



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission  
July 12, 2011

Spokane Falls Community College, 3410 W Fort George Wright Dr, Spokane, WA 99224

**Commission Members Present:**

Lura Powell, Chair  
Tim Ceis

Dean Foster  
Slade Gorton

Tom Huff

**Commission Members Absent:**

None

**Commission Staff Present:**

Bonnie Bunning  
Heather Boe

Cathy Cochran  
Genevieve O'Sullivan

Nick Pharris  
Dave Valiant

**Other Attendees:**

Andra Breu, Citizen  
Tom Brooks, Citizen  
John Charleston, Citizen  
John Christina, Citizen  
Larry Dixon, Citizen  
Jay Franz, Citizen  
Beth Heath, SCRCC

Dave Hooks, Citizen  
Josh Kerns, Citizen  
SueLani Madsen, Citizen  
Bob Morton, Citizen  
Jeffery D. Olsen, Citizen  
Morgan Olye, Self  
Tanya Riordan, Citizen

Dale Ryan, Citizen  
Kirk Smith, SCRCC  
Curt Wasson, Citizen  
Susan Wilmoth, Citizen  
Cecily Wright, Resident

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

**2. APPROVAL OF MAY 10, 2011 AND JUNE 14, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for May 10, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gorton moved to approve the minutes.

**In favor:** Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

**Against:** None.

The minutes for June 14, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

**Motion:** Commissioner Huff moved to approve the minutes.

**In favor:** Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

**Against:** None.

**3. COMMISSION UPDATE**

Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director, provided an update on outreach and community forums and public input and third party plans. Nick Pharris, Mapping and Data Specialist, provided an update on Commission maps and data. (Details of the updates are attached)

**4. APPROVAL OF 2012 COMMISSION BUDGET**

Ms. Bunning provided an update on the 2011 budget and presented the proposed 2012 budget.

- 2011 Budget Results
  - Budget: \$1,045,000
    - \$443,000 Legislative Proviso
    - \$602,000 Commission Staff
  - Projected End of Year Variance: Approx. \$350,000
  - Forums & Meetings
    - Forum Total Costs (room, display, TVW, AV, Interpretation/Translation):
      - Planned: \$45,500
      - Actual: \$31,050
    - Travel
      - Budget: \$34,496
      - Projected Expense: \$25,975
- 2012 Budget Assumptions
  - Total Budget: \$1,627,000
    - Commission: \$1,184,000
    - Legislative Proviso: \$443,000
  - Reflects 3% Salary Reduction
  - Potential Error to be Corrected in Supplemental Budget: (\$122,000)
- Approval of 2012 Budget
 

Salaries .....	\$487,840
Benefits .....	\$128,768
Legislative Proviso (caucus staff & travel) .....	\$443,000
Personal Services Contracts (outside counsel) .....	\$57,000
Goods & Services (office operations, supplies, services, AAG, software, etc.) .....	\$459,095
Travel .....	\$51,297
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>\$1,627,000</b>

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the staff for being frugal in their expenditures and for returning money to the State. Appreciation was expressed to the community colleges that sponsored the Commission forums, which helped minimize forum costs.

Chair Powell asked for a motion to approve the 2012 budget.

**Motion:** Commissioner Gorton moved to approve the 2012 budget.

**In favor:** Commissioners Ceis, Foster, Gorton, and Huff.

**Against:** None.

**5. DISCUSSION: STRUCTURE AND ROLLOUT OF DRAFT MAPS AND COMMENT PERIOD**

Chair Powell opened the discussion about how the Commission will roll out the draft maps in September and how it might structure a comment period following the roll out. She said the Commission also needs to consider multiple requests to have an additional forum in south Seattle for public comment.

Ms. Bunning shared the Commission timeline as a framework for the discussion and proposed options for Commission consideration.

- The large hearing rooms in the Senate Cherberg Building could be used to roll out draft plans in September. The meeting could be broadcast on TVW and the event be promoted well in advance through TVW and other means. There could be public testimony on the draft plans at that location as well as through a Webcast and live blogging as has been done at other forums, providing an opportunity to see each of the commissioners maps from the Internet and television live on a screen.
- All of the maps would be available on the Commission Website overlaying a Google Earth layer where people could view the detail of their own neighborhood and districts. Members of the public could then do some homework and provide thoughtful comment through a variety means.

During the discussion, the Commissioners

- Acknowledged that there could be widespread demand for forums outside of Olympia to discuss and hear input on the draft maps, however, Commissioners felt that it would be difficult to reach everyone across the state with just a few forums.
- Suggested the possibility of a phone-in meeting, perhaps during the October 11 Commission meeting.
- Encouraged exploring the use of live online meetings that would allow thousands to participate at one time
- Requested that the staff do further research on how the Commission can roll out draft plans and collect public comment most effectively for consideration at the Commission meeting on August 9.

Chair Powell discussed the need to schedule a series of meetings through mid-November to conduct Commission business and the Commissioners agreed.

Chair Powell asked staff to assess commissioner availability through mid-November and to do further research on how the Commission can roll out draft plans and collect public comment for consideration at the August 9 Commission meeting.

Chair Powell stated that the Commission had received several requests to hold an additional public forum in south Seattle. After discussing, the commissioners agreed to hold the additional forum in conjunction with the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting to be held in south Seattle on August 9.

## **6. PUBLIC COMMENT**

SueLani Madsen provided public comment.

## **7. ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.