



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 20, 2021**  
**8:07am**

**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  
Public Information Officer, Michele Crank  
Community Outreach Coordinator, Marie Chapple

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 *(4:15 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. 19, 2021 *(6:03 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

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

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(7:23 YouTube)*

At 8:10am 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. 20, 2021 meeting. *(8:11 YouTube)*

The Commissioner's note that they hear the public loud and clear that there should be separation between Phoenix and Tucson. The public has ongoing frustrations with the Commission going into Executive Sessions, the Chair Neuberg advises that it is in the best interest of the State of Arizona to obtain legal advice to avoid legal challenges.

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

*(9:45 YouTube)*

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

Commissioner Mehl motioned to go into Executive Session to obtain legal advice on VRA Compliance, Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0

Upon return from Executive Session, Chair Neuberg advised that the Commission received guidance on VRA Compliance and Polarization Performance pertaining to the data provided by Timmons/NDC.

After discussion, Commissioner Mehl motioned to adopt Legislative map 5.0, Commissioner York seconded the motion, the motion was approved 5-0.

Commissioner York motioned to go into Executive Session to obtain VRA legal advice regarding the Congressional maps. Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chair Neuberg advised the public that the legal team provided legal advice regarding redistricting minority/majority districts.

After reviewing the maps provided by Timmons/NDC with the changes the Commission requested, Commissioner Lerner motioned to adopt Congressional map 5.0. Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

IX. Next Meeting Date *(8:20:43 YouTube)*

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 21, 2021 from 8:00am until 4:00pm.

X. Closing of Public Comments *(8:20:58 YouTube)*

Public Comments closed at 4:24pm.

XI. Adjournment. *(8:21:10 YouTube)*

Commissioner Mehl motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.