



PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – December 6, 2021
9:03am

In Attendance:

Location: Snell & Wilmer
400 E. Van Buren St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

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

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Danielle Arellano, Esq. Ballard Spahr
Brett Johnson, Esq., Snell & Wilmer
Eric Spencer, Esq., Snell & Wilmer
Debbie Wilks, Transcriptionist (AM)
Angela Miller, Transcriptionist (PM)

Mark Flahan, Timmons
Brian Kingery, Timmons
Parker Bradshaw, Timmons
Doug Johnson, NDC Research
Ivy Bellar-Sakansky, NDC Research

I. Call to Order and Roll Call *(2:50 YouTube)*

- 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 Dec. 2, 2021 *(4:24 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Dec. 2, 2021, and Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. There were no Executive Session minutes. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(5:03 YouTube)*

At 9:05m 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 (Dec. 9, 2021) meeting. *(5:46 YouTube)*

Each Commissioner thanked the public for the large amount of feedback and for paying attention to the process. The Commissioners explained that they will do their best to explain the process along the way, and they will look at all districts, as fairly as possible, as long as it does not cause significant detriment to communities of interests and other constitutional criteria. The Commissioners remain accessible and encourage any organization to reach out to them.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(14:08 YouTube)*

Mark Flahan from Timmons/NDC updates the Commission that there have been 1,874 submitted comments have been received to date, 400 on the Legislative maps and 323 on the Congressional Maps.

Doug Johnson from Timmons/NDC provided a summarization on the polarization report for the Congressional and Legislative adopted draft maps provided by Dr. Lisa Handley.

VI. Draft Map decision discussion *(22:57 YouTube)*

- Legislative Map Drawing
- Congressional Map Drawing

Vice-Chair Watchman moved to go into Executive Session to receive legal advice on polarization data; Commissioner York seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously 5-0.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Chair Neuberg advised the public that the Commission received legal advice on polarization data and VRA compliance.

The Commissioners discussed desired changes and directed the mapping team to make the specified changes to the Congressional and Legislative Maps for their review.

VII. Next Meeting Date. *(7:48:40 YouTube)*

The next deliberation meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at Snell & Wilmer.

VI. Closing of Public Comments *(7:49:04 YouTube)*

Public Comments closed at 4:49pm.

VII. Adjournment. *(7:49:36 YouTube)*

Vice-Chair Watchman motioned to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Mehl seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 4:50pm.