

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Date 06/09/2021
Time 02:05:01 PM to 04:50:03 PM
Place SCR 354
This Meeting was called to order by
Carly Hare
This Report was prepared by
Elizabeth Burger

Attendance	
Martha	X
Coleman	X
Moussa	X
Diawara	X
Paula Espinoza	X
Jason Kelly	X
William Leone	X
JulieMarie	X
Shepherd	X
Macklin	X
Danny Moore	X
Lori Schell	X
Simon Tafoya	X
Elizabeth	X
Wilkes	X
Jolie Brawner	X
Carly Hare	*

X = Present, E = Excused, A = Absent, * = Present after roll call

Hearing Items	Action Taken
Public Comment	Committee Discussion Only
Follow-up Conversation on the Hierarchy for Communities of Interest and Public Subdivisions	Committee Discussion Only
Follow up Discussion about Written Input to Staff Regarding the Preliminary Plan	Committee Discussion Only
Follow Up Conversation about Competitiveness	Committee Discussion Only
Staff Reports and Other Business	Committee Discussion Only

Public Comment - Committee Discussion Only

- 02:05:50 PM Commissioner Brawner called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agenda. Meeting materials can be accessed here: <https://coleg.box.com/s/wozb8nkicpgk258sllgsg8gevf dgta9g> (<https://coleg.box.com/s/wozb8nkicpgk258sllgsg8gevf dgta9g>).
Commissioner Brawner opened the public comment portion of the meeting. Wayne Williams, member of the Colorado Springs City Council and former El Paso County Clerk and Recorder and Secretary of State, spoke regarding the importance of keeping El Paso County whole in the congressional redistricting process. He spoke regarding the communities of interest in the area. Mr. Williams responded to questions from the commission, and encouraged the commission to keep districts together geographically.

- 02:19:26 PM Carrie Geitner, El Paso County Commissioner, described the regional activities occurring throughout El Paso County, and discussed the importance of keeping the county in a single congressional district. She responded to questions from the commission.

- 02:25:17 PM Mike Ferrufino, Colorado Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, shared a power point with suggested district maps. He recommended that the new congressional district be placed in rapidly growing areas north of Denver. He responded to questions from the commission.

- 02:42:27 PM John Singletary, discussed redistricting and how it affects the southern part of the state, and discussed the importance of considering water basins when drawing maps.



02:48:42 PM Brian McCain, Action 22, testified regarding proposed districts in Colorado, and his organization's proposal to create districts in the eastern and western portions of the state. He responded to questions from the commission regarding his proposed map and the impact of adding Douglas County to the proposed district. He further addressed the impact of the map on Hispanic representation and water districts.

Follow-up Conversation on the Hierarchy for Communities of Interest and Public Subdivisions - Committee Discussion Only

03:01:58 PM Commissioner Hare began the discussion on communities of interest (COIs). Commissioner Wilkes noted the importance of articulating a policy or procedure to guide decision making around these issues. The commission discussed the issue, and whether or not the commission should develop procedures around COIs, political subdivisions, and competitiveness prior to public hearings on the preliminary map.

03:14:48 PM The commission continued to discuss the work of the Public Comment and Communities of Interest Committee, and the potential for providing guidance to staff on the issue.

03:34:54 PM The commission continued to discuss formalizing guidance for staff on COIs and political subdivisions, and the articulation of COIs within the state.

Follow up Discussion about Written Input to Staff Regarding the Preliminary Plan - Committee Discussion Only

03:48:46 PM Commissioner Coleman began the presentation regarding the Public Comment and Communities of Interest Committee's work regarding COIs. She reviewed the constitutional language on COIs and the committee process in working through the issue. She explained that the committee sought legal clarification of operative phrases, and tested how to assign the COI list to individual public comments. The committee then refined some COIs to include subcategories, and examined how Colorado COIs were used in the past and how other state redistricting commissions use COIs now.

03:55:03 PM Commissioner Coleman referenced a draft resolution on COIs that was shared with the commission. She explained that the goals of the resolution are to provide a starting point for the COI list and to provide a starting point list of whole COIs for consideration by nonpartisan staff on the creation of the preliminary plan. She noted that the committee opted to focus on more easily defined COIs first, choosing those with clear federal legislative action and well defined boundaries, and explained that the commission will have to gather information about other COIs through the public hearing process. She reviewed the list of COIs in the resolution, including Western Slope, Eastern Plains, San Luis Valley, Ute Mountain and Southern Ute Reservations, and military installations. She discussed other COIs the committee considered but did not add to the resolution, including the front range, mountain communities, and Denver.

04:08:04 PM The commission continued to discuss the draft resolution on COIs. Commissioners commented on the resolution and the process of determining COIs. Jessika Shipley, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, responded to questions from the commission regarding how staff are obtaining guidance about COIs. The commission discussed the message adopting the resolution would send.

04:37:20 PM The members of the commission continued to share their views on COIs and the draft resolution. Jerry Barry, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, clarified how commissioners may provide comments on the preliminary maps.

Follow Up Conversation about Competitiveness - Committee Discussion Only

04:42:14 PM Commissioner Shepherd Macklin updated the commission on discussions of the Map Analytics Committee regarding measures of competitiveness. Chair Hare noted that the committee would be bringing a motion or other item for commission consideration at a future full commission meeting. Commissioner Shepherd Macklin asked commissioners to share information that they would like the committee to consider as part of that discussion.

Staff Reports and Other Business - Committee Discussion Only

04:45:39 PM Chair Hare reviewed upcoming commission meetings, noting that the commission would meet on Monday, June 14, but would not meet after that until Wednesday, June 23, to allow staff time to create the preliminary plan. The preliminary plan will be presented on June 23. Commissioner Leone discussed the scheduling of a Legal, Legislative, and Rules Committee meeting.



04:48:32 PM Ms. Shipley noted that the staff are presenting a public hearing schedule to the Public Hearing Schedule Committee tomorrow.
Ms. Shipley noted that the public hearing schedule would be shared with the commission as soon as possible. She noted the commission has hired a communications outreach firm.

04:50:03 PM The committee adjourned.

