



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission Meeting
December 31, 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 Dean Foster Tom Huff
Tim Ceis Slade Gorton

Commission Members Absent:

None

Commission Staff Present:

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

Other Attendees:

David Anderson, Citizen Joann Poysky, Citizen
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus Amy Ruble, House of Representatives
Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus
Steven Garrett, House/Senate Democratic Jim Troyer, Senate Republican Caucus
Caucus' David Valiant, Pierce County Elections
John Milem, Citizen Emily Walters, House Democratic Caucus
Ryan Moore, Senate Republican Caucus

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:38: a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

Commissioner Tim Ceis read some of the comments received through email and the Website.

2. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

Mr. Nick Pharris, Commission Staff, reviewed the presentation about auditor and public comments on the congressional proposal.

The Commission recessed from 11:38 a.m. and reconvened at 1:42 p.m.

Ms. Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director, reviewed outstanding items the Commission will need to do to meet statutory requirements.

Mr. Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General, suggested language to be considered on the draft resolution. Chair Powell called for questions or comments. Commissioner Dean Foster had a question on page four. Commissioner Slade Gorton questioned population deviation.

Mr. Pharris reviewed additional changes.

Commissioner Tim Ceis requested a recess at 1:55 for 30 minutes and to reconvene at 2:30 p.m. The recess was extended until 4:30 p.m. The Commission reconvened at 6:09 p.m.

Commissioner Ceis proposed a reconciliation for Milton, the 30th and 31st. Commissioners Gorton and Foster supported the proposal. Commissioner Tom Huff agreed but would like to see a map first. Commissioner Ceis said staff will work on reconciliation. Milton will go to the 10th not the 9th.

Commissioner Ceis suggested a recess at 6:16 p.m. and to reconvene at 7:30 p.m. Commission reconvened at 10:11 p.m.

Commissioner Foster presented a proposal for Eastern Washington that combines comments from the last three or four days. The proposal puts southern parts of Spokane in District 9. The proposed map keeps the city of Spokane in two legislative districts rather than three. The proposal also combines the cities Airway Heights, Medical Lake, and Cheney into the 6th district, which is compact. It puts Spokane County in five legislative districts where three are full legislative districts. In Yakima County, the 15th it is a little over 54% Hispanic, a district that is fairly compact. Lincoln County becomes whole in the 13th district. A lot of the county lines continue to be intact.

Commissioner Huff thanked the staff and suggested that the Commission vote on reconciliation first tomorrow before Eastern Washington.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

A transcript of this meeting 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=2011120098.