



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – December 16, 2021
9:01am**

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
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Doug Johnson, NDC Research
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- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (*.00 YouTube*)
 - A. Call for Quorum
 - B. Call for Notice

Present:

Chairwoman Neuberg
Vice-Chair Watchman
Commissioner Lerner
Commissioner Mehl
Commissioner York

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. 13, 2021 *(1:46 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Commissioner Lerner motioned to approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes from Dec. 13, 2021; Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(3:03 YouTube)*

At 9:04am 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.

Chair Neuberg advised the public that there were technical issues with the public comment document and the public would still be able to leave comments on the IRC website.

IV. Discussion on Public Comments received prior to today's (Dec. 16, 2021) meeting. *(4:11 YouTube)*

The Commission continues to read through the huge number of public comments and letters and believe there are many people in the state who look at the work the Commission is doing through a partisan lens. The Commission assures the public that they are looking at the state through the lens of what their constitutional responsibility is, and to have faith in the motivations of what the Commission is doing, but to also understand there are some gray areas in the constitutional requirements.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(8:30 YouTube)*

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

VI. Draft Map decision discussion *(9:18 YouTube)*

- Legislative Map Drawing
- Congressional Map Drawing

At 9:13am Chair Neuberg advised the public that the public comment document was now working. (15:53 YouTube)

Commissioner Lerner motioned to go back to Congressional Draft Map 7.1 as a starting point; Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-2. This map will now become CD Map 10.0.

After discussion, the Commission gave the mapping team direction on specific changes to the Congressional Maps.

Commissioner Lerner motioned to approve Legislative Map 12.0.1 as a starting point; Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion failed with a 3-2 vote.

Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve Legislative Map 12.1.1 as a starting point for today's deliberations; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a 3-2 vote.

The Commissioners provided the mapping team with changes to be made to Legislative Map 12.1.1.

The Mapping team presented the Commission with the requested changes from this morning, now referred as Congressional Map, 10.0. Discussion was held and the Commission directed the Mapping team to make several more changes to this map.

VII. Next Meeting Date. [\(7:40:24 YouTube\)](#)

The next deliberation meeting will be held on Friday, December 17, 2021, at 10:00am at the Palomar Hotel in Phoenix.

VIII. Closing of Public Comments [\(7:40:34 YouTube\)](#)

Public Comments closed at 4:42pm.

IX. Adjournment. [\(7:41:00 YouTube\)](#)

Vice-Chair Watchman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:42pm.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 12/16/21