



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission Special Meeting
December 6, 2011

Hearing Room 2, John A. Cherberg Building, 304 15th Ave, Olympia, Washington
Webcast Live on TVW

Commission Members Present:

Lura Powell, Chair	Dean Foster	Tom Huff
Tim Ceis	Slade Gorton (phone)	

Commission Members Absent:

None

Commission Staff Present:

Bonnie Bunning (online)	Genevieve O'Sullivan	Nick Pharris
Heather Boe	Rachel Gay	Ryan Wilke

Other Attendees:

Libby Nieland, OSOS	K-Y Su, House Republican Caucus
David Anderson, Citizen	Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus
Kelly Singh, Senate Republicans Caucus	Brad Shannon, The Olympia
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus	Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus	
Steve Garrett, Senate/House Democratic Caucus	

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:32 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

2. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 22, 2011 AND NOVEMBER 29, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for November 22, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Huff moved to approve the minutes.

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

Against: None.

The minutes for November 29, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Foster moved to approve the minutes.

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

Against: None.

3. POINT OF PERSONAL PRIVILEGE

Commissioner Foster paid tribute to Joan Thomas who passed away last week. She sat on the board of the League of Women Voters and later became president of the board. Through her work with the League, she strongly pushed for redistricting reform and yet, was always trusted by both political parties to represent the League of Women Voters. Her work on the redistricting process had a lot to do with the commission system we have today.

Commissioner Gorton concurred that Joan Thomas will be sorely missed.

4. CONTRACT FOR MAP DESIGN ASSISTANCE

Ryan Wilke reviewed the contract for personal services between the state of Washington Redistricting Commission and Luis Prado for graphic design assistance with the final map production.

Motion: Commissioner Foster moved to approve the personal services contract as presented in the packets.

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

Against: None.

5. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Tim Ceis reported that the Senate subcommittee has narrowed their differences down further with just a couple of issues to be resolved. He said he is hopeful that they can work out the details this week. Commissioner Gorton agreed.

Commissioner Huff said they continue to make nominal gains with a few bottle necks but thinks this will be a critical week. Chair Powell asked if they would have something concrete next week. Commissioner Foster said they will continue to try hard this week and hope to have something to report back next week.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Anderson

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://tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2011120020.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.