



COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

Independent Redistricting Commission

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MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, May 13, 2021, 2:00 pm

I. Called to Order at 2:01 p.m.

II. 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, Rameses Surban; and David Hall, Clerk.

(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.)

III. 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.

Jean-Huy Tran, Joshua Piedra, Piggy Rock, Shay Miller and Candice Custodio-Tan spoke to the Commission regarding the importance of upholding the Voting Rights Act including in the process of selecting a demographic consultant.

Comments were heard and referred to staff.

IV. Commission Business

1. Approval of Minutes from the April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 5, 2021 Special Meeting

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Larson, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved the Minutes from the April 22, 2021 Regular Meeting and May 5, 2021 Special Meeting.

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

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2. Report from the Redistricting Outreach and Communication Ad Hoc Committee

Co-Vice Chair Garcia provided an informational update on the Educational Tour Plan and the current version of the PowerPoint presentation.

3. Training: “Delivering and Facilitating Effective Presentations” by Karen Harris, County of San Diego Knowledge Center

Karen Harris, a Staff Development Coordinator for the County’s Health & Human Services Agency, provided a presentation on, “Delivering and Facilitating Effective Presentations.”

4. Discussion and Possible Approval of the Redistricting Budget Recommendation from the Budget Ad Hoc Committee

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Ponds, the Commission approved an increase in the San Diego County Independent Redistricting Commission Budget in the amount of \$467,500 to \$1,217,500 and directed staff to request from the San Diego County Board of Supervisors an additional funding allocation in the amount of \$467,500.

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

5. Discussion of the Following Alternatives from the Budget Ad Hoc Committee for Independent Redistricting Commission (IRC) Consideration: 1) Possible Expansion of the Role of the Ad Hoc Committee to Include Developing Processes for Additional Financial Oversight; or 2) Possible Creation of a Treasurer Role to Include Additional Budgeting and Financial Oversight; or 3) Possible Creation of a Budget and Finance Standing Committee

Co-Vice Chair Caterina provided an update on the IRC Ad Hoc Committee on Budget and presented several financial oversight alternatives for the Commission’s consideration.

6. Receive Report of Research Performed by the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee (AHC) and Possible Action on Motion(s) Authorizing the AHC to Work With the IRC Chair on Language and to Take All Appropriate Actions to Propose to the Legislative Author of SB 594 (Glazer) Amendments Applicable to the

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2021 Redistricting of the County of San Diego to; 1) Extend IRC Map Adoption Deadline Up to and Including January 31, 2022; 2) Permit the IRC to Use the California Statewide Database User Friendly Version of Census Legacy Format PL 94 Data to Produce Draft Maps Starting 21 Days After the Release by the California Statewide Database; and 3) Require IRC to Update All Draft Maps Using the Official Redistricting Database Which Includes the Allocation of Incarcerated Persons When Released by California Statewide Database and Use That Data for All Future Mapping

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Russ, the Commission authorized the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee to work with the Independent Redistricting Commission Chair on language, and to take all appropriate actions to propose to the legislative author of SB 594 amendments applicable to the 2021 redistricting of the County of San Diego to:

- 1) Extend the deadline for the Independent Redistricting Commission to adopt a redistricting plan, up to and including January 31, 2021;
- 2) Permit the Independent Redistricting Commission to release draft maps of supervisorial districts three weeks after receipt of, and based on, a block-level redistricting database created by the Statewide Database from the legacy-formatted Census data, to be released by the Census Bureau in August 2021;
- 3) Require the Independent Redistricting Commission to immediately update all draft maps of supervisorial districts after the block-level redistricting database, required by subdivision (b) of Section 8253 of the Government Code, is first made publicly available, and for that database to be used for all future mapping.

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

The following individual addressed the Commission on this item:

- Mary Thompson, League of Women Voters

7. Future Agenda Items

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

- Sequencing of the agenda to begin with the most important matters
- Links from the IRC website to map drawing tools
- Voting Rights Act training
- Closed Session
- “Point of Contact” discussion
- Clarification of ex-parte communication rules

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There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 5:44 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 21 members of the public present during the meeting.

DAVID HALL
Clerk of the Independent Redistricting Commission
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.sdcounty.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: May 27, 2021