

**MINUTES OF PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
March 19-20, 2001  
AMENDED ON April 5, 2001**

March 19, 2001

A public meeting of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission was convened on Monday, March 19, 2001, at 10:00 a.m. at the Industrial Commission Building, 800 W. Washington, 1st Floor Auditorium, Phoenix, Arizona, pursuant to public notice duly given.

Members Present: Steven W. Lynn, Tucson  
Dan Elder, Tucson  
Joshua Hall St. Johns  
Andrea (Andi) Minkoff, Phoenix  
James Huntwork, Phoenix

Other: Bill Hernandez, Arizona Department of Administration  
Joseph Kanefield, Assistant Attorney General  
Karen Osborne, Maricopa County Elections Department  
Tim Johnson, Maricopa County Elections Department  
Helen Purcell, Maricopa County Records Office  
Lisa Hauser, Meyers, Taber & Meyers  
Cortland Coleman, Arizona Democratic Party  
John Adler, Arizona Department of Administration  
Martha Lynch, Arizona Department of Administration  
Claudia Smith, Arizona Department of Administration  
Mark D. Osterloh, IRC Initiative Committee  
Steve Gallardo, Latino Coalition for Political Action  
Alex Rodriguez  
Enrique Ochoa Medina  
Rosendo Gutierrez  
Loa M. Schell, Arizona Department of Administration

- I. Commissioner Steven W. Lynn called the meeting to order at approximately 10:00am.
- II. **Approval of the March 2, 2001 minutes.** There was discussion and a request for clarification relating to the motions on the process for hiring legal counsel. A motion was made by Commissioner Elder and seconded to accept the minutes as amended. Motion unanimously carried.
- III. **Public Comment**

**Cortland Coleman -Arizona Democratic Party, Executive Director**

Mr. Coleman stated that Election Data Services, Inc. would be a good firm for redistricting in Arizona but questioned the political affiliation of the proposed project manager.

**IV. Redistricting Consultant Update**

Chairman Lynn discussed the procedure for reviewing and releasing the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Redistricting Consultant Services. Mr. Lynn anticipated another meeting in early April to formally consider the applications for consultants.

**V. Presentation, discussion and possible adoption of Interagency Service Agreement (ISA) with the Arizona Department of Administration State Boards Office for accounting and intermittent receptionist support.**

There was discussion on wording change to paragraph three of the draft ISA. A motion was made by Commissioner Minkoff and seconded by Commissioner Huntwork to execute the ISA with the Arizona Department of Administration with the change to paragraph three. There was additional discussion on the negotiability of the hourly fee of \$23.00. The motion was amended to authorize Chairman Lynn to discuss and agree on a final hourly fee not to exceed \$23.00. The motion carried.

**VI. Screening by Commission: Legal Counsel**

Commissioner Minkoff moved that the Commission discuss legal counsel Request for Proposals in executive session and was seconded by Commissioner Elder. The motion carried.

Chairman Lynn suggested that the Commission also discuss Executive Director applicants during the same executive session.

The Commission went into executive session to discuss legal counsel proposals and Executive Director candidates.

Executive session ended,

Commissioner Elder moved that the commission interview Lisa Hauser and was seconded by Commissioner Minkoff. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Minkoff moved that the Commission interview Jack La Sota and Donald Peters from the firm of Miller, La 50ta and Peters and was seconded by Commissioner Hall. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Huntwork moved that the Commission interview Jose de Jesus Rivera and was seconded by Commissioner Minkoff. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hall moved that the Commission interview Ernest Calderon and David J. Cantelme from the firm of Jennings Strouss and Salmon and was seconded by Commissioner Elder. The motion carried unanimously.

VII. Screening by Commission: Executive Director  
Commissioner Minkoff moved that the commission interview Enrique Medina Ochoa, Grady Bailey, Jr., Ilia Terrazas, William G. Hernandez and Malena Albo. Commissioner Hall seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. **Public Comment**  
None taken.

IX. **Recess**

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Dan Elder, Tucson  
Joshua Hall St. Johns  
Andrea (Andi) Minkoff, Phoenix  
James Huntwork, Phoenix

Other: Bill Hernandez, Arizona Department of Administration  
Joseph Kanefield, Assistant Attorney General  
Loa Schell, Arizona Department of Administration  
Jose de Jesus Rivera, U. S. Attorney's Office  
Lisa Hauser, Meyers, Taber & Meyers  
Jack LaSota, Miller, LaSota and Peters  
Ernest Calderon, Jennings, Strauss & Solomon  
David Cantalme, Jennings, Strauss & Solomon  
Malena Albo  
Grady Bailey  
Ilia Terrazas  
Enrique Medina Ochoa  
John Mendibles, CEO & President of MGN, Enterprises, Ltd.  
David Gonzales, Department of Public Safety  
Jaime A. Molera, Governor's Office, Policy Advisor  
Dick Landis, HELP, Inc.  
Franciso X. Guterrez  
Todd Julian, Attorney, Burch & Cracchiolo  
Jan Lee Sproat, Executive Director of the Arizona Cystic  
Fibrosis Foundation  
Nathan Sproul, Executive Director for the Arizona Republican Party  
Sandra D. Kennedy  
Ann Eschinger, League of Women Voters  
Rudolfo H. Perez, Jr., MALDEF  
Tony Sissons, Research Advisory Services  
Steve Gallardo, Latino Coalition for Political Action  
Mike Johnson, NKOSI, Inc.  
Gibson McKay  
Hon. Sylvia Laughter

Fredda Bisman, Mariscal, Weeks, McIntrye & Friedlander  
Juan Villa, La Voz Newspaper  
Noris Nordvald, City of Phoenix  
Debra Moore  
Mathew Lore, League of Arizona Cities and Towns  
David Mendoza, AFSCME  
Theresa Pulido

X. Commissioner Steven W. Lynn called the meeting to order at approximately 8:30 a.m.

XI. **Public Comment**

**Hon. Sylvia Laughter, House of Representatives Member, District 3**

Expressed support for Lisa Hauser as Commission Counsel.

**John Mendibles, CEO & President of MGN, Enterprises, Ltd.**

Expressed support for Lisa Hauser as Commission Counsel.

**David Gonzales, Commander, Department of Public Safety**

Expressed support for Lisa Hauser as Commission Counsel. Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director.

**Jaime Molera, Policy Adviser, Governor's Office**

Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director.

**Dick landis, Retired Captain, Department of Public Safety, currently CEO and President of Heavy Vehicle Electronic License Plate, Inc.**

Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director.

**Francisco X. Gutierrez, Attorney**

Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director .

**Todd Julian, Attorney, Burch & Cracchiolo**

Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director and read statement from Dan Cracchiolo which expressed support for Ilia Terrazas for Executive Director.

**Jan Lee Sproat, Executive Director of the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation for the State of Arizona**

Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director.

**Nathan Sproul, Executive Director for the Arizona Republican Party**

Expressed support for Ilia Terrazas as Executive Director.

**Sandra Kennedy, former Arizona Legislator**

Expressed support for Lisa Hauser as Legal Counsel.

**XII. Interviews by Commission, discussion and possible selection: Legal Counsel.**

Commissioner Huntwork expressed uncertainty about the propriety of holding the discussion on legal counsel in executive sessions and made a motion to make the records of that discussion public. Commissioner Minkoff seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

The legal counsel candidates were interviewed in the following order:

Jose de Jesus Rivera  
Lisa Hauser  
Jack La Sota  
Ernest Calderon  
David Cantelme

Donald Peters was not available for the interview segment.

Commissioner Minkoff moved that the Commission authorize negotiations to develop a contract with Lisa Hauser to be one of the commissions co-counsel. Commissioner Elder seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Elder moved that the commission authorize negotiations to develop a contract with Jose de Jesus Rivera to be one of the commission's co-counsel. Commissioner Minkoff seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Lynn directed the State Procurement Office to negotiate the contract along the lines of the Request for Proposal.

**XIII. Interviews by Commission, discussion and possible selection: Executive**

**Director.** The Executive Director candidates were interviewed in the following order:

Malena Albo  
Grady Bailey  
Ilia Terrazas  
Enrique Medina Ochoa  
William G. Hernandez

Commissioner Minkoff moved that the Commission discuss Executive Director candidates in executive session and was seconded by Commissioner Huntwork. The motion carried.

The Commission went into executive session to discuss Executive Director candidates.

Executive session ended.

Chairman Lynn stated to the public that the lengthy executive session was indicative of their being a number of very strong candidates.

Chairman Lynn pointed out to the public that the Commission would be voting on the candidate to whom the position will be offered subject to reference and employment verification performed by the Arizona Department of Administration.

Commissioner Huntwork moved that the Commission select William G. Hernandez as Executive Director. The motion was not seconded.

Commissioner Hall moved that the Commission select, subject to the contingencies referenced by Chairman Lynn, Enrique Ochoa as Executive Director and was seconded by Commissioner Minkoff. Chairman Lynn asked for a roll call vote:

Commissioner Huntwork -Yes  
Commissioner Minkoff -Yes  
Commissioner Hall -Yes  
Commissioner Elder -Yes  
Chairman Lynn -Yes

The motion carried unanimously.

Chairman Lynn requested that if there was no objection and subsequent to clearing contingencies he be tasked with entering into a negotiation on salary and benefits. No objections were raised.

- XIV. **Discussion on additional staffing requirements.** Chairman Lynn stated that action on this agenda item should be delayed until the next meeting in early April when Mr. Ochoa will have had an opportunity to evaluate staffing needs from his perspective.
- XV. **Public Comment.** None taken.
- XVI. **Agenda items and dates for future meetings.** The next meeting will be held on April 5, 2001 at 7:30 a.m. at the State Capitol Building, Executive Tower, 1700 West Washington, 2nd Floor Conference Room.
- Agenda items for presentation, discussion and possible decision:
- Interview of RFP submissions for Redistricting Consultant services .
  - Discussion on additional staffing and office space requirements.
  - Presentation by Commission Counsel on redistricting history and process.
  - Public comment.
- XVII. **The meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.**