ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

PUBLIC SESSION

Date: May 3, 2011
Time: 9:47 a.m.

Location: State Library Conference Room
1700 West Washington Street
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Colleen Coyle Mathis, Chair
Scott D. Freeman, Vice Chair
Jose M. Herrera, Vice Chair
Linda C. McNulty, Commissioner
Richard P. Stertz, Commissioner

Also present: James E. Barton II
Assistant Arizona Attorney General
Raymond F. Bladine, Executive Director
Patricia Ward, Minutes

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## I. CALL TO ORDER

## II. CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. THIS IS THE TIME FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT. MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION MAY NOT DISCUSS ITEMS THAT ARE NOT SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED ON THE AGENDA. THEREFORE, PURSUANT TO A.R.S. SECTION 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.

## III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

## IV. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RETAINING A DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR. THE COMMISSION MAY DISCUSS AND TAKE ACTION UPON A CANDIDATE. THE COMMISSION MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING PERSONNEL MATTERS (A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(1)).


## VI. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO AMEND THE MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 14, 2011 IN THE PUBLIC COMMENT SECTION, COMMENTS BY STEVE MURATORE, BY ADDING THE WORD "NOT" IN FRONT OF THE WORD "LIKE".

## VII. AGENDA ITEMS AND DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

## VIII. THE COMMISSION MAY VOTE TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHICH WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSING CONTRACT MATTERS RELATING TO HIRING MAPPING CONSULTANTS (A.R.S. SECTION 38-431.03(A)(4)).
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CHAIRMAN MATHIS: The meeting of the Arizona Independent Redistricting Committee will now come to order.

Today is Tuesday, May 3rd, and the time is 9:40 in the morning -- it's 9:50 in the morning. Excuse me. I can't tell time.

Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: So I'd like to remind everyone who would like to speak during public comment to be sure to fill out a Request to Speak Form that's in the back and pass that to our Executive Director, Ray Bladine, who is sitting up here in the front.

I'd also like to remind everyone we have a court reporter transcribing this meeting. So be sure to speak clearly and loudly and one at a time so that she can get an accurate report of the meeting.

And if I can now begin with roll call.

Vice Chair Freeman?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty?
COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Here.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: We have a quorum.

And I'd also like to acknowledge today our Executive Director, Ray Bladine, and also Assistant Attorney General Jim Barton, providing counsel to us.

So Item II on the agenda, call for public comment, right now I have one Request to Speak Form filled out.

Is there anyone else who wanted to speak?

And, if so, please fill out the form.

Okay. So we have Steve Muratore, who has requested to speak. He's a publisher with Arizona Egalitarian, and he has a variety of topics he'd like to cover.

MR. MURATORE: Do we have a microphone this time?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Sorry. There is no microphone for you.

MR. MURATORE: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: So you'll have to definitely speak up.

MR. MURATORE: It shouldn't be a problem.

Okay. I got -- hopefully can briefly touch
on three issues.

As you already know, I have concern over the accuracy of minutes from prior meetings, and it doesn't yet look like that's taken care of. And it doesn't -- it's not limited just to the minutes. I noticed, for example, on the agenda for today Buck Forst or Forst's name is spelled different than it was in the first -- or the previous agenda. So I'm not sure which one is right, but it would be nice to make sure we got it right.

And I noticed when I was looking at the website, three of you have bios posted, and it just -- I wasn't sure how much of that is accurate or if there's typos in it. So given that you guys are going to deal with a great deal of minutia and the minutia is incredibly important to your core function, I hope that you can get that taken care of.

The second thing I want to briefly touch on is as, you know, the Arizona Competitive Districts Coalition has set up an online mapping tool and invited the public to participate in a contest, and I wanted to mention that there are at least 60 or so people statewide that have already established profiles that are going to hopefully all participate in the contest to see who can incorporate -- best incorporate all six
of the criteria. And I also wanted to mention that the coalition's two co-chairs, Roberta Boss and Ken Clark, were on Horizon last night. You should be able to see that online at your leisure.

The other thing, I am wondering when the streaming video will be available since looking at the dates that are proposed possible for follow-up meetings, I may or may not be able to make every one of them. So I'm hoping that that's taken care of pretty soon.

So that's what I got today.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great.

MR. MURATORE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Thanks, Mr. Muratore.

Any other member of the public who would like to speak?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. This moves to us Item III on the agenda, the Executive Director report, so Ray Bladine will be giving us that.

MR. BLADINE: The first item I thought I'd bring up is the minutes, and as Steve pointed out we are still working to get the accuracy correct. In the last draft there was a word "incited" instead of "indicated," and we got that changed. However, Steve
also pointed out that the minutes didn't reflect going into executive session and then coming out. I was there. I know you did, but without the transcript I did not go back and try to revise the draft.

So the draft has been revised for the word change, and as soon as I get the transcript I will make a revision of the -- clarifying that you went into executive session and when you came out.

And for not knowing how to spell Forst, I probably allowed my spell checker to correct my spelling. So for that I apologize because I do know it's F-O-R-S-T.

Buck is planning to start on May 9 -- to answer at the same time the video question, video -- the video equipment has been ordered. I can't tell you today the date of availability, but that is going to be Buck's first priority is to work on the streaming and to get that -- get that set up.

As you know, I have requested in the agenda today to hire Kristina Gomez. I think that will expedite me being able to serve you better. I found that my administrative skills of typing and getting out meeting agendas and lists is something that has aged a bit, and I think she'll be able to help me do a better job with that.
Other staff, at this time I thought that once I -- Buck and Kristina and I can get together, then we'll start talking about the potential for other staff and discuss that with you. So I'm not really moving forward on that at this point.

Last week we all went over to the -- and "all" being Buck, Nola, Megan and myself -- went over to the Evans' house and started talking about what needed to be done to allow us to operate that. We are looking, as was suggested, at surplus equipment, and we have -- besides what's currently in the warehouse, there are other furnitures coming available. Our goal right now is to just get what we need to get the basic staff up and then work to figure out exactly how we're going to configure the office space, and we certainly will be looking for input from you on that.

Buck thinks he can get us set up with some temporary internet using a 4G Wi-Fi there until we can get the internet cable in. It has been requested, but we don't have an estimated date yet. The good news is we have telephone numbers. The bad news is no telephones. So I don't know sharing the numbers are going to do you much good at this point, but we are working on that. We talked about having -- Nola was following up to -- about getting a security camera and
a card reader entrance on the building. So we have that going. I think that's pretty much on buildings.

I did have a contact with the Confederate Coalition and took a look at trying to get them on today's agenda, but it was obviously, in talking to the chairman, there was too much going on, but I have talked to Ken Clark about when we get a future meeting set out, inviting him to make a short presentation.

Other things, this last week I met with the former Executive Director just to get his input on what worked and kind of what didn't work. I believe you -- I know you all received copies of the meeting schedule potential, so we can look at that today. And I think that pretty much covers it, but I'd be more than happy to answer any questions if I can.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any questions for Mr. Bladine?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, for Mr. Bladine, what is Kristina Gomez's anticipated start date?

MR. BLADINE: We're actually hoping to get her to start, if you approve it today, tomorrow.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Really?

MR. BLADINE: Really. And that's only because the -- first things first. Staff has been so
cooperative to allow that to happen if we can -- we can work it out.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

MR. BLADINE: So, actually, our staff will have doubled by tomorrow and tripled by the 9th.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any other questions?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Great. Thank you, Mr. Bladine.

MR. BLADINE: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Don't go away yet, though.

Item IV on the agenda, discussion and possible action on retaining a Deputy Executive Director, and Mr. Bladine put together a proposal for us to consider that everyone should have a copy of. And he just referenced the candidate, Kristina Gomez, and so there's a memo dated April 28 on this topic, authorization to retain Kristina Gomez with the working title of Deputy Executive Director.

Mr. Bladine, do you want to mention anything about this?

MR. BLADINE: I think the memo pretty much speaks for itself. I really think there are many areas she will help us to get started quicker, and she has
some expertise and knowledge that I don't have and no
one else on the staff has. I do think that she will be
very helpful in putting together the Outreach Program,
and as we look at that then we'll try to figure out
what additional positions we need there and maybe we
can do part-time. And certainly her knowledge of the
State processes and systems will help us get things
done in a more orderly and less confusing fashion.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great.

And a Justification to Fill Form was
completed, and it was approved today by Mr. Scott Smith
from ADOA so because of a hiring freeze we had to do
that. This is an uncovered position similar to the
I.T. position that Buck was filling for us, meaning
that the Commission can go ahead and appoint someone if
they deem necessary they would like to proceed in that
way.

Any thoughts or discussions on the memo and
information that Mr. Bladine provided?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Mr. Bladine, you had
given an indication in previous conversations that you
had felt -- and included in your third paragraph --
that it may be possible to hire -- that Kristina may
have enough skill set that we might not need to hire
certain other full-time positions.

Could you elaborate a little bit on that,
please?

MR. BLADINE: In -- I haven't looked at it
enough to be definitive, but my thought is this. Is
that last time they had a position that did primarily a
lot of budget inside work. That meant they had another
position that was doing the outreach. I think Kristina
has the skills to do the outreach and working with
Megan to do the -- to do the administrative part. So I
think with her being able to do both of those
functions, it very well may be that we could hire some
part-time positions as we go out into meetings or at a
lesser level of skill because I think that she has the
knowledge we'll need to do that.

One of the first things I think she and I
need to do is sit out and get a calendar and work
backwards to try to make sure we see what dates you
need to make and how we're going to put together a
proposal to you for community outreach. Once we've
done that, then I should have a clear knowledge for you
as to how it really might work.

Commissioner Stertz, does that answer the
COMMISSIONER STERTZ: It does. As a follow-up to that, these part-time or as -- would you call these as-needed or at-will employees that might come in from time to time from city to city as we may be going out to locations to do front?

MR. BLADINE: I think that's the -- Commissioner Stertz, I think that's the idea. I haven't ran it to ground to make sure it would work, but that will be the idea is that we might have a core group of people that are willing to travel so that once they get the idea of what the Commission meetings are like and if we can set up streaming and maybe have a meeting, let's say, in Flagstaff but stream to surrounding communities, we might have some staff in those surrounding communities to act as hosts. That kind of thing is what I'm thinking about, but obviously we all need to talk.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: All right. Perfect. Thank you.

MR. BLADINE: Uh-huh.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any other questions or comments?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Well, I'm very comfortable with what Mr. Bladine presented to us, and
I'm wondering if there's a motion to proceed in moving forward with his proposal as he's described it in the memo and actually appointing Kristina Gomez to be Deputy Executive Director for the Commission.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So moved.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any discussion?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: The title will be Acting Assistant Executive Director, technically?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: The title?

MR. BLADINE: The title would be Deputy Director and it would be a working title.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay.

MR. BLADINE: So the class would be a normal class within the state of Arizona.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Mr. Bladine, is it Deputy Director or Deputy Executive Director or does it matter?

MR. BLADINE: What would you like it to be?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: I'm happy either way. It says in the agenda Deputy Executive Director but --

MR. BLADINE: Well, then let's make it Deputy Executive Director. It's probably just clearer that way.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. So we have a
motion.

Any other comments or discussion?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All in favor?

VOICE VOTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. The motion carries.

And I presume, Mr. Bladine, that you will move forward to contact Ms. Gomez and let her know the good news?

MR. BLADINE: I will do that.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great.

MR. BLADINE: And try to start the paperwork properly.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Thanks. Wonderful.

Okay. We've moved -- moving on to Item V on the agenda, approval of the April 8, 2011 minutes and the April 8, 2011 minutes in the form of a transcript. Minutes have definitely been a challenge for us, as previously noted after a public comment and in other meetings, and we just -- thankfully Commissioner Freeman offered to kind of pick up this mantle and look at these minutes for us because they
were just not accurate and not in a format that we all could agree on and like, and it was very hard to understand.

So, fortunately, we now have a format that everybody seems to like, and he distributed those this morning. The minutes -- it's entitled "Minutes of Public Meeting as Revised" and you also have a copy of what the original ones look like.

MR. FREEMAN: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Go ahead, Mr. Freeman.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: What I distributed, I gave everyone a copy of what the original minutes look like for the April 8 meeting and that meeting, as you recall, was in Tucson. The minutes we had in our Tucson hearings were a little -- were different in terms of format and the scope of what they attempted to cover. And so what I did is I attempted to reformat those minutes and perhaps make them a little more concise and more matter of fact and make them look -- style them into the format of the minutes that have been presented to us for hearings up in Phoenix.

So that was my goal to make them resemble those minutes as more -- it tracks our agenda. It's a bulletproof format. Bold -- action taken by the Commission is in bold, you know. We're trying to be
careful in terms of characterizing what commissioners say or members of the public say, and that's going to be reflected in our transcript. And I wish I could have gotten these out to the commissioners beforehand, but I'm just saying go ahead and take a look at these. And perhaps we'll table approval of the April 9 minutes to our next hearing, but the original draft minutes are posted, I believe, on the website.

So those are up, but everyone has chance to review these and there's no prior ownership. If there -- if there are errors in there, particularly on the minutes of the executive session we had, which the original minutes were very detailed in one portion and almost nonexistent in another portion of our executive session. So take -- maybe take a more careful look at those so we get those right and we can approve them at our next hearing.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Do I need a motion to table the minutes for a future meeting?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I make a motion to table the meeting minutes for the -- for future meeting minutes -- for a future meeting which will be May -- when is the next meeting?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: I don't think that's been
set yet.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: For a future meeting.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: But we can table it to our next meeting. That sounds good. And these are the April 8 minutes as revised.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Both in executive session and regular meeting.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I second that.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All in favor?

VOICE VOTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great. That motion carries. So these -- the approval of the April 8 minutes for both executive session and public session will be tabled until our next meeting.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Just as a comment to Mr. Freeman, thank you for your hard and diligent work to do this, and these are -- these are certainly -- we are certainly on -- coming close to the finish line of how these things look, how they're organized and how it
will be taken in the future. So thank very much for your due diligence.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thanks, Commissioner Stertz, but everyone still please review them.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes, we will.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: See if there's any errors so we get them right.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: So the other part of the agenda, Item V, was the approval of the April 14 minutes in the form of a transcript, and we don't have that yet. So that doesn't come back to us so we can't do that and that will also need to be tabled until text time.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I make a motion that we table the April 14 -- is it -- those aren't the meeting minutes but the transcript?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Right.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Of the April 14 meeting to a future meeting.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All in favor?

VOICE VOTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great. So we will be tabling that transcript until the next meeting as well, assuming we have it by then.

Okay. Item VI, another minute item. This is discussion and possible action to amend the meeting minutes of April 14, 2011 in the public comment section because it's my recollection, Mr. Bladine, those minutes were approved.

MR. BLADINE: Correct.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: And this correction came to us and these were comments during public comment by Steve Muratore, and the word "not" needs to be added in front of the word "like."

MR. BLADINE: Correct.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: So we need to do that in order -- since the minutes were already approved.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, was this -- was this confirmed in transcript review?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: No, it was not because I don't -- we don't have the transcript yet.

MR. BLADINE: Mind if I --

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Go ahead, Mr. Bladine.

MR. BLADINE: Chairman Mathis, I was going to say, no, I did not look at the transcript, but since Steve made the comments and assured me that's what he
said, I didn't feel I needed to go back and do it. And it was pretty -- in his mind, it was very clear that he was not suggesting that the Commission make a decision and it turned out that it said that the Commission -- he encouraged the Commission to make a decision. So I did not go back and look at the transcript.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, can somebody read the sentence to me and then --

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Let's see if I have it.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madam Chair, I think I have it in front of me. Hopefully Mr. Muratore can tell me if it's not the right one. If possible -- as it reads now, if possible he would like to see an executive director appointed today so that there's sufficient time for background checks and a search of public records. So it's internally inconsistent without the word "not."

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I move for the approval of the -- of the item as described, the change to the minutes as described in Item Number VI of the agenda.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All in favor?
VOICE VOTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great. So that amendment will be made to the April 14 minutes.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: While we're still on the subject of the minutes, I do have a question.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Please, go ahead.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: It seems that it might be easier to review the minutes and confirm they are correct if we have the transcripts in hand at the same time.

Is that practical? I think that's a question for Mr. Bladine.

Can we work out that we are receiving the transcripts and approving the minutes with those in hand?

MR. BLADINE: We can take a look at it. As long as we're recording -- my understanding is as long as we have a recording available to the public that suffices to have something available immediately -- and I'm looking at Jim to correct me -- so that if the transcripts take two weeks and the minutes were done in
two weeks, as long as we have the audio recording we need -- I'm asking Jim, is that correct?

MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, Commissioners, the requirement is that something has to be posted within three days of the meeting. That can be a recording, although I don't know that we've been posting the recordings, but if we post the recording that's fine. It can be draft minutes that can then later be approved or it can be the transcripts, any of those.

I believe the practice today has been not to get a rush transcript, so we can't post the transcript every three days. So we could -- the Commission could post either a recording or draft minutes and then when the minutes are approved, then go back and post the new approved version. That's a fine practice as well.

So as far as how this would work, if you wanted to post draft minutes immediately and then hold the minutes and the transcript together and then present them together to the commissioners that will be possible.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: And that's what you're proposing, Ms. McNulty?

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Well, I can envision
posting draft minutes and then being ridiculed for what they say. So certainly I'd want to post an audio.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Audio.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I think, but we may want to get a little more comfortable with our whole minute taking and minute approval process before we start posting draft minutes. That would be my thought.

MR. BLADINE: Chairman Mathis, why don't I put that on my list of things to talk to Jim about and see if we -- what we can do to try to avoid what's been happening to us, and that's posting things that we have to go back later on and correct but also meeting the requirements of the open meeting law. And I'll look at that and try to, at our next meeting, have a -- see if there's something else we can do.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. That sounds great. Any other questions or comments on this topic?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All right.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yeah, Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: One piece for Mr. Bladine.

This will involve -- well, the sooner --
the sooner that we can get the technology under control, the sooner that we can resolve this issue.

MR. BLADINE: Mr. Stertz, I agree.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I happen to agree with Commissioner McNulty that posting draft minutes is a painful process to recover from.

MR. BLADINE: And as soon as --

Commissioner Stertz, as soon as Buck gets over his strep throat maybe we can get him back.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Do we have a doctor in the house?

MR. BLADINE: I didn't think you wanted him here to --

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great. Thanks, everyone, for everyone's patience while we get through those minutes each time. It's getting better, and we are very grateful to Patricia because she has done an excellent job in terms of understanding the format that we like and so we're really happy with how she's been doing it. Our challenge has been we travel to all these different locations and ended up having different minute takers.

So I'd like to move onto the next item then which is Item VII on the agenda, agenda items and dates of future meetings. And, thankfully, Mr. Bladine has
been working on this for us to figure out what days
we're all available and submitted to you all a calendar
for May and June that shows when people cannot meet,
especially. And based upon that good dates for May,
it's looking like May 11 and 12th of next week are both
good.

If Tucson -- May 11 is good if it's in the
morning in Tucson and May 12 is good for Tucson or
Phoenix, and I think as a Commission we talked about
every three or four meetings trying to do a meeting in
Tucson. I think we're doing that for our Tucson
meeting so that might make some sense next week. The
challenge is the following week there's a lot of
conflicts. I know I will be away and Mr. Bladine will
be away, and that's not to say if -- you know, if
there's an urgent need that I could call in certainly
from the road to do -- make the meetings.

So -- but I know with Mr. Bladine gone it's
going to be challenging too. So maybe we should plan
for sure on next week, either the 11th or the 12th in
Tucson, and I guess there is the possibility we could
meet twice since the following week is pretty much a
wash.

Does anyone have any comments or thoughts?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: May 11th I am not available during the lunch hour.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: But -- actually, it's an extended lunch hour, from 11:30 to 1:30. So going to Tucson will be difficult for me and having to come back before that time for the meeting.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: So -- but May 12 is fine.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: How is May 12 for others?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: And then Tucson is okay?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: It says Tucson or Phoenix.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Right, but don't overdo it.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, I --

MR. BLADINE: Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm not trying to skip a week, but could you confirm what is happening
with you on the 20th? Are you out of town?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: I am. I am out of town, but I could call in that day.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madam Chair, shall we set meetings for the week -- for the 12th and then maybe two weeks after that and then if we need to after meeting today or a meeting on the 12th, we could try and squeeze something in that intervening week?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Or meet -- or meet twice the week of the 22nd?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Right. So that would make some sense. So the 12th, we're definitely going to meet in Tucson and what -- any time preferences for people?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I think the earlier the better.

THE REPORTER: I'm sorry?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: The earlier the better.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Sorry.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Whatever. I'm fine.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. I agree just because the meetings tend to go long too right now.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yes.
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: So I think we should probably start planning on a morning meeting, and if we need to go into the afternoon we'll do that.

So what's everyone's pleasure? Is the 9:30 time a good start time or did you want to start either before that or --

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: 9:30 is fine.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Fine.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: 9:30 is fine for me as well.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. And I know that Buck -- something Buck is going to be looking into too is suitable meeting space in Tucson. That's been a challenge because the space hasn't had internet access in the meeting rooms we've been in previously and those have been State buildings. So we are going to look at the University of Arizona. They have offered to work with ADOA and provide space for us and possibly in meeting space where the Arizona Board of Regents meets or other groups that require internet access, and definitely we hope to be streaming soon too.

So I don't know if that will happen next week, but hopefully Buck will be able to help us to find a suitable space for the 12th. So the next meeting is May 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Tucson.
The next -- do we want to look at the week of the 23rd and see what -- how folks feel?

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: How about the 26th at 9:30 here in Phoenix?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Works for me.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And we're blocking out the week of the 16th?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Unless we decide -- if you want to have -- so Ray will be out of town and I will be out of town, but I could call in on the 20th, which is a Friday.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: My thought is whether we're going to need to pencil another meeting in might be a little dependent upon what transpires for the rest of today's meeting, whether we meet for two next week. Or if that's not feasible, then we can maybe discuss, you know, having people call in the following week, but I like the fact that we got the 12th -- we're kind of sticking to the Thursday plan and the 12th and the 26th nailed down at this point.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: That sounds good. So you are thinking after executive session today when we come back out of public -- into public session maybe we
Can -- I don't know. Can we discuss it at that point again? Are we allowed to bring the agenda item up again, Mr. Barton?

MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, Commissioners, you could bring -- bring the item up again. You know, setting meeting dates isn't something that has to be done in the public meeting by the commissioners. So in other words, if you come out of today's meetings and another meeting needs to be scheduled, that's something that the executive director can coordinate and then the public knows because the public has the notice.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Great. Thanks.

So we've nailed down two meetings for May, the 12th at 9:30 a.m. in Tucson and the 26th at 9:30 a.m. in Phoenix.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So -- Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Stertz.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is it fair to say that the public should be -- just keep, as our website develops, to continually to be aware that that is where we will be having meetings posted, not only for these meetings at this level but also on the local level and to start to get the general public to start driving them to that website for information?
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Good idea, and that website is azredistricting.org. Ever since that site has been up, Buck has been great about posting our agendas there. We also have been posting through the Secretary of State's office and then also at the executive tower kiosk through ADOA.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: So let's see. We can talk about June later when we have June items. So let's talk about future agenda items, though, for that May 12 meeting, if we could.

Any -- any comments?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, I believe that again the agenda items are going to be driven by the outcomes of the next executive sessions.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Uh-huh. And one item is the Ken Clark presentation. That could be a possibility, I guess, for the May 12th meeting if that works for him.

MR. BLADINE: Can I -- Madam Chairman, when I spoke to him, Tucson is a little hard for them to get to so maybe the 26th, if that will work for the Commission.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Sure. Okay.

Okay. No other agenda items anyone wants
to raise right now? It will depend on what we accomplish today, I'm sure. So I'm sure some of these items will carry over. We know we'll have the minutes and the transcript as usual.

And any other comments on agenda Item VII before I move on?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Agenda Item VIII, this is time to discuss the contract matters relating to hiring a mapping consultant, and this has been an agenda item for us for a while. And we have a draft document that the State Procurement Office has put together for us, and I thank Don Ellwanger for his work with that and Commissioner Stertz as well for helping with -- helping improve that process along. And this is a confidential document because it hasn't been released yet by State Procurement.

So we can't discuss details of it in public, but is there any general comment or question concerning the RFP as it's -- that anyone wanted to say now in public session?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yes. Madam Chair, could I have a copy of it?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: I think so.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I'm assuming Mr.
Stertz would like a copy as well.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I think it was distributed.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes. It was distributed via email, and I don't know if there are any hard copies. I've got one here that we can make copies of if somebody wants to -- could make copies for us. It's a 30-page document.

Any other comments?

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madam Chair, is this what was distributed last week?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Yes.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: We haven't received a new version based on our comments?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Right.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any other comments or thoughts on the RFP that we can talk about in public?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: We did discuss this, as was noted in the executive session last week that we had, but a new version has not come out since then. And is Don in the room? I don't see him. Okay. Is he coming?

MR. BLADINE: Yes. Madam Chairman, I did
call him also about 15 minutes ago to say, you better head over, and he said he would be here so --

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: There he is.
MR. BLADINE: All right.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Right on time.
MR. BLADINE: There we go.
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Mr. Don Ellwanger.
MR. BLADINE: That will give you a chance to breathe.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Exactly.
MR. ELLWANGER: Sure. I'll just sit up front.
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yeah. Perfect.
MR. BLADINE: AND I think he may have brought some of the documents. I didn't want to speak for him when --
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Oh, okay.
MR. BLADINE: So I'll go catch Patricia.
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Great.

Okay. Go ahead, Ms. McNulty.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Madam Chair, we -- as I understand it, we're not able to discuss our comments in a public session. And I think that's the work we have to do is to finalize the RFP, go through our -- the comments we've made.
So I will move that we go into executive session to discuss the mapping RFP. I guess I would also ask whether we're going to discuss the legal consultant applications at the same time or whether we're going to come back out and then go back in.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: And then go back in.

It seems redundant.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: It seems to me unfortunate for these folks.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Right. We did try to organize the agenda this time so that the executive sessions were at the end in case people wanted to leave, but --

MR. BARTON: Madam Chair?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Barton.

MR. BARTON: You can move to go into executive session for Items VIII and IX at one point and then go ahead and then just come out.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay.

COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: That's what I -- I would move forward that we do that.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I will second that motion.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All in favor?

VOICE VOTE: Aye.
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Then the meeting will go into executive session. The time is 10:30, and this will be to discuss both the RFPs for -- well, the RFP for mapping services and then the responses to the legal RFP that closed last week.

(Whereupon, the following section of the session, pages 39-278, is an executive session and bound under separate cover.)
(Whereupon, the public session resumed and
the following was had:)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. We'll go back into
public session now. The time is 3:50 p.m., three,
five, zero.

And thank you, Public, for sticking with
us. We had a long executive session which was
productive, and I wanted to see if there's a motion to
authorize Commissioner McNulty to aggregate all of our
comments that we discussed during executive session for
the RFP for mapping services. She'll put those all
into one document and then give them to Mr. Bladine to
distribute to the commissioners for a final look to
ensure that everybody's comments were included.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So moved.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Second that.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: There's an amendment to
this?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yeah. I think that
the plan was that Commissioner McNulty was going to
send it to me and then I was going to send it to
Mr. Bladine for distribution.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Is that good? So
amend it --
COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I second.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Thank you for seconding the amended motion.

So the motion will be to authorize Commission McNulty to aggregate all of our comments and edits into the RFP for mapping services in one document. She'll send it to Commissioner Freeman, who will just ensure that all the comments are there and then they'll send -- he'll send it to Mr. Bladine.

Mr. Bladine will send it to all five commissioners who can take one last look at it.

Great. Thank you for that amended motion.

So any discussion on the amended motion?

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: No.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: All in favor?

VOICE VOTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. That motion carries, so that will be the plan.

Thank you, Commissioner McNulty for agreeing to take on that role.

Our next -- this kind of brings us to agenda Item VII that we tabled from earlier, which is...
agenda items and dates of future meetings. Given the
discussion that we had during executive session and
what we're trying to accomplish in terms of getting
these -- getting all the legal responses reviewed as
well as getting that RFP for mapping services issued,
we want to plan to meet earlier than we initially
anticipated.

So we're looking at having a public meeting
with the potential to go into executive session on May
10th, and that will be in Tucson at 9:00 a.m. And the
agenda items -- potential agenda items for that would
be authorizing -- we'll see what happens, but we'll
hopefully be able to authorize the ADOA to issue that
RFP for mapping services. And we'll probably want to
discuss the legal responses further, and there could be
the possibility of the Attorney General's Office
presenting to us at that meeting.

We'll have to see, but we've been told by
Assistant Attorney General Jim Barton that the
Solicitor General would like to present to us as a
response to that RFP. So that could be -- so that's
three agenda items.

Anything else anyone can think of for that
meeting on the 10th in Tucson?

(No verbal response.)
CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Those are the main items.

Okay.

And then we made a change to our meeting on the 12th. That will still be at 9:30 in the morning, but the location has changed to Phoenix. So we'll have a public session, public meeting on May 12 at 9:30 a.m. in Phoenix.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, the May 10th meeting in Tucson is at 9:30?

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: 9:00 o'clock.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: 9:00.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: 9:00 o'clock.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: 9:00 a.m.

VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: And the meeting that we had originally planned for the 26th in Phoenix remains the same at 9:30 a.m. and in Phoenix, and at that meeting we had talked about possibly the Arizona Competitive Districts Coalition making a presentation. That's the only agenda item I noted and a lot will depend on how we -- how these earlier meetings proceed.

Any other comments or thoughts, agenda items for any of these meetings?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Any other --
VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: No.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Hearing none, that takes us to the end of the agenda which is the adjournment, Item X.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chairman?

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Yes.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Maybe there is one other thing.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. Please, go ahead.

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I move that we conduct an executive session here in -- this Friday during the afternoon, that it be telephonic at a time to be determined for the purposes of discussing the revisions to the mapping consultant RFP.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Do I hear a second to that motion?

VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Second.

COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any discussion?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay. All in favor?

VOICE VOTE: Aye.

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Any opposed?

(No verbal response.)

CHAIRMAN MATHIS: Okay then. That motion
carries.

So we'll go into executive session which, I guess, puts -- we'll presume that Commissioner McNulty and Commissioner Freeman will be able to get their edits into Ray and Ray will get them out to us and we can have an executive session on Friday afternoon at a time to be determined.

Okay. Great. Well, with that the next item is the adjournment, and it is now 3:55 p.m. and I declare this meeting adjourned.

(Whereupon, the proceedings adjourned at 3:52 p.m.)
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BE IT KNOWN the foregoing proceedings were taken by me pursuant to stipulation of counsel; that I was then and there a Certified Reporter of the State of Arizona, and by virtue thereof authorized to administer an oath; that the proceedings were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate transcript of all proceedings and testimony had and adduced upon the taking of said proceedings, all done to the best of my skill and ability.

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