



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission Meeting  
December 28, 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, The Everett Herald  
Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General  
Steven Garrett, House/Senate Democratic  
Caucus  
Brian Johnson, KOMO News  
John McCoy, Representative, 38<sup>th</sup> District

John Milem, Citizen  
Nate Miles  
Ryan Moore, Senate Republican Caucus  
Joann Poysky, Citizen  
Kelly Singh, Senate Republican Caucus  
Jim Troyer, Senate Republican Caucus  
Amy Ruble, House of Representatives  
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus  
Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

**2. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING**

Commissioners Gorton and Ceis revealed the draft congressional map that the Senate subcommittee has been working on.

Chair Powell noted that there are multiple criteria that the Commission needs to follow when developing plans and thanked the senate team for their hard work.

Commissioners Foster and Huff requested a recess to continue their negotiations.

Commissioner Ceis suggested and the other commissioners agreed to accept public comment before recessing.

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Cherry Cayabyab, United for Fair Representation, Win/Win Network  
Nate Miles, Win/Win Network

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=2011120097](http://tvw.org/index.php?option=com_tvwplayer&eventID=2011120097).

The Commission recessed at 11:23 to reconvene at 12:30 p.m. The recess was extended until 1 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 1:20 p.m.

#### **4. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Foster said he and Commissioner Huff were at an impasse in the Eastern Washington negotiations. He said that he notified Commissioner Huff 30 minutes ago that he would be presenting a map to the entire Commission. With only three days left before the deadline for submission of plans, he felt that the Commission should work together to draw an Eastern Washington map that would be satisfactory to everybody.

Commissioner Huff said he did not agree that they were at an impasse, but stated that he will present a map as well. He felt that the majority of work done was good work, but stated that they are hung up in a couple of districts. Chair Powell asked when the maps will be ready. Both Commissioners Foster and Huff said they have their maps ready.

Commissioners Foster and Huff presented their maps.

The Commission recessed at 1:41 p.m. to reconvene at 2:15 p.m. The meeting reconvened at 2:24 p.m.

Commissioner Huff requested to adjourn. Chair Powell asked if there was any further discussion on the motion of adjourning by Commissioner Huff. Commissioner Ceis said he does not accept that motion and that he also has a map he would like to place on the table. He asked for the city and county split data from Commissioner Huff. Commissioner Gorton said he was glad to have the extra information and would like to see them resolve the issues tomorrow.

Commissioner Ceis asked Mr. Nick Pharris, Commission Staff, if the maps presented today were available online. Mr. Pharris confirmed.

Chair Powell pointed out all the comments from today will be available for the commissioners.

Commissioner Foster said other thing left on the table is reconciliation. He hoped they would get a full presentation from Mr. Pharris with the public and auditors suggestions.

#### **ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.