



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

MEETING MINUTES

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Fernandez Ponds
John Russ
Ramesses Surban

Thursday, January 14, 2021, 2:00 PM

- 1. Called to Order at 2:00 p.m.**
- 2. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Commission Members David Bame, Colleen Brown, Amy Caterina, Chris Chen, Sonia Diaz, Elidia Dostal, Carmen-Rosette Garcia, Barbara Hansen, Kenneth Inman, Kristina Kruglyak, Arvid Larson, Fernandez Ponds, John Russ, Ramesses Surban; and Andrew Potter, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.

(Note for the record: California Governor Gavin Newsom issued Executive Order N-29-20 on March 17, 2020, relating to the convening of public meetings in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and to maintain the orderly conduct of the meeting, all members of the Independent Redistricting Commission attended the meeting via teleconference and participated in the meeting to the same extent as if they were present.)

- 3. Non-Agenda Public Communication:** Members of the public may address the Independent Redistricting Commission on subject matters within the Commission's jurisdiction, but not an item on this agenda. Each speaker is limited to two minutes.

Jonathan Mehta Stein spoke to the Commission to urge them to act independently and transparently, to refrain from making major decisions about their processes until they have received extensive training on best practices, and to offer information about the State's Independent Redistricting Commission and potential delays in the release of census data.

Jamila Mohammed spoke to the Commission to a request the meeting agendas be posted earlier than the Brown Act deadline and to request a dial in telephone number for public comment that is monitored in real time.

Jeanine Erikat spoke to the Commission to request that staff post agendas earlier and to request a dial in telephone number for public comment.

Lori Thiel spoke to the Commission regarding transparency and ease of interaction with the Commission.

Joann Fields spoke to the Commission to request the meeting agendas be posted earlier and shared with the media.

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Comments were heard and referred to staff.

4. Approval of Minutes from the December 18, 2020 Regular Meeting

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Diaz, the Commission approved the Minutes from the December 18, 2020 Regular Meeting.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Diaz, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

Absent: Chen

5. Discussion and Possible Adoption of the 2021 Redistricting Timeline

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Russ, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the timeline as an initial framework and a living document, including the entire package presented to the Commission, which contains a modified timeline that accounts for planning ahead and potential census data release delays.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Diaz, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

Absent: Chen

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item:

- Jeanine Erikat
- Lori Thiel
- Yasmeen Obeid
- Lori Shellenberger
- David Lagstein

6. Discussion and Possible Adoption of the Regular Meeting Schedule

ACTION 6.1:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission moved to adopt the regular meeting schedule as proposed by staff.

No action. (A substitute motion was made.)

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ACTION 6.2:

ON SUBSTITUTE MOTION of Commissioner Ponds, seconded by Commissioner Inman, the Commission adopted the dates in the regular meeting schedule as proposed by staff of the second and fourth Thursdays of each month, with alternating meeting start times of 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., and specifying that the next meeting on January 28, 2021 will start at 5:30 p.m.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item:

- Jeanine Erikat

7. Discussion and Possible Action on Subcommittees

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Surban, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission requested staff report back to the Commission with a list of suggested Ad Hoc and Standing Subcommittees, including a review of the Subcommittees for other similar independent redistricting commissions in the state of California and the implications on Commission resources.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

Absent: Dostal

8. Discussion and Provide Direction on Commission Training

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Caterina, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission adopted the proposed training topics as presented by staff and added a request for training on the budget and exposure to potential lawsuits.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Russ, Surban

NOES: Ponds

Absent: Dostal

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item:

- Jeanine Erikat

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- Kim Knox

9. Update Discussion and Possible Action on Competitive Procurement Process for Demographic/Mapping Services and Public Outreach Services

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Kruglyak, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission formed an Ad Hoc Subcommittee of six Commissioners (Brown, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Russ) and directed them to work with staff and legal counsel to develop a third option for issuing Requests for Proposals that incorporates an Industry Day, and then present their recommendation to the full Independent Redistricting Commission at the next regular meeting on January 28, 2021.

AYES: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Diaz, Garcia, Hansen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

Absent: Dostal

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item:

- Jeanine Erikat
- Kim Knox
- Yasmeen Obeid

10. Future Agenda Items/Next Meeting

Suggestions for future agenda items and/or follow-up questions for County staff that were proposed by IRC members included:

- Team building ideas
- Public outreach prior to the hiring of an outreach consultant
- Review public safety and security for Commission meetings held in public spaces once in-person meetings resume
- Rotation of the Chair
- Options for random order voting on agenda items
- Formation of a Budget Subcommittee
- Email retention policy

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Pursuant to Article III, Section 6 of the *Bylaws and Operating Procedures of the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission*, staff identified a total of 23 members of the public present during the meeting.

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ANDREW POTTER
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of San Diego, State of California

NOTE: These Minutes set forth all actions taken by the County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission on the matters stated, but not necessarily the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Supporting documentation and attachments for items listed on this agenda can be viewed online at www.sdcountry.ca.gov/redistricting or in the Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the County Administration Center, 1600 Pacific Highway, Room 402, San Diego, CA 92101.

Approved by the Commission: January 28, 2021