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4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: I would like to call to  
5 order this meeting of the Arizona Independent  
6 Redistricting Commission.

7 Today is June 6th at 10:35 in the  
8 morning.

9 And I would like to inform everyone who  
10 would like to speak during public comment to fill  
11 out a request to speak form and give it to our  
12 executive director, Ray Bladine.

13 I would also like to note that we have a  
14 court reporter transcribing the meeting. So  
15 everyone be sure to speak clearly and not over one  
16 another so we can get an accurate record.

17 I'll go ahead and start with roll call.

18 Vice Chair Freeman?

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera?

21 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Here.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty?

23 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: Here.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz?

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We have a quorum.

2 And I also would like to acknowledge our  
3 legal counsel with us today in Phoenix. We have Joe  
4 Kanefield from Ballard Spahr and Mary O'Grady from  
5 Osborn Maledon. And I see Ray Bladine in the  
6 background.

7 And we have an agenda that everyone  
8 should have gotten a copy of. It's been posted.  
9 And the second item on the agenda is the call for  
10 public comment.

11 So did we receive any request to speak  
12 forms in Phoenix?

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Yes, Madame Chair. I  
14 have two slips completed. And if you would like --

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: -- I'll go ahead and call  
17 them to the microphone.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Thank you.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: The first slip I have is  
20 Marilyn Zerull.

21 I apologize if I mispronounced that.

22 If you could please state your name and  
23 tell us who you are here representing.

24 MARILYN ZERULL: My name is Marilyn Zerull,  
25 and I represent the PCRWC.

1 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: I can't hear.

2 MARILYN ZERULL: Can you not hear?

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Let's make sure that they  
4 can hear.

5 MARILYN ZERULL: My name is Marilyn Zerull,  
6 and I'm representing the PCRWC from Pima County.

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Could you tell me what  
8 PCRW (sic) represents?

9 MARILYN ZERULL: It stands for the Pima County  
10 Republicans --

11 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: We can't hear on this  
12 end.

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Okay. Let's wait. Let's  
14 get that addressed.

15 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: I can't hear anything.

16 MARILYN ZERULL: Can you hear me?

17 Can you hear me?

18 Can you hear me?

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Didn't last time we  
20 strapped one of these mikes on?

21 BUCK FORST: Yeah.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Hello?

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: We're working on it.

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

25 MARILYN ZERULL: Can you hear me?

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes. Much better.

2 MARILYN ZERULL: Well, my name is Marilyn  
3 Zerull. I'm representing the PCRWC from Pima  
4 County. That's the Pima County Republican Women.

5 After watching the video of the last  
6 meeting, I hope that the public will be able to see  
7 the companies who respond to the mapping RFPs as  
8 they are interviewed by the Redistricting  
9 Commission.

10 And as an added note, I would like to  
11 express my dismay as to the vote that this committee  
12 made concerning legal representation.

13 The decision to have the two proliberal  
14 oriented firms be involved in a redistricting smacks  
15 of liberal bias.

16 This decision can be rectified, and that  
17 would be to your credit, as a fair-minded  
18 commission. If you choose to not have the  
19 republicans get the representation that they wanted,  
20 then it would tell the public that a fix is in the  
21 play and then the shame will be on you.

22 Please, do the right thing.

23 Thank you very much.

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

25 The next slip I have is Geri Ottoboni.

1           If you could please take the microphone  
2 and tell us -- state your name and who you are here  
3 representing.

4           GERI OTTOBONI: Yes. Hello. My name is --  
5 can you hear me?

6           COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Yes.

7           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

8           GERI OTTOBONI: Okay. My name is Geri  
9 Ottoboni I represent the NETOT, which is the network  
10 of Tucson.

11          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

12          GERI OTTOBONI: Having a meeting in Tucson, or  
13 at least allowing the people from Tucson to go to  
14 the Skype site -- although you stated that you  
15 wanted to have meetings in Phoenix and Tucson, most  
16 meetings have been here in Phoenix.

17                 I have to hire a baby-sitter, believe it  
18 or not, so it would cost me twice -- cost as much to  
19 come up here as would be if I went down to Tucson.

20                 Since three of the commissioners are  
21 broadcasting from Tucson on Skype, why can't we go  
22 to the Skype location in Tucson?

23                 To accommodate this, though, the next  
24 meeting announcement would have to give the Tucson  
25 location as well as the Phoenix location.

1 I respectfully request the commission  
2 this request, and thank you very much.

3 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.

4 I have a third slip that's from Leonard  
5 Gorman. If you could please take the microphone and  
6 tell us who you are here representing.

7 LEONARD GORMAN: Good morning, Commissioners.

8 My name is Leonard Gorman. I'm with the  
9 Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission, and I just  
10 want to express appreciation for the opportunity to  
11 say a couple of words here and also implore on the  
12 commission when establishing the processes and the  
13 procedures and the thresholds that would be met  
14 along with the competitiveness on contiguity issues  
15 like that, that upon establishing the community of  
16 interest definition, that all indigenous nations  
17 throughout the state of Arizona would be considered  
18 as a community of interest.

19 And when mapping out the districts, that  
20 the final maps would allow these indigenous nations  
21 to be in those single districts and not be split, as  
22 it was proposed ten years ago when, for example, the  
23 Navajo Nation was split in the legislative grid that  
24 was developed.

25 So -- secondly, the Navajo Nation Human

1 Rights Commission is looking at the current pre-tan  
2 data to -- when populating the current districts.  
3 That's 63.97 percent Native American population in  
4 the current legislative district two.

5 So Navajo Nation is looking forward to  
6 being in a legislative district that meets that  
7 threshold of 63.97 percent Native American  
8 population.

9 Secondly, the Navajo Nation Human Rights  
10 Commission has been involved in numerous meetings in  
11 the north region of the state of Arizona and we've  
12 met with the City of Flagstaff and also the Apache  
13 Nations and we are very interested in coming in  
14 unison to this commission soon so that we could  
15 submit a map that would make the commission's job a  
16 lot easier, at least on the north -- northern region  
17 of the state of Arizona.

18 And finally, making the request on behalf  
19 of the Navajo Nation that the commission somehow  
20 establish maybe a Skype site or visit the city of  
21 Flagstaff, at least, to host a meeting in the near  
22 future where the Navajo Nation representatives from  
23 the other indigenous nations can be able to attend.

24 Thank you very much.

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Thank you.



1           Is there anyone else who wishes to  
2 address the commission at this time?

3           I see no one, Madame Commissioner.

4           Madame Chairman, there are no other  
5 public comments.

6           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great, and thank you,  
7 public, for your comments.

8           That takes us to agenda item III, update  
9 from State Procurement Office staff regarding the  
10 status of the mapping consultant RFP.

11           So I hope that Jean Clark and Christine  
12 Fruitman from the State Procurement Office might be  
13 there.

14           JEAN CLARK: Yes, ma'am.

15           Jean Clark from the State Procurement  
16 Office.

17           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Good morning.

18           JEAN CLARK: Good morning.

19           We did as a -- following our meeting last  
20 week, did issue the solicitation amendment. I  
21 believe it went out on Wednesday or Thursday last  
22 week.

23           We did extend that opening, so proposals  
24 are due this Thursday, June 9th at 3 p.m.

25           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great.

1 Any other comments on that from  
2 commissioners? Questions for Jean?

3 Okay. Commission Herrera.

4 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Yeah, one question.

5 If they are due on the 9th, when will we  
6 be receiving the copy or a disk?

7 JEAN CLARK: You know, our goal will be able  
8 to -- you know, part of it depends on volume. So  
9 our deal is -- I mean, we'll try to burn all of the  
10 proposals that we can Thursday night and be able to  
11 get those out so hopefully you would have them  
12 possibly Friday, but for sure you would have them by  
13 Saturday if we overnight them.

14 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. And now -- so  
15 we'll need to make sure everybody has grabbed their  
16 nondisclosure agreement release so SPO can release  
17 those to us when the bid is open.

18 JEAN CLARK: Correct.

19 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other  
20 questions or comments?

21 That takes us to agenda item IV,  
22 discussion and consideration of confidential  
23 documents associated with the evaluation of  
24 responses to the mapping consultant RFP and possible  
25 action.

1           Do I hear a motion to go into executive  
2 session to discuss these confidential documents?

3           COMMISSIONER MCNULTY:   So moved.

4           COMMISSIONER HERRERA:   Second that.

5           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Any discussion?

6                   All in favor?

7                   ("Aye.")

8           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Opposed?

9                   (No oral response.)

10          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Okay.   The time is 10:47.  
11 We'll go into executive session now.

12          RAY BLADINE:   If we could ask you all to  
13 leave, while we go into executive session.   I  
14 suspect there's room in the lobby of the building  
15 right over here and it's a nice enough day, I guess,  
16 the benches might work for some of you and we'll  
17 call when the executive session is over and they  
18 are.

19                   (Whereupon the public session recessed  
20 and executive session ensued.)

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24                   (Whereupon the public session resumes.)

25          VICE CHAIR FREEMAN:   Okay.   Looks like we're

1 ready.

2 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Great. Thank you, Vice  
3 Chair Freeman.

4 It is 11:15 a.m. and we'll enter back  
5 into public record now.

6 Thank you for the good discussion and  
7 consideration of the special documents associated  
8 with the evaluation of the responses to the mapping  
9 consultant RFP.

10 And I very much appreciate the guidance  
11 that SPO has given us on this matter and for their  
12 appreciation of our interest in doing this in as  
13 fast a manner as possible, but also in a safer  
14 manner. So I know that they understand our  
15 situation and I very much appreciate both Jean Clark  
16 and Christine Fruitman, as does the rest of the  
17 commission.

18 So moving to agenda item V -- well,  
19 agenda items and dates of future meetings.

20 So we need to figure out -- coordinate  
21 calendars, and Ray Bladine was going to send out  
22 some dates for us in terms of when it looked like we  
23 were all free, but it's clear we're going to want to  
24 talk about the conflicts on that for mapping the  
25 RFP, which is due, as we said, 3 p.m. on June 9th

1 and then SPO will be burning those responses onto a  
2 DVD so we all get a copy of everything that came in  
3 and then we'll have a little bit of time to consider  
4 those through the weekend and looking like the week  
5 of the 13th. We need to figure out maybe a time to  
6 meet to initially discuss those responses. And  
7 keeping in mind that we also want to give -- build  
8 in a little bit of time so that SPO can collect our  
9 initial responses.

10 So that's -- Monday June 13th, we could  
11 start there. That wouldn't give -- we would -- the  
12 earliest I think we could meet is the afternoon of  
13 June 13th because we would want to kill some time  
14 over SPO, but otherwise, 14th, 15th, 16th, if we  
15 could talk about those days, maybe.

16 Any hard commitments that would prevent  
17 people from meeting?

18 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I'm open then.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Tuesday I'm open all  
20 day. Wednesday I am only open in the afternoon.

21 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Starting at what time,  
22 Ray?

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Depends on where we are.  
24 If we're in Tucson, I'll be available at 9:30. If  
25 we're in Phoenix, I'll be available at 11:30.

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: So you would available in  
2 the morning on Wednesday?

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: At 9:30 in Tucson.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: 9:30 in Tucson. 11:30 in  
5 Phoenix.

6 Okay.

7 Mr. Herrera or Freeman?

8 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Madame Chair?

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera.

10 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Next week is pretty  
11 open for me. I have a lunch commitment but I can  
12 change it.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair?

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

16 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: My schedule is wide open  
17 next week.

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Wow, that's great.

19 Well, my only commitment would be late  
20 Monday afternoon at 4 p.m., so I'm open any time  
21 before that and then on Tuesday I have a meeting at  
22 1:30, unfortunately, until 2:30, but I would be open  
23 either before or after that. And Wednesday I'm wide  
24 open. So --

25 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair?

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Freeman.

2 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: It sounds like we're  
3 either going to try to squeeze one in beginning  
4 early Monday afternoon or it looks like we could  
5 conceivably -- the next open spot for us would be  
6 Wednesday morning at 9:30 in Tucson. Just depends  
7 how aggressive we want to be with this.

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. I'm hearing a vote  
9 for 9:30 on Wednesday. I am happy to do Monday  
10 afternoon, if that -- if we think that gives all of  
11 us enough time to evaluate the responses. I know  
12 it's hard to know, since we have no idea how many  
13 people will be responding -- how many firms.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair, I think  
15 not knowing that, I think that we're better served  
16 to set a date giving us the opportunity.

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. How then is 9:30  
18 in the morning Tuesday for folks? And that would be  
19 in Tucson -- I'm sorry, Wednesday. Sorry you guys.  
20 I wasn't thinking. Wednesday.

21 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Madame Chair?

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Herrera.

23 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Now, is SPO available  
24 on Wednesday at 9:30 to go to Tucson or would they  
25 be able to participate via Skype?

1 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: That's a good question,  
2 Mr. Herrera.

3 Is Jean there?

4 JEAN CLARK: Yes, ma'am.

5 We would be available on Wednesday and we  
6 actually could be in Tucson.

7 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. So 9:30 in the  
8 morning in Tucson on Wednesday June 15th.

9 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: That's also -- that  
10 sounds good with counsel as well. They are  
11 available.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Oh, great.

13 Mr. Herrera, did you have something?

14 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Yeah. I just wanted to  
15 confirm. That will be the initial meeting when we  
16 will be evaluating the applicant; is that correct?

17 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes.

18 JEAN CLARK: Yes.

19 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Thank you.

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. That leads us with  
21 the 15th we'll do that initial response. We'll want  
22 to meet again, but, of course, it's going to be --  
23 we can maybe hold a soft date for ourselves to at  
24 least be planning that we'll want to probably meet  
25 again on the RFP, the people who responded.



1           So I don't know if people are open to  
2 maybe looking at also a subsequent date?

3           COMMISSIONER STERTZ:   Madame Chair?

4           CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   Mr. Stertz.

5           COMMISSIONER STERTZ:   Question for Ms. Clark.

6           Knowing that there will be -- there is  
7 quite likelihood that there's going to be some  
8 out-of-town proposals on this, is one week enough or  
9 too long or too little time from next week,  
10 Wednesday, to be able to give notification for  
11 travel and for preparation?

12          JEAN CLARK:   If we are able to give  
13 notification, I believe, to firms at some point on  
14 Thursday, it probably might be late Thursday by the  
15 time we complete things on Wednesday, I would  
16 anticipate that I would not do it until at least the  
17 -- the earliest, the following Thursday, and you may  
18 actually be better the beginning of the following  
19 week.

20          CHAIRPERSON MATHIS:   So we could be looking at  
21 Wednesday the 22nd, Thursday the 23rd.  Is that --  
22 are people going to be open those days, just out of  
23 curiosity?

24          COMMISSIONER STERTZ:   I am wide open on the  
25 23rd.

1 COMMISSIONER MCNULTY: I'm open on the 23rd,  
2 24th, 22nd.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Me, too. 22nd I'm not,  
4 but 23rd and 24th I am.

5 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. How about  
6 Mr. Herrera and Mr. Freeman?

7 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Madame Chair, I am -- I  
8 have a commitment on the 23rd; I'll be in Tucson in  
9 the afternoon, but I was going to ask you, can we --  
10 what would prevent us from scheduling the ones that  
11 are local as soon as possible?

12 JEAN CLARK: I would have to advise that I  
13 would recommend that we give all of the participants  
14 the same duration of time to prepare for the  
15 interviews and the presentation, just from an equity  
16 perspective.

17 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madame Chair, I'm --

18 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I'm available Wednesday  
20 June 23rd -- no, 22nd. Sorry. 23rd and 24th. I'm  
21 available those three days.

22 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. That's the 22nd  
23 through the 24th, Mr. Freeman?

24 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Correct.

25 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Well, I'm hopeful

1 that we could maybe plan on one of those days that  
2 we would meet.

3 Mr. Herrera, did you say you're tied up  
4 in the afternoon of the 23rd?

5 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: That is correct. The  
6 22nd I'm wide open and I'm wide open on the 24th.  
7 So the 23rd, which is the Thursday, I have a prior  
8 commitment in the afternoon. So the -- you know  
9 what, just to be on the safe side, the 23rd probably  
10 would not be a good day, but the 22nd and 24th would  
11 be.

12 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay.

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So do we want to hold  
14 those two days open?

15 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, I think we will.

16 Let's all hold the 22nd and 24th  
17 available for a potential meeting date.

18 And in terms of agenda items for that,  
19 it's going to be pretty well -- fully subscribed by  
20 just dealing with the responses to the RFP for  
21 mapping services.

22 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Madame Chair?

23 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera.

24 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: When we meet on the 9th  
25 to review the proposal mapping consultant, are we

1 going to decide what type of presentation we would  
2 want? Just to be uniform and when we contact these  
3 individuals, this is the -- they will have a certain  
4 amount of time to present, this is what we are going  
5 to need so they can all, I guess, compare apples to  
6 apples in what we need from them in terms of a  
7 presentation?

8 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, that's a good idea.  
9 It would be the 15th that we would be meeting to  
10 discuss that.

11 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Okay. Just making  
12 sure.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Freeman, did you have  
14 something?

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: No, I agree.

16 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. All right. Good  
17 idea.

18 So that will definitely be part of our  
19 discussion on the 15th.

20 Okay. Any other comments on the agenda  
21 item V?

22 Okay.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madame Chair?

24 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Mr. Stertz.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Who is the going to

1 sending the disks out? Will it be the executive  
2 director or will it be ADOA or SPO?

3 JEAN CLARK: The executive director is  
4 pointing to us. So yes, we will.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'll get my correct  
6 mailing address to Mr. Bladine so it can be sent  
7 directly to my home.

8 JEAN CLARK: Okay. Great.

9 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Okay. Any other  
10 comments, questions?

11 I would just like to thank our staff for  
12 making this happen today. We are continuing to  
13 proceed with our Skype abilities and I really  
14 appreciate all they've done to allow us to meet  
15 remotely in this fashion, and I am sure that it will  
16 only get smoother and better as the days go by.

17 So thanks to all of you for making that  
18 happen. I know it's not a simple process.

19 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Madame Chair?

20 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: Yes, Mr. Herrera?

21 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: May I ask our executive  
22 director relating an update on the technology for  
23 allowing the public to participate in these in the  
24 Skype or video conferencing?

25 RAY BLADINE: I know that it's on the agenda.

1 MARY O'GRADY: That's not on the agenda. Can  
2 we give an update at the next meeting?

3 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: Of course.

4 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: We'll add that to the  
5 next meeting agenda and cover it first.

6 Okay. Great. Well, it's 11:29 in the  
7 morning and our next item is adjournment. So I  
8 declare this meeting adjourned.

9 Oh, I think I see Mr. Herrera.

10 COMMISSIONER HERRERA: I just want to thank  
11 you for starting the meeting on time and ending it  
12 on time. It's amazing. I think this is a first.

13 CHAIRPERSON MATHIS: It is some kind of  
14 record.

15 Great. Thanks, everyone.

16 We'll declare the meeting adjourned at  
17 11:29 a.m.

18 (The meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m.)  
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