



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – December 20, 2021**  
**9:00am**

**In Attendance:**

**Location:** Kimpton Palomar Phoenix Hotel  
2 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

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, Alex Pena

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Mark Flahan, Timmons  
Brian Kingery, Timmons  
Parker Bradshaw, Timmons  
Doug Johnson, NDC Research  
Ivy Bellar-Sakansky, NDC Research

Debbie Wilks, Transcriptionist (PM)  
Angela Miller, Transcriptionist (AM)

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (*1:25 YouTube*)  
A. Call for Quorum  
B. Call for Notice

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 Dec. 19, 2021 *(3:22 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Vice Chair Watchman motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Dec. 19, 2021; Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(4:10 YouTube)*

At 9:03am 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 today's (Dec. 20, 2021) meeting. *(4:53 YouTube)*

The Commissioners state they are doing their best to keep up with all the public comments, and thanked the public.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(5:11 YouTube)*

Doug Johnson from Timmons/NDC advised that there were no additional updates at this time for this item.

VI. Draft Map decision discussion *(5:26 YouTube)*

- Legislative Map Drawing
- Congressional Map Drawing

The Commissioners continued with their requests from Sunday, with changes to be made to Congressional Map 11.1.

Commissioner York moted to move into Executive Session to receive legal advice on VRA Compliance with the current map iterations. Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Commissioner Mehl motioned to begin deliberations on Legislative Map 15.0; Commissioner

Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

The Commissioners directed the mapping team to make specific changes to Legislative Map 15.0.

Once the Commission received the revised Congressional Maps, Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve Congressional Map 12.1 as a starting point; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

VII. Next Meeting Date. *(7:46:37 YouTube)*

The next deliberation meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 2021, at 9:00am at the Palomar Hotel in Phoenix.

VIII. Closing of Public Comments *(N/A YouTube)*

Public Comments closed at 4:45pm.

IX. Adjournment. *(N/A YouTube)*

Commissioner Lerner motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.