



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES - OCTOBER 4, 2021
12:32pm**

In Attendance:

**Location: Phoenix City Council Chambers
200 W. Jefferson St.
Phoenix, AZ 85007**

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, 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
Mark Flahan, Timmons Group
Doug Johnson, NDC Research
Angela Miller, Transcriptionist

I. Call to Order and Roll Call ([:48YouTube](#))

- 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 September 28, 2021 *(2:34 YouTube)*

A. General Session

B. Executive Session, Items VII

Commissioner Lerner motioned to approve the General and Executive Session Minutes from September 28, 2021, and Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(4:06 YouTube)*

At 12:36am 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. 4, 2021 meeting. *(4:50 YouTube)*

Chair Neuberg addressed comments regarding the size of the mapping team's screen when they virtually present information to the Commission, concerns about the Commissioners who do not attend the meetings in person, and how they receive the public feedback, boundary lines, and finally that Prescott is on the radar for round three of public hearings.

V. Update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants *(7:22 YouTube)*

After reviewing the analysis of Native American voting patterns and polarization in Maricopa, Navajo and Apache counties, Dr. Lisa Handley gave a presentation on Drawing Districts that Provide Minority Voters with an Opportunity to Elect Their Candidates of Choice.

VI. Draft Map decision and possible action concerning revisions to the Grid Map. *(15:57 YouTube)*

The Commissioners each provided their initial input to the mapping team of items they would like incorporated into the maps.

VII. Next Meeting Date *(3:13:20 YouTube)*

The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 5, 2021 at 8:00am.

VIII. Closing of the Public Comments *(3:13:29 YouTube)*

Public Comments were closed at 3:44pm.

IX. Adjournment. *(3:14:00 YouTube)*

Chair Neuberg moved to adjourn the meeting, which was approved unanimously, 5-0.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45pm.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 10/4/21