

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

		Attendance	
Date	05/12/2021	Martha	X
		Coleman	X
		Moussa	X
		Diawara	X
Time	02:02:13 PM to 04:23:28 PM	Paula Espinoza	*
		Jason Kelly	X
Place	SCR 354	William Leone	X
		JulieMarie	X
This Meeting was called to order by	Carly Hare	Shepherd	X
		Macklin	X
		Danny Moore	X
		Lori Schell	X
This Report was prepared by	Elizabeth Burger	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
Public Comment	Committee Discussion Only
Discussion with Outside Counsel	Committee Discussion Only
Other Business	Committee Discussion Only

02:02:18 PM

Chair Hare called the meeting to order and reviewed the meeting agenda. Meeting materials can be found here:
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Public Comment - Committee Discussion Only

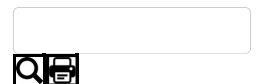
- 02:05:08 PM Christian Reece, Club 20, spoke regarding the organization's position on the boundaries of congressional districts. She stated that the communities west of the Continental Divide are a naturally occurring community of interest, and discussed the importance of forest health and watershed protection to the region. She discussed a map proposed by the organization, and noted that the map is not designed to promote a particular candidate or party. She stated that the organization's goal is to keep the Western Slope whole.

- 02:08:35 PM Sara Blackhurst, Action 22, discussed the importance of creating two rural districts, including one of the Western Slope of Colorado, and on the eastern plains. She stated that the map proposed by the organization would meet the redistricting criteria laid out in the constitution. Ms. Blackhurst responded to questions from questions from Commissioner Wilkes regarding the inclusion of Pueblo district on the eastern plains. Ms. Reece commented on the placement of Fremont and Custer counties in their proposed map.

- 02:38:11 PM Cathy Shull, Pro 15, discussed issues of importance to northern Colorado counties, including agriculture, renewable energy, and oil and gas development. She asked the commission to consider creating rural districts in the east and west and creating the other six districts from Colorado Springs north. Ms. Blackhurst responded to questions from Commissioner Moore about El Paso county, and noted that her main concern in creating the proposed map was population. Ms. Blackhurst, Ms. Shull, and Ms. Reece responded to questions from the commission regarding maps submitted for the commission's consideration that split rural districts into different congressional districts. Commission discussion continued.

Discussion with Outside Counsel - Committee Discussion Only

- 02:49:06 PM Commissioner Leone introduced the members of the team of outside counsel representing the commission. He noted the commission would enter an executive session to discuss the commission's legal strategy on the interrogatories. In addition, the full commission must approve the firm's engagement letters.



02:50:42 PM Jerome DeHerrera, Achieve Law Group, introduced himself and Luis Corchado and offered to be available to the members of the commission. Frederick Yarger, Wheeler Trigg O'Donnell, and Troutman Pepper, introduced himself and Meghan Berglind, and the importance of the redistricting process to the state and the firms experience with government issues.

02:56:05 PM The commission discussed the engagement letters to retain the counsel. Commissioner Kelly asked if the engagement letters had been shared with the entire commission. Commissioner Leone described the engagement letters, noting that there are three in total. Commissioner Tafoya asked if the letters could be finalized at Monday's meeting and that commission could continue to work with the attorneys in the meantime. Chair Hare moved approval of the engagement letters to the Monday, May 17, meeting of the commission. The commission moved to enter executive session for the purpose of receiving legal advice.

02:59:53 PM 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 specific legal advice on specific legal issues including the pending litigation before the Colorado Supreme Court (second by Moore).

Motion

Moved Jason Kelly

Seconded

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

YES: 12 NO: 0 EXC: 0 ABS: 0 FINAL ACTION: PASS

02:59:56 PM The commission meeting entered executive session.

04:16:05 PM The commission reconvened.

Other Business - Committee Discussion Only

04:18:01 PM The commission discussed future agenda items, including the reallocation of prisoners and the proposed redistricting timeline. Mr. DeHerrera asked how questions from the commission for legal advice would be conveyed. The commission discussed data on the reallocation of prisoners. The committee discussed potential changes to the rules and procedures subcommittee.

04:23:28 PM The committee adjourned.

