



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission Meeting
December 27, 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

Genevieve O'Sullivan
Rachel Gay

Nick Pharris
Ryan Wilke

Other Attendees:

David Anderson, Citizen
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus
Cherry Cayabyab, Win/Win Network
Jerry Cornfield, Everett Herald
Rick Dewitt, Democrats
Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General
Steve Garrett, House/Senate Democratic
Caucus'

Jim K., Citizen
John Milem, Citizen
Joann Poysky, Citizen
Brad Shannon, The Olympian
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus
Jim Troyer, Senate Republican Caucus
Emily Walters, Senate 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 DECEMBER 20, 2011 AND DECEMBER 22, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for December 20, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Tom Huff moved to approve the minutes.

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

Against: None.

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

Motion: Commissioner Slade Gorton moved to approve the minutes.

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

Against: None.

3. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Dean Foster stated that the House subcommittee has met several times and exchanged several maps. He said they would meet after the meeting today.

Commissioner Tom Huff said he thought they were closer and were within five and a half days of completion. He said negotiations continue but they have had a couple of sticking points. He said he hoped they could come to a conclusion today so that the commission can complete its work before January 1.

Commissioner Tim Ceis stated that the Senate subcommittee was continuing to work on the congressional maps and have exchanged many phone calls and proposals. He said he thought they were closer than the last time and planned to meet after this meeting. He suggested taking a recess instead of adjourning.

Commissioner Slade Gorton agreed with Commissioner Ceis. He said he thought there was a good chance that he and Commissioner Ceis could reach an agreement within a couple of hours. He thought it would be a great advantage to get maps out to the auditors and the public.

The commissioners discussed and agreed to taking a two hour recess until 1 p.m. and scheduling an additional meeting for Wednesday, December 28 at 11 a.m. Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General (AAG), stated that he will not be available for a meeting on Thursday, December 29 but another AAG could be available if needed. The commissioners decided to take public comment before taking a recess.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Sue Lani Madsen (Online)
David Valiant (Online)
Cherry Cayabyab, Win Win Network
Mike B (Online)
Jonathan Fox (Online)

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=2011120022.

The Commission recessed at 10:52 a.m. and reconvened at 2:30 p.m.

5. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING (CONTINUED)

Commissioner Gorton said that he and Commissioner Ceis have reached an agreement on the congressional proposal. He said they didn't have maps at this point because the plan is only a few minutes old, but would have the staff work to get it out tomorrow, December 28.

Commissioner Ceis agreed. And said the proposal will be ready tomorrow for the 11 a.m. meeting. He said he hopes the other Commissioners will see it as a good, fair, equal plan. He said they would share the details of the proposal at tomorrow's meeting.

Commissioner Huff said he thought that was very good and that he and Commissioner Foster weren't quite ready. He said that they had some issues they were still working on and that they should have good news tomorrow.

Commissioner Foster said he was confident that they will have something to announce tomorrow, but they didn't have it ready yet and they didn't have as close of an agreement as the other commissioners had.

Commissioners discussed and agreed to scheduling additional meetings for Thursday, December 29 and Friday, December 30 at 10:30 each day.

Commissioner Foster suggested letting the auditors know that Friday might be a busy day for them. Ms. Bonnie Bunning said she would make that happen when the meeting was concluded.

Ms. Bunning reminded commissioners that she handed out another draft of the Final Report to the Legislature for their review. She said there are two sections that need their attention.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)

Rick Dewitt, Citizen, Mill Creek

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2:39 p.m.