

**Private**  
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

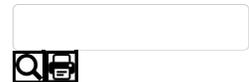
		Attendance	
		Jolie Brawner	X
		Martha Coleman	X
Date	03/29/2021	Moussa	X
		Diawara	X
Time	02:03:44 PM to 04:18:06 PM	Paula Espinoza	*
		Jason Kelly	X
Place	SCR 354	William Leone	X
		JulieMarie	
This Meeting was called to order by	Danny Moore	Shepherd	X
		Macklin	
This Report was prepared by	Elizabeth Burger	Lori Schell	X
		Simon Tafoya	X
		Elizabeth Wilkes	X
		Carly Hare	X
		Danny Moore	X

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

Hearing Items	Action Taken
Briefing on Letters from Legislative Leadership and the Governor	Committee Discussion Only
Discussion of Alternative Data Sources	Committee Discussion Only
New Business	Committee Discussion Only

**Briefing on Letters from Legislative Leadership and the Governor - Committee Discussion Only**

- 02:07:32 PM Chairman Moore called the meeting to order. All members of the commission were present, and all participated remotely. Jeremiah Barry, Managing Attorney for the Colorado Independent Congressional Redistricting Commission, discussed the letters to the commission issued by legislative leadership and Governor Polics. He reiterated that the commission may decide its own operating procedures and discussed the timeline for redistricting activities. He stated that to the extent that the procedures adopted by the commission conflict with the constitution, the commission could seek approval from the Colorado Supreme Court in advance.
- 02:11:00 PM Mr. Barry responded to questions from Commissioner Wilkes regarding the phrase "necessary census data."
- 02:12:51 PM Mr. Barry reviewed the constitutional deadlines and timelines for the redistricting process.
- 02:16:08 PM Mr. Barry and Commissioner Diawara further discussed the constitutional deadlines and the definition of "necessary census data" and the affect of the deadlines on the election calendar.
- 02:23:04 PM Commissioner Leone asked whether certain election-related deadlines were statutory. Mr. Barry responded that the deadlines are statutory and can be changed by the legislature. Mr. Barry responded to questions from the commission regarding the timing of the preliminary plan, the meetings that must be held in each congressional district on the preliminary plan, and the deadline to create the final plan.
- 02:28:00 PM Mr. Barry discussed census data, and explained the difference between the different types of data. Louis Pino, Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission Staff, further elaborated. Discussion continued about the American Community Survey data and how it differs from the census redistricting data.
- 02:39:13 PM Mr. Barry discussed the purpose of the preliminary plan and how it could be used in the public hearing process. Jessika Shipley, Staff Director, Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission Staff, discussed the commission's upcoming briefings on census data and election timelines.



- 02:41:58 PM Commissioner Kelly discussed the term "necessary census data" and the need to request guidance from the Colorado Supreme Court. Commissioner Coleman discussed the release of census data and the availability of reapportionment data in April 2021.
- 02:49:08 PM The chair announced the formation of subcommittees. The chair appointed Commissioner Diawara, Commissioner Leone, and Commissioner Tafoya to a subcommittee to explore the hiring of outside counsel. Chair Moore appointed Commissioner Coleman, chair, Commissioner Brawner, and Commissioner Kelly to a subcommittee to manage and review public comments. Commissioner Espinoza was added to the committee.
- 02:54:21 PM Chair Moore discussed the formation of the Map Creation Subcommittee, and Commissioners Schell, Wilkes, and Shepherd Macklin were appointed to the subcommittee. The commission members further discussed the Map Creation Subcommittee. Commissioner Leone asked whether the subcommittee meetings need to be noticed and open to the public. Mr. Barry said he believed the subcommittees would be subject to Colorado's Open Meetings Law, but that he would do some research and get back to the commissioners.
- 02:59:33 PM The commission members further discussed the Map Creation Subcommittee and how the subcommittee would work in conjunction with the requirements for staff to prepare maps.
- 03:02:17 PM The commission discussed the subcommittees and the role of the public comment subcommittee.

## Discussion of Alternative Data Sources - Committee Discussion Only

- 03:06:06 PM Elizabeth Garner, Colorado State Demographer, began the presentation regarding data available for the redistricting process. She discussed the various options that states are exploring to begin the redistricting process.
- 03:07:59 PM Louis Pino, Colorado Independent Commission Redistricting Staff, responded to questions. Ms. Garner responded to questions regarding the difference between the American Community Survey data and the full census data.
- 03:18:41 PM Commission discussion continued regarding the data and communities of interest. The commission members specifically discussed the release of reapportionment data in April. Ms. Garner discussed the legacy census data and how it will be processed. She further discussed the reapportionment count, which will be released in April. This data will tell Colorado whether they are getting an eight congressional district. Ms. Garner further stated that this data will not be helpful to map congressional districts.
- 03:26:35 PM Commission discussion continued regarding the census count and procedures, and Mr. Pino responded to questions from committee regarding counts of homeless individuals, jail populations, and noncitizens.
- 03:43:10 PM Commissioner Leone asked if the staff could prepare a preliminary map using the reapportionment data, and Mr. Pino responded. The commission discussed whether a preliminary plan could be prepared prior to the release of full census data.

## New Business - Committee Discussion Only

- 04:03:32 PM Vice-chair Hare discussed adding another weekly commission meeting. She suggested that the commission add an additional weekly meeting on Wednesdays from 2 pm to 4pm beginning on April 7.
- 04:06:13 PM The commissioners further discussed training for the mapping software. The commission returned to the discussion of meeting times, agreeing to move any committee votes to Monday commission meetings. The commission members discussed finding a date to schedule a full-day training. Julia Jackson, Colorado Independent Redistricting Commission Staff, clarified the elements of the training program.
- 04:13:07 PM Commissioner Schell asked that the commission consider rules of procedure at its next meeting. Commissioner Wilkes asked for training documentation to be provided in advance.
- 04:18:06 PM The committee adjourned.

