



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission
November 14, 2011

Hearing Room 1, John A. Cherberg Building, 304 15th Ave, Olympia, Washington

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

Genevieve O'Sullivan
Rachel Gay

Nick Pharris
Ryan Wilke

Other Attendees:

David Anderson, Citizen
Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus
Linda Danforth, Congressman Adam
Smith's Office
Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General
Estelle Gwinn, The Columbian

John Milem, Citizen
Ryan Moore, Senate Republicans Caucus
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus
K-Y Su, House Republican Caucus
Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:35 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

1. APPROVAL OF NOVEMBER 8, 2011 MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for November 8, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Motion: Commissioner Foster moved to approve the minutes.

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

Against: None.

2. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING

Commissioner Tim Ceis stated that the Senate representatives' met on three occasions to discuss the northwest part of the state (districts 1, 10, 21, 32, 38, 39, 40, 42, and 44). They made significant progress but have more work to do. They are ready to discuss the next assignment. Commissioner Slade Gorton agreed.

Commissioner Tom Huff said the House representatives' met four times and made progress on districts 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 35, and 49. They will continue to meet in the next few days to finish the districts assigned on November 8. Commissioner Dean Foster agreed.

Chair Powell asked if the commissioners were ready to add more districts to their list.

Commissioners Ceis and Gorton agreed to add districts 5, 11, 41, 45, 47, and 48.

Commissioners Foster and Huff agreed to add districts 2, 25, 27, 28, 29, and 31. All agreed that Commissioners Ceis and Gorton would work down toward the 30th district.

Chair Powell asked when the commissioners will have plans to show. Commissioner Huff said he would like to have a plan to show at the next meeting, and will make every effort to do that.

Chair Powell asked what the commissioners' thoughts are about working on the congressional plan and suggested that it might be easier to complete the congressional plan and provide something for the public to review. Commissioner Foster said the commissioners are focusing on the legislative plan right now and that he didn't want to move on to the congressional plan until the legislative plan was finished. Commissioners Ceis, Gorton, and Huff agreed. Chair Powell asked that they keep the congressional plan in their thought process as they move forward with the legislative plans.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

John Milem

Chad Lupkes (online comment)

Amanda Taub (online comment)

Commissioner Foster responded to the comment by Mr. Lupkes that it may be easier to draw the congressional plan once the legislative lines have been drawn. Commissioner Foster said it is difficult to draw congressional lines over the legislative lines because of the number of legislative districts.

Commissioner Ceis responded to Amanda Taub's comment that Douglas County is almost ready to comment on the legislative plans for districts 12 and 13. He encouraged them to hurry since the commissioners are moving quickly.

ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 10:49 a.m.