



LANE COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Agenda

September 20, 2021
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

During the COVID-19 global pandemic, the Independent Redistricting Committee will be hosting their meetings remotely. The Chair will provide the opportunity for speakers during the public comment portion of the meeting. If you would prefer to give written public comments, please send to Judy.Williams@lanecountyor.gov and clearly indicate it as such.

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The following acts as a mechanism for conducting roll call and as a credentialing tool to identify how many of the 15 Regular members are present. In the case of an absence by one of the 15 Regular members, an Alternate would stand in and seated in the order they were ranked by the selection committee with all of the rights and privileges of any other Regular member.

Regular Members:			Alternate Members:	
Jennifer Waggoner (District 1)		Vincent Murphy (District 3)		1.Stefan Ostrach (District 4)
Alan Laisure (District 1)		James Torrey (District 4)		2.Laura Fenimore (District 4)
LaRece Rivera (District 1)		Linda Hamilton (District 4)		3.Ellen McKean (District 5)
Natalie Fisher (District 2)		Madison Newell (District 4)		
George Grier (District 2)		Tony Corcoran (District 5)		
Rebecca DesPrez (District 2)		Ashley Pelton (District 5)		
Morgan Munro (District 3)		Kevin Cronin (District 5)		
Natalie Dybens (District 3)	15	Total Regular Members		Total Alternates as Regular

Staff:

Judy Williams, IRC Liaison	Cheryl Betschart, County Clerk	Steve Dingle, County Counsel
Laura Holtgrieve, Minutes	Kyle Overstake, LCOG GIS	Bob Denouden, LCOG GIS

AGENDA

- 1) Call meeting to order
- 2) Introductions and credentialing (eligibility for rights and privileges of Regular member)
- 3) Public Comment
- 4) Approve Draft Minutes from September 10th Meeting
- 5) Other comments on Approved Bylaws
- 6) Roberts Rules
- 7) Subcommittee or Task Force Information and Decision: What is the purpose? Who is on it? When can they meet? (Judy/Chair)
- 8) Review current district boundary maps and population changes with 2020 census information (LCOG- Kyle)
- 9) Staff Updates



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Minutes – September 10, 2021

Regular Members:

Jennifer Waggoner (District 1)
Alan Laisure (District 1)
LaRece Rivera (District 1)
Natalie Fisher (District 2)
George Grier (District 2)
Rebecca DesPrez (District 2)
Morgan Munro (District 3) Chair
Natalie Dybens (District 3) Vice Chair

Regular Members:

James Torrey (District 4)
Madison Newell (District 4)
Tony Corcoran (District 5)
Ashley Pelton (District 5)
Kevin Cronin (District 5)

Alternate Members:

Stefan Ostrach (District 4)
Laura Fenimore (District 4)
Ellen McKean (District 5)

Absent: Vincent Murphy (District 3); Linda Hamilton (District 4)

Staff: Judy Williams, Strategy and Integration Manager; Cheryl Betschart, County Clerk; Kyle Overstake with Lane Council of Governments (LCOG)

1. Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Vice Chair Dybens reviewed technical tips for Goto Meeting and led introductions.
3. Public comment: There were no public comments.
4. Minutes Approval: Chair Munro asked if there was any discussion or adjustments on the draft committee minutes from September 1, 2021. There was a discussion about a discrepancy regarding how many maps will be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Ms. Williams spoke to the issue: the minutes reflect the conversation. Mr. Dingle was speaking in general terms about the bylaws and the ordinance and mentioned 3-5 maps would be submitted to the BCC. Staff followed up on the exact number referenced in the ordinance and Lane Code. Ms. Williams said that the Ordinance, Lane Code and application material information all referenced 2-4 maps. The following edits were requested: 1) Remove the hyphenation in Madison Newell's name. 2) Remove the extra period next to October 18, 2021 on page 4. Chair Munro requested a verbal vote to approve the minutes as adjusted. The minutes were unanimously approved among voters present with the edits requested.
5. Draft Bylaws:
Member Cronin requested to have more time to review the edited bylaws due to concerns he has with inconsistencies in the edits. Ms. Williams stated that the committee has a placeholder for September 21, 2021 to present the bylaws to the BCC and that staff will review that agenda on September 14, 2021. If the committee wants more time, a new date can be requested. Member Grier motioned to adopt the bylaws as presented. If there was something that was found to be an issue later, it could be discussed at the September 20th IRC meeting. Member Laisure seconded the motion. The bylaws were passed unanimously. Chair Munro requested Ms. Williams to distribute a clean copy of the bylaws to the committee.
6. Schedules and Future Meetings:
Ms. Williams reviewed the committee's survey replies for future IRC meeting times. The entire committee voted for Monday evenings as the best option with occasional weekday (daytime) options. Ms. Williams shared a draft calendar of alternating meeting dates beginning September 20, 2021, with software training days occurring on Wednesdays. Chair Munro requested a verbal vote to

approve the meeting schedule as proposed. The meeting schedule was unanimously approved among voters present. Ms. Williams will distribute the meeting calendar to the committee and will post recordings of the trainings on the committee website for those who are unable to attend a training session.

7. Software Options:

Mr. Overstake from LCOG reviewed two software options with the committee, ESRI and Maptitude. The programs are similar but ESRI is slightly less expensive and is the program that the State of Oregon uses as well as the product LCOG is most familiar with. Once license is \$4,500 and LCOG has the license. Member Torrey motioned to approve the ESRI software as presented. Member Corcoran seconded the motion. Member Cronin asked if more licenses could be purchased to allow for the redistricting process to be transparent with more people being able to use it. Alternate Fenimore asked if a single license could be purchased so the entire committee could use it. Ms. Williams stated that if there is desire for a subcommittee to use a shared license to conduct district drawings, she will check the committee budget and advise if there is room in the budget for additional licenses. LCOG will ask the vendor if a single license with multiple users is an option. Member Laisure suggested using the committee calendar to reserve time to use ESRI.

The committee discussed the alternate's role/rules of the committee. The bylaws indicate that in the absence of one of the 15 regular members, an alternate will stand in, and be seated in the order they were ranked by the committee. The alternate would have all the rights and privileges of any other regular member. Chair Morgan stated that at the beginning of future meetings, she will clarify any changes in committee status during roll call. Vice Chair Dybens asked if a regular member is not present at the beginning of the meeting but joins later in the meeting, does the alternate return to alternate status? The committee agreed that the alternate would return to alternate status.

Member Torrey amended his original motion to include the amendment to purchase a second ESRI license to be used by committee members. Member Grier seconded the motion. The two ESRI redistricting software licenses were unanimously approved among voters present: One license for LCOG to use and the second license for the committee to use.

8. Member Business:

Chair Morgan reported that the bylaws state that if a committee member misses four meetings, they lose their seat on the committee. She would be inclined to start that clock at the next meeting since the bylaws were not adopted previously and to factor in discussion if absences were due to an illness, and/or an excused absence that has been brought to the Chair or Ms. Williams' attention. Member Torrey requested that the Chair make a courtesy call to applicable committee members to inform them of any attendance issues.

9. Next Committee Agenda:

Ms. Williams reported that the next agenda will include:

- Parameters of a sub-committee for use of the ESRI product.
- She'll send the committee the Conflict of Interest Statements from the two county employee committee members.
- Review LCOG data when available.
- Review federal and state rules, terminologies and boundary language pertaining to redistricting.
- Review committee timeline.
- Ms. Betschart will discuss why it's important to follow the legislative lines and how that impacts the cost to our taxpayers at a future meeting.

Chair Morgan stated that since the BCC isn't going to be able to edit the committee's maps, it would be helpful if the committee prepared some solid map options early enough in October to allow for public comment, so edits could be made prior to presenting the maps to the BCC.

The meeting adjourned 7:13 p.m.