



INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE
Minutes – September 27, 2021

| Regular Members: | | | | Alternate Members: | |
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| 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) | 14 | Total Regular Members | 1 | Total Alternates as Regular |

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.