

1 will need to address additional hires; we will be fleshing
2 out our budget. I believe that our legal counsel will
3 desire to do some training, which is in our best interest.

4 I'd like to add maybe potentially beginning to
5 flesh out a travel schedule. The reason being, again, the
6 logistics that are required around travel; it's not just our
7 schedule, it's securing locations that can accommodate the
8 public, the IT needs, and the thought behind who -- who has
9 Internet, who doesn't have Internet, and how we access the
10 populations.

11 That's what's on my mind.

12 Additional thoughts about future agenda items?

13 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Chair Neuberg, would we be
14 also potentially still talking about the mapping?

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. That -- that -- you
16 know what, to be honest, the majority of our agenda will I
17 think be carried over. I do not expect that we're going to
18 be finished with the mapping process, and so I expect that
19 will be carried over.

20 We'll for sure want to hear our director's report;
21 we'll have additional detail with hires.

22 COMMISSIONER YORK: I would also suggest that Item
23 XI has been complete.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. The Howard complaint is
25 done.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: So that can come on off.

2 Okay.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Anything else to add
4 with additional future agenda items?

5 Okay. With that, we will move to Agenda Item No.
6 XIV, which is discussion and possible action on the
7 scheduling of future meetings.

8 We have our Tuesdays carved out, with the
9 expectation that we will be recessing every Tuesday from
10 noon to 1:00 unless otherwise instructed; and I have no
11 additional updates regarding our schedule as long as
12 everybody protects those hours and protects the full day.
13 We have an eight-hour line and the business is only going to
14 get more robust as -- as we move forward.

15 Okay. With that, we can move on to Agenda Item No.
16 XV, announcements.

17 Our next meeting date is going to be April 27th,
18 9:00 a.m.; and, again, the agenda to be determined, and I
19 would plot out a full, robust day.

20 Any conflicts with next week?

21 With that, we'll move to Agenda Item No. XVI, which
22 is the closing of public comments.

23 Please note members of the Commission may not
24 discuss items that are not specifically identified on the
25 agenda. Therefore, pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.01(H), action

1 taken as a result of public comment will be limited to
2 directing staff to study the matter, responding to any
3 criticism, or scheduling the matter for further
4 consideration and decision at a later date.

5 With that, our public comments are closed.

6 MS. RAMOS: So, Commissioner Neuberg -- Chair
7 Neuberg.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes.

9 MS. RAMOS: Sorry about that. Since we are
10 continuing to the afternoon session, they won't have the
11 opportunity to comment then either? Sorry.

12 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Well, that -- that -- okay.
13 You know what, Yasmin, thank you for chiming in because I do
14 not believe we want to close the public meeting.

15 The rest of our agenda relates to Agenda Item No.,
16 I believe, V, which is our work with meeting with and
17 interviewing the mapping consultants.

18 I -- I will rely on our counsel here. I'm
19 presuming that we need to keep the meeting open and that, at
20 the conclusion, at the end of the day of our interviews, we
21 will come back into public meeting to formally adjourn.
22 But -- but we are at this juncture where we have officially
23 concluded the business that the five Commissioners intended
24 to deliberate with the exception of our mapping work.

25 MR. HERRERA: Madam Chairwoman, this is

1 Mr. Herrera. I would wait until closing of the public
2 comments until we're end of the meeting today until after we
3 are finished with Item V.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. And so since I
5 erroneously or mistakenly closed public comments, what do I
6 do to reopen them?

7 COMMISSIONER YORK: You can just reopen 'em.

8 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do I need a motion?

9 MS. RAMOS: I didn't close them because I had that
10 question, so they have never been closed.

11 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Oh. Okay. Well, since I
12 warned the public that we were closing them and we did not
13 close them, the public comments are still open. We
14 anticipate that they will be open until the adjournment of
15 our public meeting.

16 With the feedback of our counsel, the rest of our
17 deliberative work today is likely to be done in executive
18 session, but I believe that we do need to return back to
19 public session to close the meeting.

20 And so would it be fair to say at this point that
21 we'll recess, reconvene in -- in executive session at
22 1:00 p.m. for our next mapping appointment, which if
23 somebody has the schedule -- which is with Taylor English.

24 COMMISSIONER YORK: We should reconvene at 12:55, I
25 believe.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. I like that idea.
2 Reconvene at 12:55 p.m.

3 MR. HERRERA: Madam Chairwoman, I believe you have
4 to reconvene in public session at 1 o'clock and then move
5 into executive session.

6 COMMISSIONER YORK: Ah. So let's reconvene at
7 12:50.

8 COMMISSIONER LERNER: We can't go into executive
9 session at 1 o'clock?

10 COMMISSIONER YORK: No, we have to provide a motion
11 at executive session.

12 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Okay. So, one hour. We can
13 reconvene in one hour.

14 COMMISSIONER YORK: Yep.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Right.

16 With that, I would like to suggest that we take a
17 recess. We will reconvene at about one hour, 12:50 to the
18 extent possible. I do know one of our Commissioners may be
19 a tad bit late on that; and then at that point we will make
20 a motion to move into executive session to continue our
21 interview process with the mapping firms.

22 And, with that, Counsel, I don't believe we need a
23 motion to go into recess, but I will defer to you.

24 MR. HERRERA: No. You do not, Madam Chairwoman.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. I will see everybody

1 in about 60 minutes.

2 Enjoy your recess.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Thank you.

4 (Recess taken from 11:51 a.m. to 12:51 p.m.)

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6 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Thank you, everybody, for
7 rejoining us and convening for the public session. I am
8 looking for Commissioner Lerner. I do see our attorneys and
9 Yasmin and Brian and our transcription expert, Angela.

10 Okay. I see Commissioner Lerner has joined us.
11 With that, I believe that we have our entire team in place
12 at reconvening of the public meeting at 12:52.

13 With that, unless there's any opposition, we will
14 start up again on Agenda Item No. V, discussion and possible
15 action on options for mapping consultants.

16 We are doing our interviewing, the oral
17 presentations, in executive session as we have explained
18 prior. With that, I think we are ready for a motion to move
19 into executive session for the sake of being able to do our
20 due diligence with the interviews; and I will reread the
21 explicit provisions.

22 The Commission will vote to go into executive
23 session which will not be open to the public for the purpose
24 of obtaining legal advice as well as for the purpose of
25 discussion or consideration of records exempt by law from

1 public inspection, including the receipt and discussion of
2 information or testimony that is specifically required to be
3 maintained as confidential by state or federal law pursuant
4 to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(2) and pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2534(D),
5 the contents of proposals submitted under the State's
6 request for proposal procurement process is confidential
7 until contract award so as to avoid disclosure of contents
8 prejudicial to competing offers during the process of
9 negotiation.

10 And, with that, if I can entertain a motion to go
11 into executive session for the oral presentation and
12 interview of the second mapping firm, Taylor English.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Madam Chair, this is
14 Vice Chair Watchman. I move to go into executive session to
15 continue the interviews for our mapping consultants.

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do I have a second?

17 COMMISSIONER YORK: This is Commissioner York. I
18 second.

19 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Any further discussion?

20 Okay. With that, we'll take a vote.

21 Commissioner Watchman.

22 COMMISSIONER WATCHMAN: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

24 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

1 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

3 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
5 aye.

6 With that, we will move into executive session to
7 move forward with the interview process with our mapping
8 consultant, and we anticipate that being about an hour,
9 although we do not anticipate coming back to the public
10 session potentially until the conclusion of our interview
11 with Timmons, which would be roughly at about 3:30.

12 And so, with that, please exit this link, and I
13 will see everybody on the executive session link.

14 (Whereupon the proceeding is in executive session
15 from 12:57 p.m. until 3:41 p.m.)

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19 (Whereupon the proceeding resumes in general
20 session.)

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. I see -- welcome back
22 everybody to our public session. I see our Commissioners; I
23 see our legal counsel, and our transcriptionist.

24 And so, with that, I will give an update to
25 everybody with where we are at. We were just in executive

1 session finishing up our interview with Timmons and Group
2 [sic].

3 Now that we have finished our interviews, we would
4 like to -- and I know this is frustrating for the public,
5 but we came back to the public meeting in order to bring
6 everybody up to speed.

7 We would like to go back into executive session in
8 order to discuss the material that we have just heard and to
9 determine what kind of additional information we may want to
10 ask of these mapping firms.

11 Again, these are privileged, confidential
12 conversations to protect the public for the sake of the
13 competitiveness of these bids.

14 And so, with that --

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Madam Chair?

16 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes, please.

17 COMMISSIONER MEHL: I think you should add to that
18 that we may begin the eval- -- actual evaluation of the
19 firm, that we may choose to do that.

20 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Yes. So, with that, I would
21 like to alert the public that we would like to vote to go
22 back into executive session to begin the process of
23 evaluating the mapping firms, begin the scoring process, and
24 also think through if there is additional information that
25 we would like to ask of the mapping firms to come back with

1 us.

2 And, with that, is there any conversation or public
3 discussion before I entertain a motion to go back into
4 executive session?

5 Okay. With that, I will entertain a motion to go
6 into executive session for the purpose of discussing --
7 discussing the mapping proposals. And, again, it is
8 pursuant to A.R.S. 41-2534(D), the content of proposals
9 submitted under the State's request for proposal procurement
10 process is confidential until contract award so as to avoid
11 disclosure of contents prejudicial to competing offers
12 during the process of negotiation.

13 With that, do I entertain a motion to go back into
14 executive session to talk about next steps?

15 COMMISSIONER MEHL: So moved.

16 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Vice Chair Watchman seconds.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Vice Chair Watchman is the
18 second.

19 Any other conversation?

20 A vote. Vice Chair Watchman.

21 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

23 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

25 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

1 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

2 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
4 aye.

5 And, with that, we will go back into executive
6 session to finish up our work on the mapping consultant
7 hire.

8 Thank you for your patience, everybody.

9 (Whereupon the proceeding is in executive session
10 from 3:45 p.m. until 4:27 p.m.)

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14 (Whereupon the proceeding resumes in general
15 session.)

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CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. Welcome, everybody,
back to our public session; I see that we have our
Commissioners and our counsel. Thank you everybody for your
patience while we have been in executive session.

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It's been a productive day where we've had our
opportunities to hear from the mapping consultants during
our hiring process in executive session per State guidelines
to protect the confidentiality of the process.

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We have finished our business for the day. With
that, I would like to close public comments. That is Agenda

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7 criticism, or scheduling the matter for further
8 consideration and -- and decision at a later date.

9 With that, we will move to adjourn, Agenda Item No.
10 XVII.

11 I will make -- entertain a motion to adjourn our
12 public meeting for April 20th.

13 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: So moved.

14 Vice Chair Watchman.

15 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Do I have a second?

16 COMMISSIONER YORK: Second. Commissioner York.

17 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Okay. With that, we'll do a
18 quick vote.

19 Vice Chair Watchman.

20 VICE CHAIR WATCHMAN: Aye.

21 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Mehl.

22 COMMISSIONER MEHL: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Lerner.

24 COMMISSIONER LERNER: Aye.

25 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner York.

1 COMMISSIONER YORK: Aye.

2 CHAIRPERSON NEUBERG: Commissioner Neuberg is an
3 aye.

4 And, with that, we adjourn and we look forward to
5 seeing everybody next week, which is April 27th, at
6 9:00 a.m.

7 Thank you, everybody, and we'll see you next week.

8 (Whereupon the proceeding concludes at 4:29 p.m.)

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