



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – August 8, 2022  
10:01am**

**In Attendance:**

**Location:** Virtual via Google Meet

Chairwoman Erika Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Derrick Watchman  
Commissioner Shereen Lerner  
Commissioner David Mehl  
Commissioner Douglas York

Executive Director, Brian Schmitt

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Angela Miller, Transcriptionist

I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(1:22 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 Jan. 18, 2022 *(2:45 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session N/A

Vice Chair Watchman motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Jan. 21, 2022; Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

### III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(3:49 YouTube)*

At 10:04 am 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 (Jan. 21, 2022) meeting. *(4:34 YouTube)*

Chair Neuberg provided her personal reactions to the recent election results.

*Item VI was addressed out of order.*

### VI. Executive Director's Report. *(7:15 YouTube)*

Executive Director Brian Schmitt provided an update on staffing, which consists of himself and Executive Assistant Valerie Neumann. Deputy Director Lori Van Haren is assisting with Public Records Requests as needed, and finishing up any special assignments.

The IRC Conference Room is being released back to the State, as it is needed for another agency. This will provide some cost savings to the IRC, as the space is no longer needed.

A summary of past fiscal year expenditures was given by Schmitt:

- \$614K Personnel services, and employee related expenses
- \$4.3 Million went towards professional and outside services (legal & mapping)
- \$21K Travel related expenses
- \$847K Operating expenses (meeting rooms and related items)
- \$23K Noncapital expenses (laptops)

The sub-total of expenses is approximately \$5.8 million, leaving an allotment of \$2 million remaining.

Schmitt is currently working with the Arizona Department of Administration and Timmons Group on a plan to integrate the IRC website which will be kept updated by ADOA, and available for the use of the next Commission.

Schmitt will be working on a plan to archive and sunset the IRC once the legal challenges are closed out.

*The Commission addressed agenda item V next.*

V. Legal Presentation and Potential Action on Pending Cases *(12:04 YouTube)*

- A. Pinal County Attorney's Office request for comments related to Arizona Democratic Party's Correspondence to Arizona Attorney General from April 2022.
- B. Conway v. Arizona Independent Redistricting Commission (Maricopa County Superior Court).
- C. Moore V. Harper (United States Supreme Court)

Commissioner York motioned to move into Executive Session, Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, the Commission directed the Legal team to research and prepare a response for the review of the Commission regarding to Pinal County Attorney's Office regarding the Democratic National Conventions allegations.

The Commission is expecting feedback on the Conway vs. Independent Redistricting Commission within the next 60 days.

The Commission received a legal update on the Moore v. Harper case before the U.S. Supreme Court. This case is regarding who ultimately has authority over elections. The Commission asked the Legal team to investigate and do additional research on this issue and provide a legal overview to the Commission at the next meeting.

VII. Announcements. *(1:08:08 YouTube)*

The next meeting will take place on Monday, August 29, 2022, at 9:00am.

VII. Closing of the Public Comments. *(1:10:07 YouTube)*

Public Comments were closed at 11:10 am.

X. Adjournment. *(1:10:42 YouTube)*

Vice Chair Watchman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 11:11 am.