



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission
October 11, 2011

Hearing Room 4, John A. Cherberg Building, 304 15th Ave, Olympia, Washington
Broadcast and Webcast Live on TVW

Commission Members Present:

Lura Powell, Chair
Tim Ceis

Dean Foster
Slade Gorton

Tom Huff

Commission Members Absent:

None

Commission Staff Present:

Bonnie Bunning
Heather Boe
Cathy Cochran

Rachel Gay
Genevieve O'Sullivan
Nick Pharris

Ryan Wilke

Other Attendees:

David Anderson, We Plan
Susana B., OneAmerica/Ileap
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus
Andrea Brooks, WinWin Network
James W. Burrows, Citizen, Burien
Cherry Cayabyab, WinWin Network
George Cheung, United for Fair
Representation
Thad Duvall, Douglas County Auditor
Steve Garrett, Senate/House Democratic
Caucus'
Estelle Gwinn, The Columbian
Matt Hamilton, Citizen, Graham
Tom Hilyard, United for Fair Representation
March Johnson-Hall, Pierce County
Elections
Harry Korrell, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP
Doug Levy, Cities of Renton, Puyallup, and
Redmond

Randall Lewis, City of Tacoma
Akemi Matsumoto, Asian Pacific Islander
American's for Civic Empowerment
John Milem, Citizen
Ryan Moore, Senate Republicans Caucus
Mutsa Mukom, OneAmerica
Libby Nieland, Office of Secretary of State
Carmetrus Parker, Citizen, Tacoma
Maria Elena Montes de Oca Ricks, Spanish
Interpreter
Doug Roulstone, Citizen
John Seidl, Citizen, Graham
Kelly Singh, Senate Republican Caucus
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus
K-Y Su, House Republican Caucus
David Valiant, Pierce County Elections
Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus
Ada Williams Prince, OneAmerica
Kelly Wright, Citizen, Marysville

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair. Commissioner Dean Foster suggested a change to the agenda moving the Matters Pertaining to Redistricting item to after public comment. The change was agreed to by other Commissioners. Chair Powell opened the business portion of the meeting with a brief

description of the multiple options available for the public to participate in the public comment portion of the agenda.

2. APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for September 13, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Gorton moved to approve the minutes.

In favor: Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

Against: None.

3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director, Bonnie Bunning, provided an update on Commission staff changes, the 2011 budget, and a summary of public comments on the first round of draft plans. (See packet for details.)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Kelly Wright, Marysville
John Seidl, Graham
Carmetrus Parker, Tacoma-Pierce
County Black Elective
Nansen Malin (online comment)
Amanda Taub (online comment)
George Cheung
Randall Lewis, Tacoma
Akemi Matsumoto, APACE
John Milem
Matt Hamilton, Graham
Thad Duvall, Auditor's Association

Mary Johnson-Hall, Pierce County
Auditor
Gloria Hirashima (online comment)
Ada Williams Prince, One America
Doug Roulstone, Citizen
Sue Lani Madsen (online comment)
David Anderson
Doug Levy
Neal Traven (online comment)
Amanda Taub (online comment)
Marissa Beach (online comment)
Nansen Malin (online comment)

A transcript of the public testimony will be published on the Commission's website at <http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/pastmeetings.asp> and can be viewed as a broadcast at <http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?evid=2011100001&TYPE=V&CFID=8292666&CFTOKEN=64089744&bhcp=1>.

5. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

Ms. Bunning presented proposed resolutions for final congressional and legislative plan adoption to the commissioners for review.

Ms. Bunning mentioned that based on testimony received today, that there might be some issues with section 4.

Commissioner Gorton mentioned that there was an error in section 3 of the congressional resolution where it references legislative districts instead of congressional districts. He also shared concerns raised during public comment about section 4a about equalizing population. He questioned the meaning of a non-inclusive district in section 4b and said the intent might have been adjacent instead of non-inclusive.

Commissioner Dean Foster said that Sec. 4 of the document is intended to give direction to the Secretary of State or county auditors on how to deal with errors in our plan. He recommended that Rusty Fallis, counsel to the Commission, look at what other states do and that we ask the Secretary of State what the boiler plate language should say to help correct errors, since no decision is required of the Commission at this time. Assistant Attorney General, Rusty Fallis, said he would be happy to look at what other states do.

Commissioner Tim Ceis suggested the county auditors could review section 4 and provide suggestions on language to make this section clearer and easier to use.

Other Matters

Commissioner Gorton mentioned that the legislative session will begin on November 28. He suggested that the Commission's goal of completing the consensus maps should be no later than November 15 to allow the county auditors a chance to suggest corrections prior to the final plan being submitted to the Legislature. Commissioner Tom Huff concurred with Commissioner Gorton and added that the legislative districts could be done in October and the Congressional districts done if possible by November 15. Chair Powell said we will try to stick as close as possible to the target around the November 8 meeting but aim for no later than November 15. Commissioner Foster cautioned that in spite of the early November target, the Commission might need more time as there is a lot more work to do.

Commissioner Foster suggested a recess to caucus on next steps and suggested reconvening at 1:30 p.m.

The Commission reconvened at 1:36 p.m.

Commissioner Gorton said that the Commissioners would like to do their level best to narrow the four legislative plans to two plans—one republican and one democrat. He said the Commissioners would like to meet at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, October 14, 2011 to reveal the two new draft plans. Commissioner Foster asked what steps were involved in setting up the meeting. Commissioner Powell indicated that at a minimum the Commission would need to provide 24 hours' notice to the media and the ListServe, and post it on the Commission website. Ms. Bunning said the DAHP conference room in the same building as the Commission's office is available for the Commission's use. The Commission agreed to hold the October 14 meeting at that location.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.