

**Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission
General Counsel Exploratory Committee**

**May 7, 2021 – 8:00am
Virtual Meeting**

Attendance:

Diawara	X
Tafoya	X
Leone	X

The meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Leone

This report was prepared by: Amanda King

8:04 AM - Commissioner Leone called the committee to order.

8:05 AM - The committee interviewed the following representatives from Ireland Stapleton Pryor and Pascoe to be outside legal counsel for the commission: Bernie Buescher and Bill Hobbs. The interviewees introduced themselves to the committee.

8:10 AM - The interviewees responded to questions from the committee about their ability to be nonpartisan and their involvement in drafting Amendments Y and Z.

8:21 AM - The interviewees responded to questions from the committee about their experience with specific areas of law, including state and federal election laws, redistricting, and administrative law. In their responses, the interviewees discussed the Colorado Open Records Act, Colorado open meetings laws, and the federal Help America Vote Act.

8:37 AM - The interviewees responded to additional questions about their involvement in drafting Amendments Y and Z and their potential bias.

8:48 AM - Commissioner Tafoya moved that the committee go into executive session. Commissioner Diawara seconded the motion.

Motion:	Moved that the committee go into executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II), C.R.S., for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions the commission may face.
Moved:	Tafoya
Seconded:	Diawara
The motion passed without objection.	

8:50 AM - The committee went into executive session.

9:14 AM - The committee came out of executive session.

9:15 AM - The committee interviewed Richard Kaufman and Tim Odil for the position of outside legal counsel for the commission. The interviewees introduced themselves to the committee.

9:22 AM - The interviewees responded to questions from the committee about their experience with certain areas of the law, including administrative law and federal election laws.

9:27 AM - The interviewees responded to questions about attending commission meetings at no charge, minimizing costs, their ability to be nonpartisan, and how they would serve the commission, which has a diverse background with limited legal expertise.

9:45 AM - Commissioner Tafoya moved that the committee go into executive session. Commissioner Diawara seconded the motion.

Motion:	Moved that the committee go into executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II), C.R.S., for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions the commission may face.
Moved:	Tafoya
Seconded:	Diawara
The motion passed without objection.	

9:46 AM - The committee went into executive session.

11:19 AM - The committee came out of executive session.

11:23 AM - The committee interviewed the following representatives from Achieve Law Group to be outside legal counsel for the commission: Jerome DeHerrera, Aaron Boschee, Erik Estrada, and Luis Corchado. The interviewees introduced themselves to the committee.

11:35 AM - The interviewees responded to questions from the committee about their experience with specific areas of law, including federal law, administrative law, and the federal Voting Rights Act.

11:47 AM - The interviewees responded to questions about how they would set aside any bias and how they would advise the commission, which has a diverse background with limited legal expertise.

11:55 AM - The interviewees responded to questions about what the interviewees anticipate as the role of general counsel, their capacity to provide legal counsel to the commission, and their willingness to attending commission meetings at no cost.

12:03 PM - Commissioner Tafoya moved that the committee go into executive session. Commissioner Diawara seconded the motion.

Motion:	Moved that the committee go into executive session pursuant to Section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II), C.R.S., for purposes of receiving legal advice on specific legal questions the commission may face.
Moved:	Tafoya
Seconded:	Diawara
The motion passed without objection.	

12:03 PM - The committee went into executive session.

1:09 PM - The committee came out of executive session.

1:10 PM – The committee adjourned.