



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – November 16, 2021  
8:02am**

**In Attendance:**

**Location:** Virtual via Google Meet

Chairwoman Erika Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Derrick Watchman  
Commissioner Shereen Lerner  
Commissioner David Mehl

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

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Danielle Arellano, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Brett Johnson, Esq. Snell & Wilmer  
Eric Spencer, Esq. Snell & Wilmer

Mark Flahan, Timmons  
Doug Johnson, NDC Research  
Ivy Bellar-Sakansky, NDC Research  
Debbie Wilks, Transcriptionist

I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(3:03 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 Nov. 9, 2021 *(4:57 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session (Session I and Session II)

*Commissioner York joined the meeting at 8:04am.*

Vice Chair Watchman motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Nov. 9, 2021, and Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(6:14 YouTube)*

At 8:05am 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 November 9, 2021, meeting. *(6:57 YouTube)*

The Commissioners stated they have been receiving a lot of good and constructive feedback and are happy with the attendance at the public hearings.

V. Update from Mapping Team *(8:29 YouTube)*

- A. Update on polarization data based on approved draft maps and potential related variations.
- B. Review of draft maps and opportunity for discussion regarding draft maps adherence to Article IV, pt. 2, §§ 1(14) and (15) of the Arizona Constitution.

Mark Flahan from Timmons/NDC provided an update that there are 867 accounts in the redistricting system, 191 submitted plans published to the HUB, and 1,004 public comments submitted on the HUB.

Doug Johnson from Timmons/NDC stated that the results from the polarization report are not in yet from Dr. Handley. The report will be posted and given to the commissioners prior to the Nov. 30, 2021, meeting.

A thorough review of Congressional Districts 4 – 9 was provided to the Commission and Legislative Districts 7 – 20. The remaining 10 Legislative Districts will be reviewed at the next business meeting.

VI. Discussion of future agenda item requests. [\(1:33:18 YouTube\)](#)

Discussion of strategy on how to engage the public during the upcoming deliberation meetings.

VII. Announcements [\(1:35:13 YouTube\)](#)

The Commission is currently in the midst of the Draft Map Tour, the public is encouraged to participate. The next business meeting will be on November 30, 2021. The deliberation dates were confirmed for final map drawing: Dec. 6th, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, Dec. 21st and Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

VII. Next Meeting Date [\(1:40:18 YouTube\)](#)

The next business meeting will be on November 30, 2021 at 8:00am, and the public hearing dates are posted on the IRC website.

IX. Closing of Public Comments [\(1:40:37 YouTube\)](#)

Public Comments closed at 9:42am.

X. Adjournment. [\(1:41:08 YouTube\)](#)

Commissioner Lerner motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 10/26/21