



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

## Independent Redistricting Commission

### MEETING MINUTES

#### COMMISSIONERS

David Bame, Chair  
Amy Caterina, Co-Vice Chair  
Rosette Garcia, Co-Vice Chair  
Colleen Brown  
Chris Chen  
Sonia Diaz  
Elidia Dostal  
Barbara Hansen  
Kenneth Inman  
Kristina Kruglyak  
Arvid Larson  
Fernandez Ponds  
John Russ  
Ramesses Surban

**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**Thursday, October 19, 2023, 5:30 PM**

**COUNTY OPERATIONS CENTER**  
**CAMPUS CENTER CHAMBER**  
**5520 OVERLAND AVENUE**  
**SAN DIEGO, CA 92123**

**1. Called to Order at 5:33 PM**

**2. Roll Call**

PRESENT: Commissioners David Bame, Colleen Brown, Amy Caterina, Chris Chen, Carmen-Rosette Garcia, Kenneth Inman, Kristina Kruglyak, Arvid Larson, Fernandez Ponds, John Russ, Ramesses Surban; and Andrew Potter, Clerk.

ABSENT: Commissioners Sonia Diaz, Elidia Dostal, Barbara Hansen

**3. Statement (just cause) and/or Consideration and Potential Approval of a Request to Participate Remotely (emergency circumstances) by a Commissioner, if applicable.**

None.

**4. Approval of Minutes from the May 8, 2023 Special Meeting**

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Larson, the Commission approved the minutes from the May 8, 2023 Special Meeting.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Hansen

**5. Update on the Budget for Commission Activities**

The Commission received an update on the budget for Commission activities as presented in the agenda packet.

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**6. Discussion and Possible Ratification of Extension of Contract for Demographer Services**

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Garcia, seconded by Commissioner Russ, the Commission ratified the extension and approved an extension contract with FLO Analytics for an additional year, through September 30, 2024, noting that the structure of the agreement remains unchanged with payments via task orders on an hourly rate for any needed services.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Hansen

**7. Discussion and Possible Approval of Amendment to the Contract for Legal Services with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley to Increase “Not to Exceed” Amount to \$800,000 and to Authorize the Chair to Execute Such Amendments on the Commission’s Behalf Consistent with this Authority**

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Chen, the Commission took the following actions:

1. Approved the amendment to the contract for legal services with Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley as presented by staff; and
2. Authorized the Chair to execute such amendment on the Commission’s behalf consistent with this authority; and
3. In accordance with Elections Code Section 21552(c)(8), requested the County to increase the appropriations in the IRC budget for the additional costs that are anticipated to be incurred for legal services.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Hansen

**8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Commissioner Participation in National Citizen Redistricting Commissioners Conference – December 11 and 12, 2023 in Los Angeles**

**ACTION:**

ON MOTION of Commissioner Ponds, seconded by Commissioner Russ, the Commission approved the following Commissioners to attend the National Citizen Redistricting Commissioner Conference on behalf of the Commission and authorized reimbursement for

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lodging, up to the GSA per diem rate, and mileage expenses: Commissioners Inman, Caterina, Garcia, Brown, Larson, Surban, Bame, Dostal, Diaz, and Hansen.

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

ABSENT: Diaz, Dostal, Hansen

**9. Recess to Closed Session**

The Commission recessed to Closed Session at 6:19 p.m. with the following Commissioners present during Closed Session: Bame, Brown, Caterina, Chen, Garcia, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ, Surban

**A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation**

(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)

Chaldean Coalition v. County of San Diego Independent Redistricting Commission;  
San Diego Superior Court, Case No. 37-2022-00008447-CU-WM-CTL

**10. Reconvene in Open Session**

The Clerk of the Commission reported the following actions: There were no reportable actions.

**11. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 7:25 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 that there was one (1) member of the public present during the meeting.

ANDREW POTTER

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.sdcountry.ca.gov/redistricting](http://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: April 28, 2025