



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – January 18, 2022
8:07am**

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
Deputy Director Lori Van Haren
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I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(8:29 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. 4, 2022 *(10:00 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes from Jan. 4, 2022; Vice Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(11:07 YouTube)*

At 8:09m 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. 4, 2022) meeting. *(11:50 YouTube)*

There was no discussion on Public Comments.

V. Update from Mapping Team *(12:10 YouTube)*

- A. Discussion and possible action on county election officials technical change requests to the Congressional and Legislative maps.
- B. Update on polarization data based on adopted Congressional and Legislative Maps.
- C. Review and discussion of mapping data.

The mapping team advised the Commission that seven counties responded with administrative changes to the maps. In total there were 71 administrative change requests, not all changes were made, as they were not all considered administrative. The mapping team provided a thorough review of all the requested changes and why they were or were not made.

Timmons/NDC provided a polarization update on the final draft maps.

VI. Update from Legal Team *(2:11:49 YouTube)*

- A. Presentation of Expert Review Report on final approved maps.
- B. Presentation from Legal Team on map assessment.

Commissioner York motioned to move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice on the map assessment; Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session Chair Neuberg advised that the Commissioners received a legal review of the maps.

The Legal team updated the Commission regarding the drafts of the expert report will be posted to the IRC website and updated once several minor typos have been corrected.

VII. Executive Director's Report *(3:02:07 YouTube)*

- A. Final Map Approval and Certification logistics (transmittal to the Arizona Secretary of State by January 20, 2022).

Executive Director Brian Schmitt advised the Commissioners that once the maps were certified, they would be transmitted to the Secretary of State's Office within 24 hours.

VIII. Discussion and Final Map Vote and Certification Transmittal to Arizona Secretary of State. *(3:04:30 YouTube)*

- A. Congressional Map Discussion and Approval
- B. Legislative Maps Discussion and Approval
- C. Commission Report Discussion and Approval
- D. Authorization to Chair to transmit maps and report to Arizona Secretary of State

After discussion, Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve and certify Congressional Map 14.0; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

After discussion, Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve Legislative Map 17.0; Commissioner York seconded the motion. During the voting process, the Commission experienced technical difficulties, and advised that the remaining agenda items would be addressed at a future meeting.

XI. Discussion of future agenda item requests. *(N/A YouTube)*

N/A

X. Announcements. *(N/A YouTube)*

N/A

XI. Next Meeting Date. *(1:19:50 YouTube Backup Link)*

The next meeting date to finish the agenda items will be determined.

XII. Closing of the Public Comments. *(1:20:49 YouTube Backup Link)*

Public Comments were closed at 2:26PM.

XIII. Adjournment. *(1:21:43 YouTube Backup Link)*

Commissioner Mehl motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:27pm.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 01/18/22.