

Redistricting Commission Minutes

Minutes of the Redistricting Commission meeting on Friday, January 28, 2011

A. CALL TO ORDER

The Redistricting Commission met in the conference room adjacent the Commission Office on Friday, January 28, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. with Slade Gorton presiding as Acting Chair.

The following members were: Present: Dean Foster, Tim Ceis, Slade Gorton, Tom Huff.
Absent: None.

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the meeting of Tuesday, January 18, 2011 were presented to the Chair for approval. By unanimous consent the minutes were approved.

C. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

Tim Ceis recommended Lura Powell for appointment to the position of Chair. Motion was made by Tim Ceis and duly seconded for Lura Powell to address the Commission.

Lura Powell explained her background and qualifications then welcomed the opportunity to serve as Chair.

Motion was made by Tom Huff, duly seconded and carried to appoint Lura Powell as Chair. In favor: Dean Foster, Tim Ceis, Slade Gorton, Tom Huff. Against: None.

D. OTHER BUSINESS

Slade Gorton reported on NCSL conference then praised the bipartisan Commission system in Washington State.

Tim Ceis asked the Commission's Assistant Attorney General, Rusty Fallis, a point of order if Lura Powell could Chair the remaining meeting or if she needed to be sworn in first. Rusty Fallis advised that Slade Gorton continue as Acting Chair and that Lura Powell be sworn after the Commission meeting adjourned.

E. SCHEDULING OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Rusty Fallis advised the Commission that pursuant to its administrative rules it is to hold regular meetings from April through December. Notice must be published in the state register of these meetings as soon as possible.

The Commission agreed that regular meetings should be held on the second Tuesday of each

month at 10:30am in the Redistricting Commission office during the months of April through December, 2011.

No official motion was made as all Commissioners decided to first consult their schedules. Special meetings will be held as needed to conduct business during the months of February and March.

F. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Slade Gorton informed the Commission that caucus staff had begun to collect resumes for an Executive Director. Three resumes had been passed on by caucus staff with the advisement of no recommendation.

Motion is made by Slade Gorton to create an "Executive Director" subcommittee composed of Dean Foster and Tom Huff to work with Lura Powell to select an Executive Director for Commission consideration. The motion is duly seconded and carried. In favor: Dean Foster, Tim Ceis, Slade Gorton, Tom Huff. Against: None.

Tim Ceis asks Rusty Fallis a point of clarification regarding the Executive Director. Rusty Fallis advised that the Chair can make recommendations regarding an Executive Director but the Commission must formally approve the selection of an Executive Director by public vote.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment was received from John Milem

H. CLOSING REMARKS

Slade Gorton suggested that counsel consider whether multi-member state house districts as required by state statute are likely to create legal risk to any redistricting plan. Dean Foster cautioned against anticipating legal action while drawing plans.

Commission announced Lura Powell would be sworn in at the Secretary of State office directly following adjournment.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There being no need to convene an executive session at this time, no executive session was held.

J. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 11:08 a.m.