



**PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES – December 17, 2021  
9:00am**

**In Attendance:**

**Location:** Kimpton Palomar Phoenix Hotel  
2 E. Jefferson St., Phoenix, AZ 85004

Chairwoman Erika Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Derrick Watchman  
Commissioner Shereen Lerner (*in person at 10:00am*)  
Commissioner David Mehl (*in person at 10:00am*)  
Commissioner Douglas York (*in person at 10:00am*)

Executive Director, Brian Schmitt  
Deputy Director Lori Van Haren  
Public Information Officer, Michele Crank

Roy Herrera, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Sean Summers, Esq. Ballard Spahr  
Brett Johnson, Esq., Snell & Wilmer  
Eric Spencer, Esq., Snell & Wilmer

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

Debbie Wilks, Transcriptionist (AM)  
Angela Miller, Transcriptionist (PM)

- I. Call to Order and Roll Call (*0:00 YouTube*)
  - A. Call for Quorum
  - B. Call for Notice

*Present at 9:00am:*  
Chairwoman Neuberg  
Vice-Chair Watchman  
Commissioner Lerner - *appeared telephonically*

A quorum is present.

Executive Assistant Valerie Neumann confirmed that the meeting agenda was properly posted at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

*The Commission took a recess until 10:02am*

Executive Assistant Valerie Neumann re-introduced all meeting participants listed above.

II. Approval of minutes from Dec. 16, 2021 *(1:02:38 YouTube)*

- A. General Session
- B. Executive Session

Commissioner Mehl motioned to approve the General Session Minutes from Dec. 16, 2021; Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 5-0.

III. Opportunity for Public Comments *(1:03:21 YouTube)*

At 10:04am 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. 17, 2021) meeting. *(YouTube)*

The Commissioners wanted to give a huge amount of credit to the public, and that there are still a many public comments coming in, and the Commission is looking at all comments with very serious and thoughtful consideration.

V. Potential update, discussion, and potential action concerning polarization data and report presentation from mapping consultants regarding U.S. and Arizona Constitutional Requirements. *(1:05:04 YouTube)*

Doug Johnson from Timmons/NDC advised that there were no additional updates at this time for this item.

VI. Draft Map decision discussion *(1:05:30 YouTube)*

- Legislative Map Drawing
- Congressional Map Drawing

After discussion and reviewing the changes to the Legislative Maps, Vice-Chair Watchman motioned to approve Legislative Map 13.1 as a starting point; Commissioner Lerner seconded the motion. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote.

The Commission directed the mapping team to make specific changes to Legislative Map 13.1 for their review, when they reconvene next.

After discussion and reviewing the changes to the Congressional Maps, Commissioner Lerner motioned to approve Congressional Map 10.1.2 as a starting point; Vice-Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 3-2.

The Commission directed the mapping team to make specific changes to Congressional Map 10.1.2 for their review when they reconvene next.

*Commissioner Mehl left the meeting at 3:31pm*

VII. Next Meeting Date. [\(6:35:08 YouTube\)](#)

The next deliberation meeting will be held on Sunday, December 19, 2021, at 1:00pm at the Palomar Hotel in Phoenix.

VII. Closing of Public Comments [\(6:35:24 YouTube\)](#)

Public Comments closed at 3:36pm.

IX. Adjournment. [\(6:35:50 YouTube\)](#)

Commissioner Lerner motioned to adjourn the meeting; Vice Chair Watchman seconded the motion. The motion was approved 4-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:37pm.

Minutes taken by Valerie Neumann, Executive Assistant 12/17/21