MINUTES
Approved by the Commission
Commission for Reapportionment
Wednesday, October 13, 2021
1:30 P.M.
Room WW17, Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho

Members: (Commissioners) Cochairs Bart Davis and Dan Schmidt, Commissioners Thomas Dayley, Nels Mitchell, Amber Pence, and Eric Redman; (Commission Staff) Paul Boucher, Elizabeth Bowen, Keith Bybee, and Todd Cutler

Absent/Excused: None

Also present (Signed in): Clark Corbin

The meeting was called to order by Cochair Davis at 1:47 p.m. A silent roll call was taken.

Commission Discussion

• Cochair Davis acknowledged a [letter] the commission received from the city of Nampa and asked for subcommittee reports.

• Commissioner Pence provided a report on the eastern Idaho subcommittee's progress, noting they had spent a lot of time in the southeast region near Bannock County and were working toward central Idaho. Cochair Davis added that the Fort Hall area near Bannock County was an area the subcommittee had discussed several times. Near the Interstate 15 corridor, the subcommittee was able to achieve more modest population deviations. Cochair Davis explained the changes to the districts around Twin Falls that he and Commissioner Pence made.

• Commissioner Mitchell referred to the letter the city of Nampa had sent and stated that he and Commissioner Dayley had worked on possible ways of revising Plan L01. Commissioner Mitchell explained how the Treasure Valley subcommittee attempted to implement the testimony they had received regarding the cities within Ada County. He noted the cities wanted to be more self-contained within the districts and mentioned the testimony the commission had received in support of Plan L023. Commissioner Dayley explained that communities south of the freeway in rural Meridian and Boise did not feel a connection to the city centers.

• Commissioner Davis stated that one of the goals of the week was to propose a more serious version of Plan L01. Commissioner Redman said there was more work to be done first, and commissioner Dayley agreed they needed more time to reflect on the testimony the commission had received. Cochair Davis agreed that the subcommittees would benefit from additional time. Cochair Davis requested to meet on Wednesday, October 27 at 10 a.m., which was granted by unanimous consent.

• Mr. Bybee stated that several meeting minutes would be available for the commission's consideration upon the commission's return. Ms. Bowen added that parts of the draft final report would be ready for the commission's review as well. Cochair Davis stated that the Legislature would appreciate it if the commission sent its recommendations.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.