



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 18, 2021**  
**8:06am**

**In Attendance:**

**Location:** Sheraton Crescent Hotel  
2620 W. Dunlap Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85021

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  
Community Outreach Coordinator, Alex Pena

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Danielle Arrelano, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Sean Sommers, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Brett Johnson, Esq. Snell & Wilmer  
Eric Spencer, Esq. Snell & Wilmer  
Kim Portik, Transcriptionist (AM)  
Angela Miller Transcriptionist (PM)

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

I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(1:10 YouTube)*

- A. Call for Quorum
- B. Call for Notice

Present:

Chairwoman Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Watchman  
Commissioner Lerner  
Commissioner Mehl

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 Oct. 15, 2021 *(2:50 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session (none)

Vice-Chair Watchman motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Oct. 15, 2021, and Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(3:44 YouTube)*

At 8:09am 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 the Oct. 18, 2021 meeting. *(4:30 YouTube)*

The Commissioners appreciate the feedback the public is providing. All of the paper maps that have been received are being studied and the mapping team is working on inputting the data into their system. The Commission assures the public that the VRA is and will be taken into account along with the other Constitutional requirements during the mapping process.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(7:05 YouTube)*

No update was provided.

VI. Potential report from staff and mapping consultants regarding public outreach, utilization of mapping software, and report on public map submissions. *(7:05 YouTube)*

Mark Flahan from Timmons advised that there are now 86 maps submitted. The team produced 9 maps over the weekend for the Commission, which is available to the public as well as the Commissioners. Timmons/NDC provided an overview of the overhauled Draft Maps page on the HUB.

VII. Draft Map decision discussion and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map.

*(15:30 YouTube)*

- A. Legislative Map Drawing
- B. Congressional Map Drawing

After the mapping team presented the changes to the Congressional map and discussion, Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve Congressional Map 3.5 as a starting point for today's deliberations, and Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Commissioner Lerner motioned to go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice as to honor the majority/minority districts. Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

The mapping team presented the changes requested to the Legislative map as directed by the Commission. The Commission discussed the changes and voted on a starting point for the Legislative Map. Commissioner Mehl motioned to adopt Legislative Map 3.2 as a starting point, and Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-1.

VIII. Executive Director's Report and discussion thereof. *(4:13:49 YouTube)*

- A. Draft Map Public Comment Meeting Discussion
- B. Public Records Update
- C. Budget Report
- D. Potential schedule of public comment period post Draft Map approval

A motion was made by Chair Neuberg to go into Executive Session to obtain a Legal update regarding public records (Item C). The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

The other items from the Executive Director's report will be addressed tomorrow.

IX. In Person Public Comments *(7:35:19 YouTube)*

Comments were accepted electronically for this meeting, per the discussion from the Oct. 15, 2021 meeting.

X. Next Meeting Date *(7:35:32 YouTube)*

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2021 from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

XI. Closing of Public Comments *(7:35:42 YouTube)*

Public Comments closed at 3:14pm.

XI. Adjournment. *(7:36:23 YouTube)*

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Chair Neuberg, and the motion was approved 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 10/18/21