ARIZONA
INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – January 4, 2022
8:02am

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
Public Information Officer, Michele Crank

Roy Herrera, Esq. Herrera Arellano, PLLC   Mark Flahan, Timmons
Daniele Arellano Herrera Arellano, PLLC   Brian Kingery, Timmons
Brett Johnson, Esq., Snell & Wilmer   Doug Johnson, NDC Research
Eric Spencer, Esq., Snell & Wilmer   Ivy Bellar-Sakansky, NDC Research

Angela Miller, Transcriptionist

I. Call to Order and Roll Call (*4:29 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 Dec. 22, 2021 *(6:22 YouTube)*
    A. General Session
    B. Executive Session

Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve the General Session and Executive Session Minutes from Dec. 22, 2021; Vice Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(7:37 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 today's (Jan. 4, 2022) meeting. *(8:20 YouTube)*

The Commission thanked the public for their involvement and commented on the variety of reactions to the final maps. Chair Neuberg stated that regarding the Congressional districts, the Commission respected communities of interest, and all regions were represented well. Regarding the Legislative districts, the Commission did their best to maximize as many communities of interest having representation as possible, and the minority communities were well represented.

V. Update from Mapping Team *(11:30 YouTube)*
    A. Update on Constitutional Criteria data review on adopted Congressional and Legislative Maps.
    B. Discussion of county election officials technical change requests to the Congressional and Legislative maps.

Mark Flahan from Timmons/NDC advised that to date, six counties have responded with technical changes to the maps, which his team is processing. The county submission deadline was Dec. 30, 2021, with one county which asked for an extension to December 31, 2021. If a county does not respond with a technical request, the mapping team will do a final review of the maps for any issues.

Doug Johnson from Timmons/NDC advised that there were no additional updates at this time for the Constitutional Criteria data review.

Commissioner Lerner expressed several of her concerns regarding competitiveness, communities of interest and geographical boundaries constitutional criteria flaws within the final Congressional map. Lerner stated she had already presented her concerns with the Legislative map at the final deliberation meeting.

VI. Executive Director's Report *(28:07 YouTube)*
    A. Public Records update.
    B. Final Map Approval and Certification logistics.

Vice Chair Watchman motioned to move into Executive Session to obtain legal advice concerning Public Records Requests; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chair Neuberg stated the Commission received legal advice regarding public records requests.

VII. Discussion of future agenda item requests. *(50:33 YouTube)*

There were no requests for future agenda items.

VIII. Next Meeting Date. *(50:48 YouTube)*

The next meeting will be held virtually on Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

VIII. Closing of Public Comments *(51:19 YouTube*)

Public Comments closed at 8:49am.

IX. Adjournment. *(51:46 YouTube)*

Commissioner Mehl motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 8:50am.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 01/04/22.