



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – December 22, 2021
9:05am

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
Community Outreach Coordinator, Marie Chapple

Roy Herrera, Esq. Herrera Arellano, PLLC
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Mark Flahan, 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 ([3:36 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. 21, 2021 *(5:48 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Commissioner Lerner motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Dec. 21, 2021; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(6:36 YouTube)*

At 9:08am 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. 22, 2021) meeting. *(7:21 YouTube)*

The Commissioners advised the public that the public is seeing democracy in process and the Commissioners are volunteers working for the public and what is best for the state.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(8:31 YouTube)*

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

VI. Draft Map decision discussion *(15:55 YouTube)*

- Legislative Map Drawing
- Congressional Map Drawing

After the mapping team presented the population changes made to the Congressional map to the Commission, Chair Neuberg motioned to adopt Congressional Map 13.9 as the final map, subject to the review of the counties for final administrative changes; Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

The mapping team presented Legislative Map 16.0 to the Commission. After review and discussion, Commissioner Mehl motioned to adopt Legislative Map 16.0 as the final map; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion did not pass, 2 – 2, with one abstaining from the vote.

The Commission made several changes to the Legislative Map and deliberated at length.

Chair Neuberg motioned to move into Executive Session to receive legal advice, with a unanimous vote of 5-0.

The Commission received legal advice on fulfilling their Constitutional requirements.

Commissioner Mehl motioned to adopt Legislative Map 16.1 pending administrative review of the counties and cleanup; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-2.

Commissioner Mehl motioned to amend the approval of Legislative map to switch Legislative District 5 and Legislative District 1, putting Prescott in District 1; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-2.

VII. Next Meeting Date. *(7:58:16 YouTube)*

The next deliberation meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 4, 2022.

VIII. Closing of Public Comments *(7:59:18 YouTube)*

Public Comments closed at 5:00pm.

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

Vice Chair Watchman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 5:01pm.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 12/22/21