the public, for the purpose of obtaining legal advice specifically related to the Howard Open Meeting Law complaint (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3)), for discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of information or testimony that is specifically required to be maintained as confidential by state or federal law pursuant to (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(2)), as well as for consultation with attorneys regarding pending or contemplated litigation pursuant to (A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(4)).

- XIV. Discussion of future agenda item requests.

XV. Discussion and Possible Action on the scheduling of future meetings.

XVI. Announcements

A. Next Meeting Date

XVII. Closing of the Public Comments

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XVIII. Adjournment