

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Date 06/07/2021
Time 02:02:33 PM to 04:37:35 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	E
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

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

Hearing Items	Action Taken
Presentation on Competitiveness	Committee Discussion Only
Executive Session	Executive Session Approved
Subcommittee Reports	Committee Discussion Only

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02:02:36 PM

Chair Hare reviewed the meeting agenda. Meeting materials can be accessed here: <https://coleg.box.com/s/eqn67ycr6jw3s260sy6hju90tz6olia>.

Presentation on Competitiveness - Committee Discussion Only

- 02:09:19 PM Commissioner Shepherd Macklin introduced the presenters on competitiveness in Colorado. Ben Schler, Reasonable Districts Colorado, began his remarks regarding competitiveness. He said there has not been much competitiveness in congressional districts in Colorado in the last ten years, with only one district switching control. He noted that his organization has evaluated election performance as a measure of competitiveness, looking at how well candidates have performed in past elections over a specific period of time. He responded to questions from the commission.

- 02:36:10 PM Bob Loevy, former member of the Colorado Reapportionment Commission, began his discussion regarding competitiveness in redistricting and described past partisan practices in redistricting. He noted that the population of Colorado makes similar housing choices, which groups individuals with similar political views in specific areas. He explained his view that there needs to be both safe seats and competitive seats. He said that the commission should consider creating a Democratic district in the Denver area and a Republican district in El Paso County.

- 02:48:46 PM Dr. Loevy discussed the importance of picking a standard of competitiveness, and suggested that the commission use the Attorney General race from 2018 as its measure of competitiveness. He discussed how the results from that race compares to voter registration data and commented on communities of interest. He described potential configurations of districts within the state. Dr. Loevy responded to questions from the commission.

- 02:56:44 PM Dr. Loevy responded to questions about communities of interest, and how the issue relates to competitiveness. He responded to questions about the increase in unaffiliated voter registrations in Colorado and the nonpartisan staff supporting the commission.

Executive Session - Executive Session Approved

03:14:30 PM The commission moved to a discussion of entering executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.



03:16:14 PM Motion I move the commission go into executive session pursuant to section 24-6-402 (3)(a)(II) of the Colorado Revised Statutes for the purpose of receiving legal advice from legal counsel. (seconded by Diawara)

Moved Martha Coleman

Seconded

Martha Coleman Yes

Moussa Diawara Yes

Paula Espinoza Excused

Jason Kelly Yes

William Leone Yes

JulieMarie Shepherd Yes

Macklin

Danny Moore Yes

Lori Schell Yes

Simon Tafoya Yes

Elizabeth Wilkes No

Jolie Brawner Yes

Carly Hare Yes

YES: 10 NO: 1 EXC: 1 ABS: 0 FINAL ACTION: PASS

03:16:15 PM The commission took a vote on the motion to go into executive session by consent, and Commissioner Wilkes objected to the motion. Her opposition was recorded, and the commission proceeded to executive session by consent.

03:17:04 PM The commission entered executive session.

04:27:50 PM The commission reconvened.

04:28:17 PM Chair Hare noted that the preliminary map will be presented on June 23, and that the Public Comment and Communities of Interest Committee will be working on information to bring to the commission at a meeting next week.

Subcommittee Reports - Committee Discussion Only

04:31:20 PM Commissioner Schell gave a brief overview of the Mapping Analytics Committee report, and discussed communities of interest. Commissioner Coleman discussed the public comments received in the last week, and reviewed the substance of the comments. Commissioner Shepherd Macklin reminded the commission to complete a survey regarding the scheduling of the public hearings. She noted that the Public Hearing Schedule Committee is planning to meet jointly with the Public Comment and Outreach Standing Subcommittee of the Colorado Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission in the next week to discuss the format of the hearings. Commissioner Leone did not have a report from the Legal, Legislative, and Rules Committee. Jessika Shipley, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, reviewed the commission's upcoming travel plans. Chair Hare further reviewed the commission's meeting schedule.

04:37:35 PM The committee adjourned.

