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1 ARIZONA INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:
2 COLLEEN COYLE MATHIS, Chair
3 SCOTT D. FREEMAN, Vice Chair
4 JOSE M. HERRERA, Vice Chair
(Present Telephonically)

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RICHARD P. STERTZ, Commissioner

6
LINDA C. McNULTY, Commissioner

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ALSO PRESENT: JAMES E. BARTON, II
8 Assistant Attorney General
9 MEGAN DARIAN
Interim Executive Director

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TAMMIE DUN, Recording Secretary

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19 Room 222, in the City of Tucson, County of Pima, State of
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1 CHAIR MATHIS: The meeting of the Arizona
2 Independent Redistricting Commission will come to order.
3 Today is Friday, April 8th, and it's 1:00 P.M.

4 Please rise for the pledge of allegiance.

5 (Whereupon the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.)

6 CHAIR MATHIS: I'd like to inform everyone who
7 would like to address us during public comment to be sure to
8 fill out a request to speak form that's on the table in the
9 back and you can hand those to me, and we'll make sure that
10 you get to speak.

11 I'd also like to remind everyone we have a court
12 reporter transcribing the meeting, Raynbo is sitting here,
13 and she would like us to all be sure to not speak over one
14 another and to speak clearly. And we'll make sure
15 Commissioner Herrera, who's on the phone, will be heard
16 well.

17 So with that if we could go ahead and start the
18 role call. Vice Chair Freeman?

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Here.

20 CHAIR MATHIS: Vice Chair Herrera?

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Here.

22 CHAIR MATHIS: Commissioner McNulty?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Here.

24 CHAIR MATHIS: Commissioner Stertz?

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Here.

1 CHAIR MATHIS: We have a quorum.

2 And I'd like to also acknowledge that our legal
3 counsel, Assistant Attorney General Jim Barton, is here with
4 us to help us. Thank you, Jim.

5 This brings us to Item II on the agenda, approval
6 of the March 24th, 2011 minutes, the March 24th, 2011
7 meetings in the form of a meeting transcript, and then the
8 March 31st minutes. And we'll handle these separately.

9 Did everyone receive and have a chance to review
10 the March 24th transcript?

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I have received it. I
12 haven't reviewed it.

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Any others?

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Just for clarity, I believe
15 it says February 24 on our agenda, but it's the March 24th;
16 correct?

17 CHAIR MATHIS: The agenda I think says March 24th,
18 2011.

19 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I have got the wrong agenda.

20 CHAIR MATHIS: No problem. There are extras.

21 Do you have one?

22 So the March 24th minutes were in the form of a
23 transcript. I only had a correction that was a spelling
24 correction that was on page, if you look at the condensed
25 format version of the transcript, that's the one I printed,

1 and it was page 18, and it's just the spelling of Marcia
2 Busching's name. She should have a C in there. It's
3 B-U-S-C-H-I-N-G. And that appears a couple of times
4 throughout.

5 Any other comments or corrections on the
6 transcript?

7 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I had none, Madam Chair.

8 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Commissioner Herrera.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I move that we approve the
10 transcript.

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Second.

12 CHAIR MATHIS: All in favor?

13 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

14 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

15 (No verbal response.)

16 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. The transcript passes, and
17 this motion carries as amended with just that correction
18 that I noted.

19 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

20 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes.

21 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I can hear you fine. I know
22 that somebody else spoke, but I could barley hear anyone
23 else.

24 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. We'll make sure we are all
25 talking into the microphone. Thank you. Okay.

1 Let's deal with the March 31st minutes, draft
2 minutes. Those were distributed. Did everyone have a
3 chance to review those?

4 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

6 CHAIR MATHIS: And any corrections?

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, I had minor
8 corrections. I'm hoping Jose can hear me.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I can hear you.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: First in the list of
11 commissioners attending, this is a small point, but I think
12 we should be clear on this, I think Commissioner Herrera and
13 I should either be listed as vice chair or both simply as
14 commissioner. And I looked back at our record, and with
15 respect to the vice chair what we ultimately approved was an
16 alternating vice chair. We thought that in the light of the
17 advice of counsel that was the only thing that had a
18 culpable claim to pass constitutional muster. So I don't
19 care what it says. It's fine if Jose and I, as far as I'm
20 concerned, are listed as vice chairs or simply as
21 commissioners.

22 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay.

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: The second was on Number 4 I
24 believe Mr. Muratore's publication is called the
25 Eagletarian, Eagle T-A-R-I-A-N.

1 CHAIR MATHIS: And it's the Arizona Eagletarian.

2 MR. MURATORE: That's correct.

3 CHAIR MATHIS: We'll correct that.

4 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: And then on Item 11 I would
5 suggest that we just strike the last sentence. We did have
6 discussions along those lines, but I don't think any of us
7 being available to speak to the Farm Bureau Presidents was
8 dependent upon us finding out what their scheduled meetings
9 were. For me it was simply to strike the sentence and that
10 would be fine. Those are my changes.

11 CHAIR MATHIS: Great. Any other changes?

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I have none.

13 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I have several minor
14 changes. I would suggest we refer to Commissioners Herrera
15 and Freeman as vice chair. I would suggest for formatting
16 that to the extent we use our middle initials in our
17 professional names that we all do that, so I would ask that
18 we include the C., Linda C. McNulty.

19 In paragraph two in the third line after the word
20 minutes I would request that we insert as revised to be
21 clear that what we approved were the minutes that we revised
22 that day.

23 In paragraph four just to be consistent with the
24 way all the other speakers were referenced I think we should
25 use Mr. Muratore's first name, which I believe is Steve.

1 In the second line under paragraph four I think
2 the word recommending should be recommended.

3 Continue to the next page, Judith Darkin is
4 actually Dworkin, D-W-O-R-K-I-N.

5 There are several places where the commission is
6 referred to as the committee. I think we should correct
7 that.

8 These are my changes.

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Commissioner McNulty.

10 Any changes, Mr. Stertz?

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: For the sake of consistency
12 my middle initial is P.

13 CHAIR MATHIS: P as in Paul?

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: As in Paul. And in
15 paragraph six under the RFP for mapping services I don't
16 recall item sub initial iv being discussed which refers to
17 the process to enable public direct input to the mapping
18 project. So I'd like to have that stricken.

19 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I actually think we did
20 talk about that a little bit. We talked about discussing it
21 in the future how the public would have input into the
22 mapping process, not project.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: In the mapping process,
24 that's correct --

25 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Process, yes.

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: -- but not into the mapping
2 project.

3 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes. So if we change the
4 word project to process would that be --

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That would work.

6 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Okay.

7 CHAIR MATHIS: Any other changes?

8 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, I can hear
9 everybody fine except Commissioner McNulty. I cannot hear
10 her voice.

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Can you hear me now?

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I had no changes. Thank you.

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Commissioner Herrera.

14 I actually had a couple of other changes. Again
15 it's the Marcia Busching spelling. It's got a C in there,
16 B-U-S-C-H-I-N-G.

17 Under Item 5, hiring processes, last name is
18 Laurence, L-A-U-R-E-N-C-E, instead of Warren, Susan
19 Laurence, and that appears a couple of times.

20 I thought it should say after Item 6, Jean Clark,
21 state procurement administrator, that's her title, instead
22 of ADOA procurement.

23 Under the bullet that's the fourth bullet under
24 Item 6, last sentence, the RFP, I thought it should say, it
25 could say the draft RFP will be ready for approval by the

1 next meeting as opposed to the final draft will be ready for
2 approval by the next meeting just to make it clear.

3 I actually under request for proposal for mapping
4 services, that next section, the last part of Item 6, the
5 last sentence, I thought that what we agreed to do was
6 finalize the scope of work as amended --

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: We did.

8 CHAIR MATHIS: -- and a draft RFP would be ready
9 for approval at the next meeting. So it just seemed like
10 the motion carried to have a new draft scope of work for the
11 committee to review at the next meeting, and really it
12 should be a draft RFP for approval at the next meeting.

13 Those are my changes.

14 So do I have a motion to approve these minutes as
15 amended? These are the March 31st minutes.

16 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: So moved.

17 CHAIR MATHIS: Second?

18 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Second.

19 CHAIR MATHIS: All in favor?

20 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

21 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. The motion carries. The
24 March 31 minutes pass as amended.

25 This takes us to the call for public comment,

1 Item III on your agenda. And I've got a few requests to
2 speak forms up here, a couple, actually.

3 And just to remind everyone, there will always be
4 time allotted at these meetings for public comment. It's a
5 very important part of this process, and we encourage the
6 public to address us during these public meetings so that
7 it's part of the public record.

8 With that the first speaker, Chris Campas. He is
9 vice chairman representing ADP.

10 And Chris, Mr. Campos, if you could say what ADP
11 sends for?

12 MR. CAMPAS: The Arizona Democratic Party. And
13 I'm not here on official business though that is my title.
14 I'm representing the Hispanic community and the Hispanic
15 caucus.

16 I have one very specific point that I'd like to
17 address. First I'd like to thank you for taking this
18 opportunity to hear from me, coming to Tucson. Thank you
19 all commissioners.

20 My concern for the Hispanic districts
21 specifically, for example, Legislative District 25, it is my
22 concern that Hispanic districts are unhealthy for our
23 democracy. Representative Raul Grijalva and Representative
24 Ed Pastor have the lowest participation rates of any
25 congressional districts in the country.

1 I feel that the lack of competition creates unfair
2 elections. So it is my stipulation that uncompetitive
3 districts are unfair and Hispanic districts are
4 uncompetitive and ergo unfair.

5 Specifically Nogales and Douglas should never be
6 in the same district. It stifles competition. It makes the
7 primary process slanted. It makes the general election
8 process slanted. And I feel that Hispanic districts across
9 the state suffer from similar conditions.

10 Again thank you very much for hearing from me. I
11 appreciate it, and I hope you will consider what I've said.

12 Thank you very much.

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Campas.

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

15 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes.

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Can you repeat the name of
17 the ADP again?

18 CHAIR MATHIS: Arizona Democratic Party,
19 Mr. Campas, but he's said he's not representing them on
20 official business, but his title is vice chairman of that
21 organization.

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Arizona Democratic Party?

23 CHAIR MATHIS: Correct.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: What is his name again?

25 CHAIR MATHIS: Chris Campas, C-A-M-P-A-S.

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Campas?

2 CHAIR MATHIS: Campas.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thank you, Madam Chair.

4 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. The next speaker is Steve
5 Muratore, publisher of the Arizona Eagletarian.

6 MR. MURATORE: Thank you, Madam Chairman,
7 Commissioners.

8 I wanted to talk, briefly address two issues.
9 One, I appreciate that there is a list of or packet of
10 spreadsheets with the expenditures by fiscal year for the
11 prior commission. However, it is still on these
12 spreadsheets is not labeled that as such, that it's for the
13 2001 Independent Redistricting Commission, so if I were to
14 give this to anybody, they'd say what's this?

15 So I appreciate the information becoming
16 available, but I would rather it be labeled as it's supposed
17 to be so there's no confusion, eliminate ambiguity.

18 Also, I wanted to mention that there's been some
19 concern expressed to me, reporters were asking questions
20 yesterday, and I'm one of the people that got called but I
21 know others that are wondering about the potential hiring
22 for executive director.

23 And my concern is, and of course I think you're
24 all fine people as individuals and I think you're doing a
25 fine job getting to know each other and work together, but

1 there's Mr. Stertz last time mentioned his passionate
2 interest in advising DOA personnel on the hiring process.
3 And I'm just concerned that whoever gets hired is not a
4 personal friend of any of the commissioners. So it just
5 would be the appearance of favoritism.

6 So those are the two things that I'm concerned
7 about today.

8 CHAIR MATHIS: Thanks, Mr. Muratore.

9 Anyone else wanted to address the commission?
10 Okay. No other requests to speak forms filled out.

11 So we'll move on to Item IV on the agenda. That's
12 discussion and possible action on hiring process for
13 executive director, public information officer, information
14 technology support, community outreach officer and other
15 administrative support positions.

16 So since our last meeting we heard that, you know
17 that Susan Laurence is handling the executive director
18 recruitment process for us and helping us manage that.
19 Since our last meeting, April 6th, has come and went and
20 that was the ending date for posting it in the newspaper and
21 Monster, at least that's my understanding, however, the
22 position does remain on azstatejobs.gov, on the website, and
23 it will be there posted until the position is filled. I
24 thought it would be great if Susan could come up and just
25 provide an update on the process and response to date. And

1 if anyone has questions for her, you can ask her now.

2 MS. LAURENCE: Okay. Well, we got a very good
3 response to our ads, which I'm very pleased. Right now the
4 next steps would be to identify those candidates that we
5 really want to interview. At that point the commission will
6 interview the candidates, and once they make a selection
7 then I will call the candidates and collect their
8 professional references.

9 We will schedule an interview date, time, place.
10 The interviews will start, and simultaneously while we are
11 getting all this scheduled together and the interviews I
12 will be conducting the reference checks. The interviews
13 will take place. A selection will be made.

14 Sometimes boards or commissions will identify a
15 final candidate during the first round. And sometimes it's
16 not the case. They'll eliminate it to maybe two or three
17 qualified candidates and there'll be a second interview.

18 At that point normally a candidate will be made, a
19 verbal offer will be extended followed by a written offer
20 letter to confirm the verbal offer and a start date will be
21 designated.

22 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you.

23 Does anyone have any questions for Susan on the
24 process that she just outlined or thoughts or feedback?

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

1 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes?

2 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Is it the desire of the
3 commission today to create the short list?

4 CHAIR MATHIS: I would say it would be, yes. If
5 it's up to me, I would like to create, at least go into
6 executive session and perhaps discuss some of the resumes
7 that have come in, all of the resumes that have come in, and
8 determine which ones we think deserve further consideration.

9 And it's my understanding, too, we can also decide
10 how we would like to proceed with the process of
11 interviewing those candidates, if we want to have one
12 interview only, if we want to have two interviews or however
13 we want to do it. So it's up to us.

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, then I would
15 recommend that we move to go into executive session to
16 discuss our recommendations for short-listing our candidates
17 that have been proposed to us and have made application as
18 of today and as has been delivered to us by the State of
19 Arizona, the Department of Administration.

20 CHAIR MATHIS: Do I hear a second to go into
21 executive session to discuss?

22 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Second.

23 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. All in favor?

24 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

25 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, I did not vote.
2 I just have a quick comment.

3 CHAIR MATHIS: Sure.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I would suggest that when we
5 do the short list that if there is anyone on that list that
6 people know or that they were approached by that we disclose
7 that.

8 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: And also, are we able to
10 release the names once we create that short list?

11 CHAIR MATHIS: I would like Mr. Barton to comment
12 on that. I think there are some rules surrounding that.

13 So if you could let us know, Mr. Barton.

14 MR. BARTON: Yes. Madam Chair, once the
15 commission has designed a list of candidates that the
16 commission is going to interview that list is subject to
17 public records request, and we should respond and inform
18 people about that list, the list of names of people who the
19 commission is going to interview.

20 As for the larger pool, it's my recommendation
21 that we not release those names. And that's because the
22 justification of holding back those names is that it
23 encourages people to apply for state jobs, and if you know
24 that by sending in an application for a state job your name
25 is going to become a matter of public record, then that

1 would really discourage people that are holding, for
2 example, that are holding good jobs and may not want to
3 apply because the name gets out and now they have to answer
4 questions about why aren't you happy here, why did you
5 decide, you know, what's your problem with this.

6 And so the justification of withholding the names
7 is not based on allowing us to gather qualified applicants
8 for this job. The justification is based on allowing the
9 state to continue to get qualified applicants. So it makes
10 sense to continue to maintain the confidentiality of those
11 who are not interviewed.

12 So after we pick an interview list, yes, we should
13 release the names of those to be interviewed and not the
14 names of those who are part of the larger pool.

15 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Barton.

16 It's my understanding, too, that if another
17 qualified candidate comes forward in the days subsequent to
18 this meeting, that they can still be considered for the
19 position and interviewed if that's --

20 MS. LAURENCE: Absolutely. That's correct.

21 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you. Okay.

22 So we were voting, in the process of voting on
23 going into executive session to discuss the executive
24 director position and resumes. All in favor.

25 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

1 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

2 (No verbal response.)

3 CHAIR MATHIS: Great. Hearing none we'll go into
4 executive session. So do we have to do that in here, I
5 think? I don't know if there's an antechamber to this room.
6 And we have Commissioner Herrera.

7 MR. BARTON: That's a facilities question, Madam
8 Chair. I don't know. It seems to me it's the only choice
9 we have.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: I think we're going to have to ask
11 the public to step out. Sorry about that.

12 (Whereupon a recess was taken from 1:24 P.M. to
13 1:28 P.M., and the commission went into executive session.)

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17 (Whereupon the public session was resumed at
18 2:40 P.M.)

19 CHAIR MATHIS: We will begin the public session.
20 It's 2:40 P.M.

21 We had a good executive session meeting, discussed
22 numerous candidates that have applied for the executive
23 director position, and it was a great discussion. And we
24 had a lot of great qualified candidates who applied, so
25 we're really grateful to have such a good pool to choose

1 from.

2 I'm happy to say that the commission decided on a
3 list of candidates to be interviewed for this executive
4 director position. And I would like to ask that, tell you
5 that we're in the process now of contacting those five
6 candidates, so we'd appreciate any press not contacting them
7 before we do.

8 And so we also, I also wanted to say that the five
9 candidates none of -- we all discussed and confirmed that we
10 do not have personal contact or knowledge of these
11 candidates except for one who has been interviewed by this
12 panel before, at least the other four commissioners because
13 he was a candidate for the independent position, the chair
14 position of the commission.

15 So the five candidates are Raymond Bladine,
16 Kristina Gomez, Geoffrey Gonsler and David Luhan.

17 And what I would like to do now -- did I miss one?
18 I'm sorry. This is so bad. I'm sorry. I wrote the first
19 one on the sheet that I was supposed to start with.

20 Manuel Cisneros is the fifth candidate. So I'll
21 repeat all those in alphabetical order: Raymond Bladine,
22 Manuel Cisneros, Kristina Gomez, Geoffrey Gonsler and David
23 Luhan.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

25 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes?

1 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Just to confirm, the David
2 Luhan is not the former state legislator; correct?

3 CHAIR MATHIS: That is correct. To my knowledge.
4 His last name is L-U-H-A-N, and he lives in Lakewood,
5 Colorado.

6 Was there any thoughts, any comments that anyone
7 wanted to mention?

8 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I would move that we forward
11 this slate and make contact to each one of these five
12 candidates.

13 I'd also like to just give a statement that we had
14 a large slate of candidates of which as a commission were
15 given great opportunity to have an enormous amount of
16 quality qualified individuals to select from, and that this
17 five could easily have been expanded, but for the sake of
18 expediency we have these five as our top five, and we're
19 going to be making contact to each one of them.

20 So in the form of a motion I'd like to move
21 forward with the names of as you have just addressed them to
22 be placed into -- to be contacted so that we can begin the
23 interviewing process for the executive director position.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

25 CHAIR MATHIS: All in favor?

1 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

2 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

3 (No verbal response.)

4 CHAIR MATHIS: Great. The motion carries.

5 So this slate of the five candidates I named will
6 be given to Susan Laurence, who is managing the executive
7 director recruitment process for us, and she will proceed
8 with contacting them.

9 I thought it would be good if we could discuss the
10 next steps for how we would like to proceed with
11 interviewing these candidates and how we'd like to do that.
12 So I kind of open the floor for discussion of that process.

13 There are numerous ways we can do it. The first
14 step will be Susan Laurence will be contacting all five by
15 telephone of course to let them know that they've been
16 selected to move forward in the process. But beyond that
17 it's up to us to decide how we would like to interview them.

18 So if anyone has any initial thoughts on the
19 matter, I'd open the floor for that.

20 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

21 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes, Commissioner Stertz?

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'm going to recommend that
23 for -- this is a difficult discussion to have because for
24 the sake of openness and transparency it's incumbent upon us
25 to -- as commissioners to hold these interviews in as open a

1 session as possible. At the same time we are going to be
2 asking these applicants some extraordinarily difficult
3 questions that we may want to have the opportunity to have a
4 free flowing discussion.

5 So I'm going to recommend that we do a hybrid
6 interview process whereas we interview the five candidates
7 in executive session, we short list it down to our final two
8 of which we make those final two interviews in public
9 session.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Commissioner Stertz.

11 Any other comments from other commissioners?

12 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes, Commissioner Herrera?

14 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: As I stated before, I really,
15 I think I've stated it before, but if I haven't, let me
16 state it now, I really feel that this process going forward
17 should be done in public. We narrowed down the very
18 qualified list down to five in executive session. And I
19 think going forward we should be using executive session
20 very sparingly unless we need it.

21 We don't know if we'll need it so based on the
22 questions, we don't even know what questions we'll be
23 asking, so I would feel very uncomfortable already deciding
24 that we're going to go into executive session without even
25 knowing the questions we'll ask, and it's inappropriate to

1 go into executive session. I don't feel that it is. We
2 will not be discussing compensation. We will not be
3 discussing personnel matters. It will be questions that the
4 candidates should expect. There will be tough questions,
5 and they should be done in public.

6 I think the question of transparency and allowing
7 the public to see who we're selecting and having given the
8 public the option of listening into the interview I think
9 makes perfect sense.

10 When we narrow it down to that one individual we
11 like, we will be discussing compensation and other personal
12 matters. Then we can go into executive session. But
13 deciding that now is very premature.

14 And as I said, I want to use executive session
15 very sparingly. I prefer not to use it unless we really
16 need it. For the sake of transparency and to make this
17 process as open as possible let's not do it in executive
18 session. Let's do it in public. And if we feel a need and
19 our attorney advises us to go into executive session for a
20 particular question, I have no problem with that.

21 But going forward we should do everything in
22 public unless we need to do it in executive session.

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair?

24 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes, Commissioner Stertz?

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: There are questions that are

1 going to be asked pertaining to their current status of
2 employment. And if they're not successful candidates, I do
3 not want to jeopardize any of these individuals' current
4 status with their current employers. We may ask a question
5 about why they are looking to leave, what issues they may
6 have in their previous -- in their current employment that
7 may cause them embarrassment in public.

8 And it would -- I want to make sure that we have
9 the opportunity to ask those questions fairly and freely
10 without having or jeopardizing their current life situation.

11 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you.

12 Any other thoughts from other commissioners?

13 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair?

14 CHAIR MATHIS: Commissioner Freeman?

15 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Although I haven't scripted
16 what questions I would ask the applicants, I do know that it
17 would make a difference to me in formulating the questions
18 knowing whether it was going to be done in public or in
19 executive session. I might very well ask different
20 questions, perhaps more pointed questions, I don't know, in
21 executive session, which is why I think I would favor at
22 least in the initial phase interviews be done in executive
23 session and then final interviews, as Commissioner Stertz
24 suggested, to be done in public.

25 I think we will benefit at this point now that we

1 have a list of, quote, unquote, finalists or at least five
2 that we wish to pursue forward, those names are now public,
3 their applications will be public, I think we would benefit
4 by public scrutiny and the press. We will have the benefit
5 of that going forward.

6 But at least on the next round of interviews to
7 have the ability to have that executive session and to ask
8 perhaps probing questions, perhaps questions we might not
9 want to ask in public because -- not because they would be
10 inappropriate in any way but because we might not want to
11 put the applicant on the spot and deter them perhaps from
12 pursuing the process further.

13 So I would endorse Commissioner Stertz's
14 suggestion on this point.

15 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Any other thoughts,
16 Commissioner McNulty?

17 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I think it's a balance, and
18 I do think that the open meeting law has achieved the right
19 balance in this case. I think there are reasons and
20 Commissioner Stertz and Freeman have described them for
21 interviewing the candidates in executive session. I think
22 it's an important position, and I think our first priority
23 has to be getting the best candidate and for the reasons
24 they described.

25 I think that having the interviews in executive

1 session could -- would advance that, so I support that. I
2 support Mr. Stertz's proposal.

3 CHAIR MATHIS: And I would add that if we proceed
4 with doing these interviews since it sounds like a majority
5 of the commissioners prefer to have the initial phase of
6 interviews conducted in executive session, the candidates
7 can always opt to have their interview conducted in a public
8 session if they choose to. It's their prerogative.

9 So we would of course honor that if they choose to
10 do that. But it's sounding like the majority would prefer
11 to do this first phase at least in executive session, my
12 question is if a candidate, there's a candidate that really
13 shines in this round of interviews and we all agree that we
14 would like to proceed with offering them the position, would
15 we do so at that point or would we still want to have
16 another round of interviews?

17 So I open that further for thoughts or comments.

18 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Madam Chair, I would
19 suggest that we reserve the ability to do that, I think.
20 Time is really of the essence here, and we've got some very
21 detailed applications from the candidates with the help of
22 the Department of Administration that will be public. And I
23 think if we conclude after the interviews that we feel
24 strongly that we have the candidate that we should be able
25 to move ahead.

1 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you.

2 Any other thoughts?

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I concur.

4 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. So the process, the
5 procedure, anything from you, Commissioner Freeman or
6 Herrera?

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I agree with Commissioner
8 McNulty.

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. So it sounds like we've
10 decided on the process for moving forward after Susan
11 contacts these candidates initially today to let them know
12 that they've made this slate.

13 Do we need to do a motion for this, for how we
14 want to proceed?

15 MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, you can do a motion if
16 you like right now to move on how you want to proceed.

17 The other thing you could do is just before you
18 begin the interviews you could simply just move to go into
19 executive session. This way you've had the benefit of
20 having had the discussion in public so that people
21 understand where you stand. But it's up to the commission.
22 If you'd like to have a motion and settle it now, you
23 certainly can.

24 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair, I'd like to have
25 a motion.

1 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Do I hear a motion to
2 proceed with this process for selecting an executive
3 director for the commission that we will first we will
4 contact these five candidates and then we will interview
5 them in executive session, and if they choose to have their
6 interview conducted in public, we would honor that of course
7 and then proceed from there depending on how the interviews
8 go, either be making a selection based upon those interviews
9 or possibly having another round depending on our decision
10 at that time?

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes, Madam Chair. I would
12 move that we interview the candidates in executive session
13 with the understanding that they have the right to request
14 that they be interviewed in a public session, that we
15 reserve the prerogative to make our selection at that point,
16 but that if we have more than one candidate from whom we
17 would like further information that we would hold the second
18 round of interviews hopefully on the same day in public
19 session.

20 CHAIR MATHIS: Do I hear a second?

21 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Would you accept an
22 amendment to the motion?

23 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Most certainly.

24 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That these interviews take
25 place one week from yesterday.

1 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I accept Mr. Stertz's
2 motion.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Then I'll second it as
4 amended.

5 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Any discussion on the
6 amended motion? All in favor?

7 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Aye.

8 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Aye.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I do state for the record
12 that I am opposed. I think it's premature for us to be
13 doing it in executive session, and I would like to limit the
14 executive session, limit it as much as possible until
15 needed. And again, I think it's premature. That's just my
16 opinion.

17 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Commissioner Herrera.
18 Okay.

19 MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, just to clarify for the
20 record that Commissioner Herrera's vote was against the
21 motion?

22 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That is correct.

23 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes. So for the record
24 Commissioner Herrera's vote was against the motion, the
25 amended motion. Okay.

1 We are still on agenda Item IV. There are other
2 positions that need to be addressed. And Ron Lloyd, who's
3 in the room today, is managing the hiring process for any
4 other positions other than executive director that we decide
5 to fill.

6 We've talked in past meetings about our strong
7 belief that we really need someone who is -- who can help
8 the commission with regards to information technology, an IT
9 specialist who can ensure that all of our meetings are as
10 electronically available as possible and that we're
11 communicating with the public as well as we can and
12 efficiently as we can with all the technology that's out
13 there today.

14 So to that end I would like to ask Mr. Lloyd to
15 come up to the microphone to talk to us a little bit.

16 He drafted a position description questionnaire
17 for the title information technology specialist IV, but that
18 title doesn't have to be exactly that. He just drafted
19 that. And that was sent around for everyone to review, and
20 I hope everyone received it and has had a chance to look at
21 it. And I would like Ron to give us some background on how
22 he drafted that and the thinking behind it.

23 MR. LLOYD: Yes, Madam Commissioner Chair. Yes.
24 What I did is I took input from the chair and also from
25 Ms. McNulty and put those two inputs together along with the

1 general IT person that I heard the commission in the last
2 meeting state that they were kind of looking for and tried
3 to put that into a PDQ that would kind of be a general IT
4 person that could do just about everything the commission
5 asks for them to do.

6 So that's kind of what this is. And we took a
7 look, I took a look at it along with my classification
8 analyst at ADOA HR and came up with what would probably be a
9 classification information technology specialist four.
10 We've got five information technological specialists. They
11 go from one to five. And they're a broadband, it's a
12 broadband field. So it means that, as you can see, the pay
13 range goes, is rather broad on this particular one, 39,000
14 to 96.

15 So that's what I did to just give us a general
16 idea of where we're going to -- what you wanted as far as
17 this position. Once you approve this PDQ we can go ahead
18 and get it official. This position has not been
19 established, so it would go through an establishment
20 process, which would start with the justification to fill
21 with the mission critical, being that we're still on the
22 hiring freeze from the State of Arizona, so the Department
23 of Administration director would have to approve the hire.

24 And as you saw with the executive director, that
25 process is not long, it's not lengthy. So we could get that

1 done rather quickly.

2 Once we get that approved and you approve this
3 position we can establish the position and start advertising
4 for it and try and get you some candidates. You can either
5 do it, hire through the commission as you're going through
6 the executive director or once you've hired the executive
7 director in her PDQ they have the right to hire staff as
8 well.

9 Any questions?

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you.

11 I notice one of the physical demands was crawling.
12 I thought that was appropriate.

13 MR. LLOYD: I thought because this was an IT
14 person that they were going to be crawling around, so that's
15 why I put that in there.

16 CHAIR MATHIS: Agreed. Any thoughts on the
17 position?

18 First, thank you, Ron, for coming up with this
19 draft. It was very helpful, and I think you captured a lot
20 of what we discussed at past meetings.

21 So any other thoughts from the commissioners?

22 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I do. There's no, Madam
23 Chairman, the language, the ability to -- I don't see the
24 ability to be bilingual in here, and it's not a -- and maybe
25 I just overlooked it.

1 Is there an opportunity to have bilingual
2 capacity?

3 MR. LLOYD: Yes. If it's an absolute part of the
4 job, we could do that, or you could do it as a preference.
5 Normally it's done as a preference.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

7 CHAIR MATHIS: So Commissioner Stertz, you would
8 like it as a preference?

9 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: As a preference, yes.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Preferred qualifications?

11 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

12 And the second was is that a range of almost a
13 \$50,000 swing? How does that work?

14 MR. LLOYD: This is what we call a broadband
15 position. We, back when we were really having difficulty
16 with IT broadbanding gives you the ability to bring people
17 in and to increase their salary. The state has a
18 complicated salary schedule, and this allows us to put all
19 the IT people in one group and gives directors the ability
20 to move up through that group without changing their
21 position numbers and status. So they can add things,
22 subtract things and add pay and take away pay appropriately.

23 What you'd have to do if you were going to hire
24 this position as far as deciding what you want to pay for,
25 we could look at the market for that. But we would have to

1 do that. I haven't looked at that to see exactly because I
2 don't know exactly what you want yet.

3 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, I'd like to
4 move to recommend the adoption of the PDQ as delivered with
5 the single amendment of adding preference for bilingual
6 capacity be added and that we move forward with getting this
7 moved forward to the next step which is getting it out there
8 into the marketplace and start to accumulate resumes.

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Do I hear a second to Mr. Stertz's
10 motion?

11 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I second that.

12 CHAIR MATHIS: Any discussion? We've discussed.

13 I just had a clarification question for
14 Mr. Stertz. So the bilingual piece, any language or
15 Spanish? Are you thinking you would specify Spanish?

16 MR. LLOYD: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you. Spanish, yes.

18 CHAIR MATHIS: So maybe we could specify Spanish.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Thank you. I appreciate
20 that.

21 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I have a question about
22 that, also. I understand why that would be a preference for
23 a community outreach person, but I'm not sure I understand
24 why it's a preference for a technology person.

25 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I'll explain. When we are

1 writing and communicating we're going to be doing
2 translating. My hope and goal is that we are able to
3 translate our data that we are sending out into the
4 marketplace in both English and in Spanish, and having a
5 technology person that at least has sufficient knowledge of
6 so that we do not need to have an additional translator
7 added in to do translation is helpful.

8 That's why was it a requirement or a preference,
9 having it be a preference makes sense to me.

10 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I would suggest that that
11 might better fit with our community outreach person and that
12 we might be limiting our ability to get a technology person
13 quickly, that they're going to be focused on the technology
14 and the translation really would fall under another
15 category.

16 I mean I think it's a great idea, and I think we
17 should do it. I'm just not -- it seems a different skill
18 set to me than the tech person.

19 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: That's why I said preference
20 makes sense. I think -- the more that Commissioner McNulty,
21 the more, in my opinion the more that we can, and I wish I
22 was bilingual, I wish that I spoke fluent Spanish, I think
23 that it's inherent for us as a commission to be as
24 communicative as possible, and in all the positions that we
25 have it's going to be an advantage to us. So that's why I

1 brought it up.

2 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

3 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes, Commissioner Herrera?

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I agree with Mr. Stertz's
5 comment. I think we should add that as a preference.

6 There's nothing wrong with that. It makes sense if somebody
7 has that. It's not going to preclude or prevent someone
8 from being considered, but it would be a nice preference to
9 have.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you.

11 Any other thoughts or comments?

12 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I would like to say to
13 Mr. Lloyd that I think he did a great job. And the only
14 other thing I'd like to see is the ability to watch the Red
15 Sox and Yankees games while we're doing this.

16 CHAIR MATHIS: It's out of order. Thank you.

17 So we have a seconded motion on the floor to move
18 forward with this position description questionnaire as
19 drafted for the title of information technology specialist
20 four with the one addition of having a preferred
21 qualification that says that the ability to be speak Spanish
22 would be preferred.

23 All in favor?

24 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

25 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

1 (No verbal response.)

2 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Then the motion carries as
3 stated.

4 So we'll be working moving forward with Mr. Lloyd
5 on that position and filling out the justification to fill
6 and all the other steps and make sure we can do that.

7 Thanks a lot.

8 MR. LLOYD: You're welcome.

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Item V on the agenda,
10 discussion and possible action on request for proposal
11 process for securing legal counsel, redistricting consulting
12 services and other consultative support.

13 At our last meeting we finalized the scopes of
14 work for a request for proposal for both legal counsel and
15 for mapping services. And I want to thank the commissioners
16 again for their leadership on getting those scopes of work
17 drafted for us to discuss last week so that we could
18 finalize them.

19 Those were then sent to the state procurement
20 office because we agreed as a commission that we would
21 follow the state procurement's procedures for retaining
22 these services. And I want to thank the people at the state
23 procurement office because they were very responsive and
24 turned around for us some requests for proposals that were
25 written around those scopes of work. And they provided us

1 with both the requests for proposal for legal counsel and
2 for mapping services.

3 So since these documents are considered
4 confidential until they're published the commission can
5 elect to go into executive session to discuss these drafts
6 because it would be wonderful if we could finalize these
7 drafts if we agree the drafts look fine or if we need to
8 make any amendments we can do so.

9 But we have with us today John Red Horse from the
10 state procurement office. I'm glad he's here, and he would
11 be joining us in an executive session if we discuss those
12 today.

13 So do I hear a motion to go into executive session
14 to discuss these drafts? Or was there any other comments or
15 questions first?

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

17 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes?

18 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Can I ask the reason for us
19 to be going into executive session? We spoke about the
20 scope of work for both of them, and I think that was the
21 meat of the RFP. What would be the reason for us to go into
22 executive session?

23 CHAIR MATHIS: The documents that were drafted by
24 the state procurement office are considered confidential
25 until they're released to the public. And I guess, one, and

1 I can be corrected of course by counsel if I'm incorrect,
2 but it could give a leading edge to anybody who's in the
3 room who might be planning on responding to that RFP when it
4 comes out officially, and so by discussing it here in public
5 anybody that might be in the room that plans to respond
6 could have some kind of edge or additional knowledge that
7 others who plan to apply wouldn't have.

8 That's my understanding. There may be other
9 reasons, too. I'm not sure.

10 But Mr. Barton --

11 MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, that is correct. That's
12 one of the reasons, the justification for going into
13 executive session here would be to review confidential
14 documents because the RFPs before they're released are
15 confidential.

16 That said I don't know where we are in the
17 process. Perhaps the commission wants to, I don't know,
18 hear from Mr. Red Horse or to look at what materials they
19 have, and if the commission is able to approve the RFPs
20 without discussing the documents in such detail that it
21 would reveal or provide disadvantage to anyone who would be
22 applying for the job, then perhaps the commission could
23 attempt that.

24 Or if the commissioners would like, you could
25 certainly go into executive session in order to review the

1 documents and to discuss them.

2 But that would be the basis.

3 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Barton.

4 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, because the
5 statement of work was the bulk of our previous discussion
6 and that was done in public session maybe this would be a
7 simple question for Mr. Red Horse, if there's anything in
8 the preamble and in the table of contents in the
9 solicitation that would need to be discussed in executive
10 session that would give preference to any of the attendees
11 today?

12 The scope of the work has already been discussed.
13 The scope of the work has already been of public nature.
14 There is one minor adjustment that needs to be made that's
15 already been made as part of the minutes that was made in
16 public session in regards to the scope of the work as far as
17 the mapping services.

18 But if there is anything -- the only thing that
19 has not been discussed in public session is the contents of
20 the standard RFP document and the contract document.

21 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Madam Chair?

22 CHAIR MATHIS: Commissioner Freeman?

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: For me I think there's two
24 issues. One, do we as a commission agree that our work
25 product is accurately reflected in this document now? And I

1 think by and large it appears in page 10 in the document.

2 That would be one question for the commission.

3 And then the second question for me is do we want
4 to talk in executive session about the other four terms that
5 appear in this document? Do we have any questions in that
6 regard?

7 CHAIR MATHIS: My thoughts in talking with state
8 procurement in the past is just to be sure that we review
9 the evaluation criteria that are listed in this document and
10 ensure that we're comfortable with what those evaluation
11 criteria are, that the scope of work, as you said, is
12 adequately specified as we finalized it last week.

13 I don't know if there are any key deliverables,
14 for instance, that we want to include in either of these
15 documents, things that we really want these responders to
16 provide for us. We need to be more specific. I'm not sure.
17 But and then pricing. That can also be -- do we want to get
18 into any kind of pricing information that we're expecting
19 from these responders in terms of how they articulate?

20 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, I would then
21 suggest for the sake of expediency that we go into a very
22 brief executive session to have this discussion. Let's
23 bring this -- I think then we're close, but let's flesh this
24 out one last pass in executive. We don't want to
25 inconvenience the members of the audience too much in your

1 up and down, back and forth. I think we can do this rather
2 quickly.

3 CHAIR MATHIS: May I -- oh, sorry. Were you going
4 to say something?

5 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I was just going to say I
6 agree with that.

7 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Mr. Barton, are we allowed
8 to talk about both RFPs as drafted both for legal counsel
9 and for mapping services in the same executive session?

10 MR. BARTON: Yes.

11 CHAIR MATHIS: They're both in the same item.
12 Okay. I just wanted to confirm that.

13 So we'll have a -- all in favor of going into
14 executive session to discuss these two RFP drafts?

15 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

16 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

17 (No verbal response.)

18 CHAIR MATHIS: We'll go into executive session.

19 (Whereupon a recess was taken from 3:15 P.M. to
20 3:18 P.M., and the commission went into executive session.)

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24 (Whereupon the public meeting was resumed at

25 5:10 P.M.)

1 CHAIR MATHIS: We are going back into public
2 session now. I appreciate the public's patience and your
3 diehard attitude to still be here after the long executive
4 sessions. We accomplished some good work, though.

5 Do I hear a motion to finalize the draft request
6 for proposal for legal counsel based on our discussion in
7 executive session with approval by the -- with authority for
8 approval by the chair?

9 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: Yes. I would move that we
10 work with the executive director to finalize the RFP for
11 legal counsel and delegate authority to the chair to review
12 the final version and approval.

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Is there a second?

14 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Second.

15 CHAIR MATHIS: All in favor?

16 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

17 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CHAIR MATHIS: Hearing none, the motion carries.

20 Secondly, we also discussed the draft request for
21 proposal for mapping services.

22 And similarly do I hear a motion to finalize the
23 draft request for proposal for map services based on our
24 discussion in executive session with approval authority by
25 Commissioner Stertz?

1 Go ahead.

2 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: I'll move so Mr. Stertz
3 doesn't have to move on his own behalf that we finalize the
4 RFP for mapping consultant with the help of the executive
5 director and that we authorize Commission Stertz to review
6 and finalize the document.

7 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Second.

8 CHAIR MATHIS: All in favor?

9 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

11 (No verbal response.)

12 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. The motion carries.

13 Given the late hour, that it's 5:15 P.M., we have
14 a few agenda items -- oh, before I leave that I just want to
15 also thank publicly Mr. Red Horse for being with us today
16 and working through that with us. And if he could also pass
17 our regards to Don Allenberg who drafted the RFP for mapping
18 services for us. So thank you very much.

19 But given the late hour we have a number of agenda
20 items still on our agenda today. We're now at agenda
21 Item VI, but I'm wondering if there's a motion to table the
22 rest of the agenda for our next meeting?

23 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: I would move that we table
24 the rest of the agenda up to Item XII where we decide upon
25 our next meeting date.

1 CHAIR MATHIS: Good point. Yes. So that we can
2 discuss now -- we would jump to Item XII essentially now and
3 discuss when we're actually going to be meeting again and
4 any future agenda items.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: I will second the motion
6 that we are tabling these agenda Items VII through XI to be
7 taken up at the next commission meeting in the order as they
8 currently exist.

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. All in favor?

10 MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, I believe isn't it
11 Item VI?

12 CHAIR MATHIS: Oh, he said VII?

13 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Pardon me. VI. I'm sorry.
14 Item VI.

15 CHAIR MATHIS: Thank you, Mr. Barton. It's
16 Item VI.

17 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: VI through XI.

18 CHAIR MATHIS: So based on that amended motion,
19 all in favor?

20 VOICE VOTE: Aye.

21 CHAIR MATHIS: Any opposed?

22 (No verbal response.)

23 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. So we're now at Agenda
24 Item XII. We'll cover Items VI through XI at our next
25 meeting, so we need to determine when our next meeting will

1 be, and I think we were thinking next week. Thursday
2 possibly would be the date.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Thursday, the 14th.

4 CHAIR MATHIS: Right. Is that the 14th? Okay.
5 So Thursday, April 14th, in the afternoon.

6 MS. DARIAN: Madam Chair?

7 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes.

8 MS. DARIAN: The interviews are going to be in the
9 afternoon.

10 CHAIR MATHIS: Yes. Good point. And we want to
11 interview in the afternoon for the executive director slate
12 that we announced today so --

13 MR. BARTON: Madam Chair, the interviews will be
14 done during a meeting. So it will just be in the executive
15 session during an announced meeting. So I don't know if you
16 want to do business before or after that. I'll leave it to
17 you. But just to be clear, the interviews, even if it's in
18 executive session it will be a public meeting in executive
19 session.

20 CHAIR MATHIS: Right. But they will be coming --
21 they're being scheduled kind of one after the other in a
22 pushing tin kind of way, and I'm wondering how we -- I guess
23 because that kind of supersedes the business of the rest of
24 the agenda I mean that we've just talked about. So any
25 thoughts on how we might -- I don't know if the

1 commissioners are available to meet, for instance, all day
2 on Thursday. We could start early and do the business and
3 then have those interviews as part of the rest of the
4 meeting in the afternoon.

5 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Madam Chair, I'm going to
6 suggest that we begin the meeting at 10 o'clock on Thursday,
7 the 14th, do our normal business, break for lunch and begin
8 interviews thereafter.

9 CHAIR MATHIS: Any other thoughts, other
10 commissioners?

11 COMMISSIONER McNULTY: That would work for me,
12 Madam Chair.

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Great.

14 VICE CHAIR FREEMAN: Sounds good to me.

15 CHAIR MATHIS: Commissioner Herrera?

16 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: That works for me as well.

17 CHAIR MATHIS: Wonderful. So we'll plan on
18 starting our next meeting at 10:00 A.M., and it will be in
19 Phoenix because we will be interviewing candidates there, of
20 course, too. And we'll start with the item, agenda Item VI
21 from today's agenda, move through all of that business and
22 hopefully finish in time for interviews to begin at
23 1:00 P.M.

24 Any future -- any agenda items that we need to add
25 to the next meeting?

1 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Not at this time.

2 CHAIR MATHIS: Okay. Great.

3 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: Madam Chair?

4 CHAIR MATHIS: Commissioner Herrera?

5 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: On Item VI, some
6 clarification, are we deciding on our headquarters next time
7 we meet?

8 CHAIR MATHIS: I'm sorry. I couldn't hear you.

9 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: When we meet next time,
10 Item VI, are we going to be deciding now there is nine
11 choices or are we going to be limiting, paring down the
12 list?

13 CHAIR MATHIS: Well, it would be -- we haven't as
14 a commission discussed yet what our thoughts are on the
15 sites that we visited at our last public meeting, after our
16 last public meeting. So we would need to have that
17 discussion, I think, and it may be that I don't know, but
18 maybe we will all be in agreement to actually choose a
19 headquarters at the next meeting. But I don't know that
20 because we haven't really discussed any of our thoughts yet
21 as to what we saw.

22 Any other comments on that?

23 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Commissioner Herrera, Madam
24 Chair, I think that it's incumbent upon us to at a bare
25 minimum short-list the one or two locations that we want to

1 decide on, let's get the executive director hired, and let's
2 lock down a space, but we can certainly pare this list down
3 from nine down to one or two.

4 VICE CHAIR HERRERA: I would agree. I think we
5 can do that next week.

6 COMMISSIONER STERTZ: Yes.

7 CHAIR MATHIS: Any other comments?

8 Since there's no further business this meeting is
9 adjourned at 5:20. Thank you very much, everyone.

10 (Whereupon the meeting was adjourned at 5:20 P.M.)

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