



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 12, 2021
9:02am**

In Attendance:

Location: Via Google Meet

Chairwoman Erika Neuberg
Vice-Chair Derrick Watchman
Commissioner Shereen Lerner
Commissioner David Mehl
Commissioner Douglas York (*joined at 9:18am*)

Executive Director, Brian Schmitt
Deputy Director Lori Van Haren
Public Information Officer, Michelle Crank
Community Outreach Coordinator, Alex Pena

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Danielle Arrelano, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Brett Johnson, Esq. Snell & Wilmer
Eric Spencer, Esq. Snell & Wilmer
Doug Johnson, NDC Research
Angela Miller (PM) Transcriptionists
Dr. Lisa Sanchez, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the U of A

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (*7:54 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. 5, 2021 *(9:43 YouTube)*

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

Vice-Chair Watchman motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Oct. 5, 2021, and Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(10:42 YouTube)*

At 9:05am 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. 12, 2021 meeting. *(11:24 YouTube)*

The Commissioners thanked the public for their comments, ideas, and suggestions sent in via emails, website comments, and map submissions, and are appreciative of all the input. Also addressed, was a comment regarding frustrations with how prison populations are counted. The Commission advised that the law states that prisoners are counted where they are incarcerated.

V. Update from, discussion, and potential action related to the mapping consultants, Timmons/NDC. *(1:19:28 YouTube)*

- A. Updates - status of proposed revised draft maps based on Oct. 5, 2021, hearing (*See Appendix A, Mapping Consultants Audit Data for approved draft CD Ver. w.w and LD Ver. 1.0 maps*)
- B. Status of report deliverables
- C. Update on public access efforts to map drawing software.
- D. Update on number and source of proposed maps.

Dr. Lisa Handley presented part 2 of the Drawing Districts that Provide Minority Voters with an Opportunity to Elect their Candidates of Choice, Part II. *This presentation has been posted on the IRC Website.*

Flahan from Timmons/NDC advised that to date, there are 70 submitted plans into the mapping system. Flahan demonstrated how to view and interact with any submitted plan on the HUB.

Kingery from Timmons/NDC presented to the Commission, three maps from the Oct. 5, 2021 meeting discussions, three congressional versions (2.0, 2.1 and 2.2), and 1oneLegislative version (2.0).

VI. Executive Director's Report and discussion thereof. [\(2:01:56 YouTube\)](#)

- A. Draft Map Public Comment Meeting Discussion.
- B. Public Records Update

Executive Director Schmitt advises the public to submit any meeting location requests, as staff will soon begin scheduling these meetings.

Deputy Director Van Haren updates the Commission that she is currently working on fulfilling the Public Record Requests.

The Microsoft migration is in process, and should be completed in several weeks.

VII. Latino Historical, Demographic and Voting Academic Presentation to inform compliance with the Voting rights Act. [\(14:44 YouTube\)](#) *This item was addressed out of order.*

Dr. Lisa Sanchez, Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Arizona gave a presentation on Latino Politics in Arizona, Trends and Issues. *This presentation has been posted to the IRC website.*

VIII. Discussion of future agenda item requests. [\(2:02:20 YouTube\)](#)

Update on Draft Map Meeting dates.

IX. Announcements [\(2:04:44 YouTube\)](#)

Next meeting date is Friday, October 15, 2021 at 8:30am.

X. Next Meeting Date [\(2:05:42 YouTube\)](#)

The next meeting will take place on Friday, Oct. 15, 2021 at 8:30am.

XI. Closing of Public Comments [\(2:05:49 YouTube\)](#)

Public Comments were closed at 11:00am

IX. Adjournment. *(2:06:14 YouTube)*

Commissioner York motioned to adjourn the meeting, Vice Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously, 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00am.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 10/12/21