

**Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission
Public Comment and Communities of Interest Committee**

April 20, 2021 – 3:00pm

Virtual Meeting - Due to technical issues, the audio recording for this meeting is incomplete.

Attendance:

Brawner	X
Espinoza	X
Kelly	X
Coleman	X

The meeting was called to order by: Commissioner Coleman

This report was prepared by: Julia Jackson

3:02 PM – Commissioner Coleman called the meeting to order.

3:03 PM – The committee discussed taking on more of a public outreach role, as well as the possibility of adding a communications consultant to commission staff. Commissioners Brawner and Espinoza expressed support for the committee taking the lead on outreach, but Commissioner Espinoza noted that all of the commissioners should be working on outreach. Commissioners Kelly and Coleman discussed the importance of communicating with people in all parts of the state.

3:11 PM – The committee discussed ways to encourage people who provide comment to share the comment option with their networks. They also discussed acknowledging people who comment. Committee members noted on the potential time commitment of such a process.

3:20 PM – The committee discussed the possibility of publishing its reports on comments, and other ways to let commenters know that the commissioners have read their comments. They discussed how they envision commissioner presentations working.

3:26 PM – Commissioner Kelly suggested that commissioners could provide a summary of their presentations and what they hear. The committee discussed this. They also discussed collecting comment cards at their presentations. Commissioner Espinoza suggested the full commission clarify the difference between public hearings and individual presentations in its rules.

3:36 PM – The committee agreed to work on public outreach as well as public comment. Commissioner Coleman agreed to speak with the commission chair.

3:37 PM – Commissioner Coleman discussed the committee’s presentations to the full commission going forward. They also discussed adding public comment periods to the full commission’s meetings. Commissioner Coleman suggested they continue to present all comments received so far in groups.

3:53 PM – The committee reviewed the constitutional definition of communities of interest and discussed its components.

4:10 PM – Committee discussion on communities of interest continued. They noted the availability of data that can help define communities of interest beyond only the comments received.

4:23 PM – The committee members presented their review of comments. They considered adding keywords as a way to classify content. Commissioner Kelly suggested the larger groupings that can be created, the more useful they will be. They suggested using the base list of communities in the constitution and adding an “other” category to address later.

4:39 PM – Committee discussion continued on the classification of comments and the recurring themes.

4:51 PM – The committee discussed with Julia Jackson, commissions staff, the process of finalizing their talking points for commissioners, which they agreed to complete by Friday, April 23. They noted that all public comments and attachments are now being posted on the website.

4:57 PM – Commissioner Coleman noted the items for the committee to discuss at its Friday meeting.

5:00 PM – The committee adjourned.