



LANE COUNTY INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Agenda

October 11, 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)		James Torrey (District 4)		1.Laura Fenimore (District 4)
Alan Laisure (District 1)		Stefan Ostrach (District 4)		2.Ellen McKean (District 5)
LaRece Rivera (District 1)		Linda Hamilton (District 4)		
Natalie Fisher (District 2)		Madison Newell (District 4)		
George Grier (District 2)		Tony Corcoran (District 5)		
Morgan Munro (District 3)		Ashley Pelton (District 5)		
Natalie Dybens (District 3)		Kevin Cronin (District 5)		
Vincent Murphy (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) Timeframes Benchmarks
- 5) Poll Results: Schedule and Future Meetings
- 6) Reaction to October 6th Maps
- 7) Review Maps: 1 submitted (Map “I_Submitted_October 11GeorgeG 5”)
- 8) Criteria to solicit for public comment
- 9) Staff Updates
- 10) Items for Next Agenda



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Minutes – October 6, 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)	X	3.Ellen McKean (District 5)
	Natalie Fisher (District 2)	X	Madison Newell (District 4)		
X	George Grier (District 2)	X	Tony Corcoran (District 5)		
	Rebecca DesPrez (District 2)	X	Ashley Pelton (District 5)		
X	Morgan Munro (District 3)		Kevin Cronin (District 5)		
X	Natalie Dybens (District 3)	11	Total Regular Members	3	Total Alternates as Regular

Staff: Judy Williams, IRC Liaison; Cheryl Betschart, County Clerk; Kyle Overstake, Lane Council of Governments;
Absent: Steve Dingle, County Counsel; Laura Holtgrieve, Minutes

1. Call to Order:
Chair Munro called the meeting to order at 1:34 p.m.
2. Introductions and Credentialing:
Vice Chair Dybens led introductions.
3. Public comment:
There were no public comments.
4. Approval of Draft Minutes (September 20th and September 27th):
Chair Munro asked if there was any discussion or adjustments on the draft committee minutes from September 20 and September 27, 2021. A request was made to correct Member DesPrez’s name in item 7 on the September 20 minutes. Chair Munro requested a verbal vote to approve the minutes as adjusted. Member Torrey moved to approve the minutes and Member Rivera seconded the motion. Both sets of minutes were unanimously approved among voters present with the edit requested. Member Grier requested to discuss the tabled subcommittee discussion from September 27 after item 7 in today’s agenda.
5. Communities of Interest – Response by League of Women Voters:
Ms. Grisafi reported that communities of interest can be defined as individuals who are likely to share similar legislative concerns which would benefit from cohesive representation (geographical, racial, ethnic, social, cultural, municipal, economic and transportation). She requested the committee to consider school and fire districts; tribal lands; urban and rural interests, local government precinct lines when preparing their district maps. The committee is required by County Charter to use general geographic descriptions for the County Commissioner districts, which will constrain populations and geographic contiguousness. The committee should think about how they would prioritize a list of interest groups and consider what the issues are that most people consider important to have local control over or have input in making decisions about. The League doesn’t take a position on a specific order

of importance of communities of interest, but the map options will differ depending on the order of criteria.

6. Check-in: Incumbent Clarification:

Ms. Williams reported that she inadvertently made an error on the criteria guide wording distributed to the committee at the last meeting. She included incumbent as criteria and put in parenthesis, “we can verify addresses toward the end.” This led to confusion with committee. She read the County Charter to the committee and explained that County Counsel’s advice on this section of the Charter and state statute is for the committee to draw boundaries when and where the committee sees fit without factoring in addresses. If there is the potential that a map is approved and the commissioners vote on it (and they are out of their district), the commissioner would still complete their term.

7. Review Maps:

Ms. Williams reported that she created folders in ESRI in the shared plan folder for map submissions. After draft maps were reviewed, Member Pelton requested to add the old district map as a layer to the maps being developed, if one is available. The committee agreed that it is helpful to see: streets; locations; populations before and after district lines are moved; pros and cons to map choices made; and having a written narrative for each map. No decisions were made on the draft maps presented. Maps and corresponding written summaries can be viewed at [Redistricting Maps - Lane County](#).

8. Check-in: Subcommittee:

Chair Munro reopened the discussion that was tabled at the September 27 meeting regarding whether to form a subcommittee to prepare and present maps to the larger committee. After discussion, Member Grier motioned to table the subcommittee idea indefinitely. Alternate Member Fenimore seconded the motion. Member Corcoran asked if it requires a majority of the committee to bring the subcommittee idea back up for discussion and not two-thirds. The answer is yes. Chair Munro asked for a vote on tabling the subcommittee indefinitely. The committee approved with two in opposition (Members Rivera and Torrey). The motion passed.

9. Check-in: Schedule and Future Meetings:

Ms. Williams reviewed the October meeting calendar. The committee prefers to meet in the evenings and/or weekends versus during the work day. Monday evening meetings will continue and a second meeting date (for twice a week meetings) is yet to be decided.

10. Staff Updates:

- Social media content for public comment is being developed.
- PDFs of draft maps with overlays will be provided to the committee soon.
- The committee requested the following:
 - Process on how to compare maps
 - Layers (what layers are in system now and available, and steps on how to have new layers added); old district map layer
 - Map creation and voting/discussion timelines.
 - Define criteria for public comment process.
 - Ensure that public comment includes alternate formats.
- Committee to send written comments for maps ASAP to Judy
- Morgan will bring benchmarks to the October 11 meeting.

11. Items for Next Agenda (October 11, 2021):

- Public Comment
- Review Maps
- Meeting Schedule
- Decision Criteria

The meeting adjourned at 3:31.

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