



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
Rameses Surban

Thursday, August 12, 2021, 4:00 pm

- 1. Called to Order at 4:08 p.m. at Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92126**

- 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, 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, some 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.

No Speakers

- 4. Approval of Minutes from the July 29, 2021 Regular Meeting**

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Inman, seconded by Commissioner Russ, the Commission approved the Minutes from the July 29, 2021 Regular Meeting.

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

ABSTAIN: Surban

ABSENT: Dostal

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5. Pre-Mapping Public Hearing (TIME CERTAIN 5:30 pm)

The Pre-Mapping Public Hearing was called to order at 5:33 p.m. at Mira Mesa Senior Center, 8460 Mira Mesa Blvd, San Diego, CA 92126

- A. The Commission held an informational presentation
- B. The Commission received public comments

The following individuals addressed the Commission on this item:

- Hope Nelson
- Lindsay Lue
- Christine
- Crystal Irving
- Judah Coker
- Engelberto Macias
- Stacey
- Piggy/Christina
- Piggy/Daniel
- Kathy Steel

The Pre-Mapping Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

6. Public Outreach and Engagement Update and Discussion and Possible Approval of Public Outreach Plan Including Revised Schedule of Pre-Mapping Public Hearings Developed by Asian Business Association San Diego

ACTION:

ON MOTION of Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission approved, as amended orally during the meeting, the Public Outreach Plan including final schedule of pre-mapping public hearings as developed by ABASD and included with the agenda materials.

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

ABSENT: Dostal

7. Demographic Services Update and Training on Census Data by FLO Analytics

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Commissioner Ken Inman provided introductory remarks and John Mackenzie with the FLO Analytics team provided an update on subcontracting a Racially Polarized Voting Analysis (RPV) in support of the IRC's line-drawing work and training on census data .

8. Discussion and Possible Approval of Retaining Special Counsel and Instruction to Staff to Develop Selection Process for IRC Review and Approval

MOTION of Commissioner Hansen, seconded by Commissioner Surban to adopt the recommendation to hire a special counsel outside our normal firm to provide independent legal opinion about the sufficiency of our maps during the map making process.

AYES: Diaz, Caterina, Dostal, Garcia, Hansen, Surban

NAYS: Bame, Brown, Chen, Inman, Kruglyak, Larson, Ponds, Russ

Motion failed due to lack of nine votes.

Chair Bame instructed counsel and staff to prepare for the August 18 special meeting a more detailed presentation, drawing on today's discussion, for the IRC to retain a special counsel.

9. Introduction of County Staff

Barbara Jimenez introduced the Independent Redistricting Commission staff members.

10. Legislative Ad Hoc Committee Report

Commissioner Russ provided an informational update on SB 594 communication and the work of the Legislative Ad Hoc Committee.

11. Discussion Regarding Future Agenda Items for Upcoming IRC Meetings

Chair Bame provided comments and updates regarding items that had been raised previously by Commissioners

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

- Possibility of collaborating with other redistricting bodies in the region.

There being no further business, the Commission adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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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 60 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.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: August 26, 2021