

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Attendance

Date	05/17/2021	Martha	X
Time	02:01:36 PM to 03:40:10 PM	Coleman	X
Place	HCR 0106	Moussa	X
This Meeting was called to order by	Carly Hare	Diawara	X
This Report was prepared by	Elizabeth Burger	Paula Espinoza	E
		Jason Kelly	X
		William Leone	*
		JulieMarie	
		Shepherd	X
		Macklin	
		Danny Moore	X
		Lori Schell	X
		Simon Tafoya	X
		Elizabeth	X
		Wilkes	X
		Jolie Brawner	X
		Carly Hare	X

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

Hearing Items	Action Taken
Subcommittee Reports	Attorney Retention Agreements Approved
Staff Updates	Committee Discussion Only
Update on Accessibility	Committee Discussion Only

02:02:50 PM

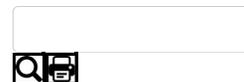
Chair Hare called the meeting to order. Meeting materials can be accessed here: <https://coleg.box.com>

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The commission discussed the oral arguments before the Colorado Supreme Court on the interrogatories submitted by the legislature on redistricting issues. Chair Hare reviewed future meeting agendas..

Subcommittee Reports - Attorney Retention Agreements Approved

02:11:10 PM Commissioner Leone gave an update from the Committee on Outside Counsel, and discussed the briefs and arguments filed in the hearings in the interrogatories. He described the oral arguments, and commented on the legislature's position in the oral arguments. He noted that the commission needs to approve the retention agreements.



02:11:18 PM I move the commission approve the retention agreements between the commission and The Achieve Law Group, Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, and Troutman Pepper, as drafted (seconded by Kelly)

Moved William Leone

Seconded

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

YES: 0 NO: 0 EXC: 0 ABS: 0 FINAL ACTION: Pass Without Objection

- 02:11:30 PM Commissioner Coleman gave an update on the Subcommittee on Public Comment and Outreach. She discussed public comment summaries, and reviewed the number of public comments submitted in the last week. She reviewed letters submitted to the commission by advocacy organizations.
- 02:24:04 PM Commissioner Brawner gave an update on outreach efforts and collaboration with the Colorado Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission (Legislative Commission). Commissioner Brawner responded to questions from the commissioner regarding social media channels to share information about the commissions. The commission discussed contracting for communications assistance.
- 02:33:14 PM Commissioner Shepherd Macklin gave an update on the Public Hearing Subcommittee and coordinating public hearing locations between the Congressional and Legislative Commissions. She discussed revisions to the proposed public hearings locations list. Commissioner Tafoya commented on supporting virtual participation options. Jessika Shipley, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, commented on the registration process that the legislature uses for public comment. The commission discussed holding hearings after the final staff plan.
- 02:45:37 PM Commissioner Tafoya noted that the Rules and Procedures Subcommittee will meet on Wednesday. Commissioner Schell gave an update from the Map Analytics Subcommittee. She discussed data issues identified in the preliminary plan, including census blocks within Denver being identified as in an unincorporated area, and the City and County of Broomfield coming into existence after the 2010 census. She discussed a request to have access to other ESRI modules, and noted that one concurrent license for the ESRI pro software for each commission has been requested, and will be shared among the commissioners. She noted that preliminary plan data was to be formatted and provided to ESRI no later than today, and ESRI will have two weeks to populate the redistricting application with the data. She noted that the commission is hiring another GIS analyst. The subcommittee will now be turning its attention to evaluating maps and public comments and will especially be focusing on identifying communities of interest.
- 02:54:45 PM Chair Hare asked for commissioners to comment on the proposed redistricting timeline. Commissioner Moore commented about a fourth round of public hearings. Commissioner Schell noted that the proposed timeline includes a fourth round of hearings.

Staff Updates - Committee Discussion Only



- 02:59:39 PM Ms. Shipley noted that additional funding for the Redistricting Commissions has been approved by the legislature.
- 03:01:38 PM Jerry Barry, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, noted that oral arguments on the interrogatories before the Colorado Supreme Court were held today and that the commission can expect a decision from the Supreme Court in seven to ten days. Jerome DeHerrera, commission's legal team, noted that he believed the oral arguments went well and the brief filed by the commission was strong. In response to a question from the commission, Mr. DeHerrera discussed the independence of the commission with regard to prison reallocation. Commissioner Tafoya asked about next steps, and Mr. DeHerrera asked that the commission consider topics on which the commission would like legal advice at a future meeting. Commissioner Wilkes commented on the use of executive session by the commissions.
- 03:11:22 PM The commission discussed the prisoner reallocation process. Commissioner Leone asked for information on how many prisoners could be subject to the reallocation process and in which counties, how many prisoners are from Colorado and how many are from other states, and the availability of data on the process. He asked for more information on the current law regarding voting rights for persons convicted of crimes. Mr. Barry noted that it is not possible to relocate federal prisoners because data was not provided by the federal government. Prisoners from other states in Colorado state prisons will remain in the census blocks for the prisons. Commissioner Moore asked for information on the level of effort involved in the process. Commissioner Wilkes asked the staff to research other state's alternative approaches to the reallocation of prisoners. Commissioners discussed the issue.

Update on Accessibility - Committee Discussion Only

- 03:21:50 PM Commissioner Wilkes led the discussion related to accessibility, and requested that nonpartisan staff contact an organization that does accessibility training to lead a training for the commission. She discussed web content accessibility guidelines. The commission discussed the cost and staffing implications of accessibility accommodations.
- 03:29:07 PM Commissioner Leone responded to comments from Commissioner Diawara regarding the commission's independence, and discussed the approval of funding for the commission by the legislature. The commission discussed the authority of legislature in redistricting matters.
- 03:40:10 PM The committee adjourned.

