

MINUTES
Approved by the Commission
Commission for Reapportionment
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
10:00 A.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 Schmidt at 10:04 a.m. A silent roll call was taken.

Committee Discussion

- Cochair Schmidt encouraged the commissioners to review the minutes before them with the intention to take action on them at a later date.
- Ms. Bowen detailed the draft of the final report. Cochair Davis asked if the commission was planning to approve the draft of the final report after reviewing it. Cochair Schmidt clarified that the commission was only reviewing the draft in order to provide feedback and that the commission would not approve the final report until after a plan had been chosen. Commissioner Pence asked when edits should be returned. Cochair Schmidt responded that edits should be turned in as soon as possible due to the time constraint the commission was under. Commissioner Dayley asked if plans were included in the draft of the final report. Ms. Bowen responded that she had cited some submitted plans that she found to have a potential for legal challenge and explained why in the final report.
- The commission discussed the agenda for the meeting. Cochair Davis requested to give a report on the eastern Idaho subcommittee's plans, and the other commissioners requested to give their reports later that afternoon.
- Cochair Davis provided a report on the eastern Idaho subcommittee's plans. He explained that he had adjusted some of the lines in order to lower deviations in the area. He added that he had done this without consulting Commissioner Pence, so the eastern Idaho subcommittee needed time to discuss these changes.
- The commission discussed how to configure lines in Gem, Payette, Adams, and Washington Counties. The commissioners highlighted the difficulties of fitting Adams County into a district without increasing that district's deviation. The commission agreed to work on solutions for Adams County in the subcommittees.
- Ms. Bowen and Mr. Bybee warned that, even if only one district reached the maximum deviation, a court may reject a plan on that basis.

The commission recessed from 10:55 a.m. to 2:16 p.m.

Committee Discussion (cont.)

- Cochair Schmidt and Commissioner Redman provided a report regarding the northern Idaho subcommittee's plans. Cochair Schmidt stated that Adams County may be able to fit in the northern Idaho plans.

- Cochair Davis and Commissioner Pence provided a report regarding the eastern Idaho subcommittee's plans. Cochair Davis detailed how he and Commissioner Pence tried to fit Adams County into the eastern Idaho plan, but noted that it resulted in high deviations.
- Commissioners Mitchell and Dayley provided a report regarding the Treasure Valley subcommittee's plans. Commissioner Mitchell stated that it was best for the Treasure Valley subcommittee to focus on Plan L01 and adjust the lines from that plan as a starting point.
- Cochair Davis asked about the agenda for the next meeting. The commission agreed to meet later in the afternoon for the next meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:37 p.m.