



LANE COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
Agenda

October 6, 2021  
1:30 p.m. – 3:30 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](mailto:Judy.Williams@lanecountyor.gov) and clearly indicate it as such.*

**Please join us from your computer, tablet or smartphone:**

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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	<b>Total Regular Members</b>		<b>Total Alternates as Regular</b>

**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) Approval of Draft Minutes (September 20<sup>th</sup> and September 27<sup>th</sup>)
- 5) Communities of Interest – Response by League of Women Voters
- 6) Check-in: Incumbent clarification
- 7) Review Maps: 8 submitted (2-3 min. each)
- 8) Check-in: Subcommittee
- 9) Check-in: Schedule and Future Meetings
- 10) Staff Updates
- 11) Items for Next Agenda: October 11, 2021 @ 5:30pm



INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
Minutes – September 20, 2021

Regular Members:				Alternate Members:	
X	Jennifer Waggoner (District 1)		Vincent Murphy (District 3)	X	1.Stefan Ostrach (District 4)
	Alan Laisure (District 1)	X	James Torrey (District 4)		2.Laura Fenimore (District 4)
X	LaRece Rivera (District 1)	X	Linda Hamilton (District 4)	X	3.Ellen McKean (District 5)
X	Natalie Fisher (District 2)	X	Madison Newell (District 4)		
X	George Grier (District 2)	X	Tony Corcoran (District 5)		
X	Rebecca DesPrez (District 2)	X	Ashley Pelton (District 5)		
X	Morgan Munro (District 3)	X	Kevin Cronin (District 5)		
X	Natalie Dybens (District 3)	<b>13</b>	<b>Total Regular Members</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Total Alternates as Regular</b>

Staff: Judy Williams, Strategy and Integration Manager; Cheryl Betschart, County Clerk; Kyle Overstake (LCOG) and Steve Dingle, County Counsel

1. Call to Order:  
Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.
2. Introductions and Credentialing:  
Chair Munro led introductions and reported that Alternates McKean and Ostrach will act as full voting members of this committee tonight.
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 10, 2021 and requested to update the sentence in Section 7 to state, “one license is..” and not “once license...”). Chair Munro requested a verbal vote to approve the minutes as adjusted. The minutes were unanimously approved among voters present with the edit requested.
5. Other comments on Approved Bylaws:  
Chair Munro asked if there was any discussion or adjustments on the draft bylaws. The bylaws will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners on 9/21/21 as a consent item because their agenda is full and time is limited. Ms. Williams will provide the board with a written report from the committee instead.
6. Roberts Rules of Order:  
A list of the Parliamentary motions was sent to the committee, along with some common questions people have about Robert's Rules of Order so everyone understands the rules and

So we all understand what the rules are and how they keep things fair, conversations moving and decisions clear and transparent.

7. Subcommittee or Task Force Information and Decision:

Previously, the committee discussed the potential to create a subcommittee of members who are interested in learning and using the mapping software and develop map options for the committee to be used in committee discussions. After discussion, the committee decided to hold off on this topic until after they attended the training on 9/22/2021.

Member Perez asked if any of the Wednesday trainings could be offered in the evenings. Ms. Williams stated that the trainings will be recorded.

Freddi Weishahn (Development Chair) and Paula Grisafi (Voter Service Chair) from the League of Women Voters joined the meeting and introduced themselves. Ms. Grisafi is attending the meetings so she can report back to the League about the progress the committee is making. The League is available to assist the committee in the redistricting process.

8. Review current district boundary maps and population changes with 2020 census information:

Mr. Overstake gave a brief overview on populations in each district and reviewed a map showing where populations have changed since the last cycle in 2010. Mr. Overstake will research if LCOG has district information from 2000. Ms. Williams will distribute tonight's LCOG report to the committee. Mr. Cronin asked if the unhoused population is included in the population shifts. The answer is, yes, to the extent possible, as it's a fluctuating population. Chair Munro requested Ms. Williams to send the committee the Lane Charter verbiage that states how the redistricting boundaries are established. Ms. Betschart shared that Wednesday's training will identify the variations in the Senate, Representative, County Commissioners, School District, and Fire District splits.

9. Member Business:

- Ms. Williams reported that the redistricting website is continually being updated to ensure it is user friendly, educational, includes informative videos, and addresses how to give public comment.
- Future redistricting committee meetings will soon be held in Zoom.
- Employee statements from staff stating why they want to serve on this committee was distributed to the committee.
- The 9/22/21 training agenda will be sent to the committee soon and will include time for question and answers.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.



INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE  
Minutes – September 27, 2021

Regular Members:				Alternate Members:	
X	Jennifer Waggoner (District 1)		Vincent Murphy (District 3)	X	1.Stefan Ostrach (District 4)
X	Alan Laisure (District 1)	X	James Torrey (District 4)	X	2.Laura Fenimore (District 4)
X	LaRece Rivera (District 1)	X	Linda Hamilton (District 4)		3.Ellen McKean (District 5)
X	Natalie Fisher (District 2)	X	Madison Newell (District 4)		
X	George Grier (District 2)	X	Tony Corcoran (District 5)		
X	Rebecca DesPrez (District 2)	X	Ashley Pelton (District 5)		
X	Morgan Munro (District 3)	X	Kevin Cronin (District 5)		
X	Natalie Dybens (District 3)	<b>14</b>	<b>Total Regular Members</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Total Alternates as Regular</b>

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

1. Call to Order:  
Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.
2. Introductions and Credentialing:  
Chair Munro led introductions and reported that Alternate Ostrach will act as full voting member of this committee tonight unless Member Murphy joins the meeting.
3. Public comment:  
Lynda Lynch, League of Women Voters spoke and requested the committee to: 1) be transparent and accountable in their process; 2) Consider Oregon land use laws in determining boundaries; 3) Request the County Charter review committee to propose charter changes in 2022.
4. Q&A – Follow-up from Redistricting Training:  
Ms. Williams led a discussion on the recent redistricting training and addressed questions from the committee.
5. ESRI: Credentials and Google Calendar:  
After discussion, Chair Munro reported that she will send the committee a generic Google account login and password and can set up meetings with anyone who needs assistance in getting set up. Ms. Williams reported that it would cost \$70,000 for unlimited access to the ESRI system, which is why limited access was purchased instead.
6. ESRI: How to Get Into System, Pull up Layers, Precinct Maps:  
Mr. Overstake reviewed the ESRI system. Since the committee is using a limited access version of ESRI, the committee will use the honor system in reviewing maps and reference the user calendar and time edit stamp on the map(s). Or committee members can export their map file and re-export it into the system when finished.

7. Criteria Discussion:

Ms. Williams explained the criteria and provided the committee with a criteria guide to use as a reference. The considerations the committee needs to focus on are from the State of Oregon and the Lane County Charter. The committee discussed communities of interest, incumbents and population requirements. Mr. Overstake will research if heat maps can be drilled down to specific precincts. The committee decided to hold off on committing to additional criteria. Ms. Williams would send out a revised Criteria Guide with only the State directive information on it.

8. Variance Discussion:

After discussion about what variance to use, the committee decided to hold off on committing to a variance.

9. Subcommittee Discussion:

Ms. Williams reported that the commissioners requested to add one sentence to the committee's Bylaws that states, "Subcommittees shall not make decisions for the committee as a whole." Member Ostrach motioned for the subcommittee to present map options to the larger committee for review. Member Grier seconded the motion. Member Torrey motioned to amend the original motion to require the subcommittee to be at least five members. The committee continued to discuss the motion. Member Grier motioned to table the proposed subcommittee until the next committee meeting. Member Torrey seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Overstake will add the Eugene neighborhood layer and attendance areas for 4J school district.

10. Staff Updates:

- The next committee meeting is scheduled for October 6, 2021, 1:30-3:30 p.m.
- Committee members will submit draft maps to Ms. Williams by October 4, 2021, 5:00 p.m.
- October 26, 2021 is the desired date for the Board of County Commissioners to pass the redistricting ordinance, otherwise the existing plan remains so the County is in compliance with their Charter. The committee is not prohibited from doing their work a day or week after the ordinance date.
- The County's Public Information Officer is developing an educational redistricting video to put on the committee's website.
- Social media (requesting public comment) will begin soon.

11. Items for Next Agenda:

- Review and discuss maps prepared by the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:31.