



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission Special Meeting

November 29, 2011

Hearing Room 4, John A. Cherberg Building, 304 15th Ave, Olympia, Washington

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

Genevieve O'Sullivan
Rachel Gay

Nick Pharris
Ryan Wilke

Other Attendees:

David Anderson, Citizen
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus
Jerry Cornfield, The Everett Herald
Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Garrett, Senate/House Democratic
Caucus'
Rachel La Corte, Associated Press

Ryan Moore, Senate Republicans Caucus
Jan Ross, VFCW 141
Doug Roulstone, Citizen
Kelly Singh, Senate Republicans Caucus
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus
K-Y Su, House Republican Caucus
Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:31 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

2. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

o Bi-partisan subcommittee reports

Commissioner Foster said he and Commissioner Tom Huff have met three or four times since the last meeting and are still exchanging plans, maps, and ideas. They continue to make progress, but are not there yet. Commissioner Huff said some areas have been difficult to resolve and are in need of fixing. So far they have made nominal progress. Commissioner Foster noted that he greatly appreciates the effort it takes for Commissioner Huff and for the staff who live in Seattle to come to work in Olympia, but it is necessary because the equipment is located there.

Commissioner Slade Gorton said he and Commissioner Tim Ceis have met or talked every day since the last meeting except on Thanksgiving Day. He said he had hoped for a

proposal by this time, but they're at an impasse right now. They will see if they can continue to make progress this coming week. Commissioner Ceis said he agreed but thought impasse was too strong a word. He said as they narrow down to fewer districts compromise gets more challenging. They have identified the areas of disagreement and will work to find a way to resolve them.

○ **Plan for moving forward**

Chair Powell asked for suggestions on a plan or timeline for moving forward.

Commissioner Huff said they will continue to make every effort. He and Commissioner Foster are going to meet again this afternoon and hope to make more progress.

Commissioner Foster said he didn't think changing the process at this point would be any help. He noted that they have met many more times this decade than they did a decade ago by this time, and assured everyone they are being mindful of the January 1 deadline.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Doug Roulstone

A transcript of the public testimony will be published on the Commission's website at <http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/forums.asp> and can be viewed as a webcast at http://www.tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2011110074

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.