

Private
STAFF SUMMARY OF MEETING

OTHER COMMITTEE COMMITTEE ON INDEPENDENT CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

Date 06/28/2021
Time 02:05:42 PM to 04:02:18 PM
Place HCR 0112
This Meeting was called to order by Jolie Brawner
This Report was prepared by Julia Jackson

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

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

Hearing Items	Action Taken
Questions on Preliminary Plan	Committee Discussion Only
Reports from Committees	Committee Discussion Only

Questions on Preliminary Plan - Committee Discussion Only

- 02:08:25 PM Commissioner Brawner called the meeting to order. Meeting materials are available here: <https://coleg.box.com/s/c6snq2roxd7wf1c2afwxleaq5temvbf>
- 02:10:01 PM The commission discussed the preliminary congressional plan, which was originally presented on June 23, 2021.
- 02:11:01 PM Commissioner Wilkes questioned the reason for keeping most of Denver and El Paso Counties in single districts, when they were over the target population anyway. Jeremiah Barry, Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions staff, responded to this question.
- 02:12:46 PM Commissioner Moore commented on the preliminary plan, noting that it is preliminary and stating that he was pleased to see the attention the plan generated.
- 02:13:53 PM Commissioner Schell commented on the plan, stating that the preliminary map appears to have taken public comments into account. She asked about the decisions that went into setting the edges of District 3. Mr. Barry noted that some of the border shape is a result of the way census blocks were drawn.
- 02:16:35 PM Commissioner Leone asked about staff's decisions about keeping political subdivisions together. Mr. Barry explained that the constitution gives equal weight to political subdivisions and communities of interest. Commissioner Wilkes responded to this conversation.
- 02:21:30 PM Commissioner Coleman asked about whole political subdivisions and whole communities of interest. Mr. Barry noted the distinction between the constitutional requirements for the congressional and legislative commissions regarding political subdivisions.
- 02:25:41 PM Commissioners discussed the desirability of splitting large jurisdictions more than once.
- 02:26:25 PM Mr. Barry responded to a question from Commissioner Kelly about compactness.
- 02:27:19 PM Commissioners Moore and Coleman and Mr. Barry commented on county splits.
- 02:32:03 PM Commissioner Shepherd Macklin commented on the supporting materials for the preliminary plan, available on the commission's website.



Reports from Committees - Committee Discussion Only

- 02:34:25 PM Commissioner Coleman presented the report of the Public Comment, Outreach, and Communities of Interest Committee. She provided information about public comments received in June.
- 02:53:05 PM Commissioners questioned Commissioner Coleman about the public comment report and about how to respond to public comments. Discussion continued about the public comment committee's role in analyzing the comments. Julia Jackson, Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions staff, noted that there are now filters available on the website to make the public comments easier to search.
- 03:11:07 PM Commissioner Shepherd Macklin reported on the work of the Public Hearings Schedule Committee. She discussed the committee's joint work with the Independent Legislative Redistricting Commission, and their efforts to provide standardized information to those attending the public hearings.
- 03:20:26 PM Commissioner Shepherd Macklin discussed promoting the public hearings, social media, and an intended flow for the hearings. Commissioner Brawner added that the committees gave staff some flexibility to find appropriate venues, which might mean changing some exact cities.
- 03:25:07 PM Commissioners commented on hearing locations and mask policies.
- 03:30:52 PM Commissioner Schell presented the report of the Map Analytics Committee. She discussed proposed committee rules, and she noted that the committee will receive some training on Esri Redistricting on July 1 and 6.
- 03:33:36 PM Commissioner Schell described the Map Analytics Committee's process of reviewing map submissions from members of the public.
- 03:41:11 PM Commissioners Leone and Schell discussed the commission's timelines going forward. Commissioner Leone discussed his goals regarding completing a congressional map for submission to the Colorado Supreme Court.
- 03:48:10 PM Commissioner Schell wrapped up her committee report. Jessika Shipley, Colorado Independent Redistricting Commissions staff, and Mr. Barry responded to various issues raised by Commissioner Leone about the commission timeline.
- 03:56:30 PM Commissioner Moore noted that commissioners should plan to bring their laptops and power cords to the public hearings.
- 04:02:18 PM The committee adjourned.

