

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT LEGISLATIVE REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

		Attendance	
Date	06/11/2021	Hunter Barnett	X
		Heather Barry	X
		John Buckley	X
		Samuel	X
Time	01:07:04 PM to 04:39:29 PM	Greenidge	X
		Constance	X
Place	SCR 354	Hass	X
		Gary Horvath	X
This Meeting was called to order by	Carlos Perez	Aislinn Kottwitz	X
		Amber	*
		McReynolds	
This Report was prepared by	Elizabeth Burger	Blanca Uzeta	X
		O'Leary	X
		Robin Schepper	X
		Kevin Fletcher	X
		Carlos Perez	X

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

Hearing Items	Action Taken
Approval of Minutes and Agenda	Agenda and Minutes Approved
Presentation on Competitiveness from Reasonable Districts Colorado	Committee Discussion Only
Unfinished Business	Various items approved
New Business	Committee Discussion Only
Subcommittee Reports	Committee Discussion Only
Staff Reports	Committee Discussion Only
Commissioner Communications	Committee Discussion Only
Topics for Future Meetings	Committee Discussion Only
Executive Session	Executive Session Approved

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Approval of Minutes and Agenda - Agenda and Minutes Approved

01:07:32 PM Chair Perez called the meeting to order. Meeting materials can be accessed here: <https://coleg.box.com/s/dd4vfwbq7di7onjtt97u6wb1tnki01q>. The meeting agenda and the minutes from the June 4 meeting were approved by acclamation.

Presentation on Competitiveness from Reasonable Districts Colorado - Committee Discussion

Only

- 01:09:37 PM Ben Schler, Reasonable Districts Colorado, spoke regarding competitiveness in redistricting. He discussed constitutional requirements for competitiveness and election data and partisan performance as a measure of competitiveness. He described the funding that he has received for his work with Reasonable Districts Colorado. He noted that his organization is gathering data on partisan performance over various election cycles and that his goal is to inform the commission that past partisan performance data is a good tool to assess competitiveness. He offered to provide data to the commission to inform the issue.
- 01:24:52 PM Mr. Schler responded to questions from the commission regarding voting data versus voter registration data and how to predict future election outcomes. He responded to additional questions from the commission about measures of competitiveness and the data Mr. Schler's organization can provide to the commission.
- 01:44:21 PM Mr. Schler continued to respond to questions from the commission regarding how to measure success when evaluating competitiveness, how the commission's work interacts with Mr. Schler's work, and other states' measurements of competitiveness.



Unfinished Business - Various items approved

02:06:32 PM The commission began discussion of Chair Perez's policy memos proposal. The commission discussed the issue at the Friday, June 4 meeting of the commission. Chair Perez shared a memorandum on the issue, and described the process for creating new commission policies. He shared a template for the proposals, and a proposal to adopt Policy #1, which concerns the use of alternative data sources for the drafting of the preliminary plan.

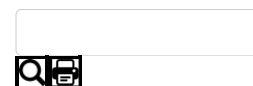
02:19:22 PM Commissioners commented on the proposal.

02:20:21 PM Motion Approve the policy memo process, the template, and policy #1 (seconded by Kottwitz).
 Moved Blanca Uzeta O'Leary
 Seconded

- Hunter
- Barnett
- Heather
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- Buckley
- Samuel
- Greenidge
- Constance
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- Gary
- Horvath
- Aislinn
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- Blanca
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- O'Leary
- Robin
- Schepper
- Kevin
- Fletcher
- Carlos
- Perez

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

02:20:37 PM Chair Perez asked for discussion regarding a letter to retain the commission's Voting Rights Act expert witness. Jeremiah Barry, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, noted that the retention letter has been prepared, but was only recently shared with the commission. He suggested that the commission approve the letter, as it has been approved by the commission's outside counsel. Commissioner O'Leary suggested that Commissioner Perez sign and execute the letter on behalf of the commission.



02:29:21 PM Motion Subject to approval of counsel, present an engagement letter to federal Voting Rights Act counsel, authorizing the chair to make changes to and to sign the letter (seconded by Hass).
 Moved John Buckley
 Seconded

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02:29:23 PM Commission discussion moved to timeline review. Chair Perez noted that the commission would be scheduling a special meeting to review the preliminary plan.

02:31:05 PM Chair Perez shared the public hearing calendar, noting that the hearings will begin July 9, and Commissioner Schepper discussed the process of developing and publicizing the schedule. She stated that the goal is to announce the locations and venues for the first week of hearings next week. Commissioner Schepper noted her desire for at least six commissioners to attend each meeting in person, and noted that a list gathering information about who is planning to attend each meeting will be circulated.

02:37:14 PM Mr. Barry noted that the constitution requires 10 of the 12 commissioners to be present at each public hearing, either in-person or virtually. The commission discussed travel logistics. Commissioner Perez noted that the commission will need to suspend regular commission hearings during this time. Jessika Shipley, Independent Redistricting Commissions Staff, responded to a question from the commission regarding the timing of the hearings.

02:49:40 PM Chair Perez tabled the executive session to later in the meeting.

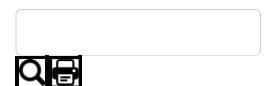
New Business - Committee Discussion Only

02:50:46 PM Ms. Shipley introduced Anna Michaels-Boffy and Abby Leeper Gibson, who have been retained to conduct outreach and publicity on behalf of the commission. Commissioner Schepper invited the communications staff to meet with the Public Comment and Outreach subcommittee. The commission discussed media relations.

Subcommittee Reports - Committee Discussion Only

02:58:57 PM The Outside Legal Council and Legislative Affairs subcommittee members discussed the retention of the Voting Rights Act expert witness. Commissioner Schepper shared a report from the Public Comment and Outreach subcommittee, and discussed the format of the public hearings, including who would chair the meetings.

03:11:26 PM Commissioner Horvath gave the update from the Mapping and Qualitative Methods subcommittee, noting the subcommittee has spent a lot of time looking into measurements of competitiveness.



Staff Reports - Committee Discussion Only

03:13:55 PM There were no staff reports. The commission took a brief recess.

Commissioner Communications - Committee Discussion Only

03:35:08 PM The commission reconvened. Commissioner Barry shared her report. Commissioner Greenidge shared his report, and discussed the tradeoffs inherent in drawing competitive districts while maintaining communities of interest. Commissioner Horvath discussed the state of the economy.

Topics for Future Meetings - Committee Discussion Only

03:42:20 PM Chair Perez reviewed upcoming agenda items.

Executive Session - Executive Session Approved

03:52:30 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 Kottwitz).

Moved Kevin Fletcher

Seconded

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

03:52:31 PM The commission entered executive session.

04:38:49 PM The commission reconvened.

04:39:29 PM The committee adjourned.

