

MINUTES
Approved by the Commission
Commission for Reapportionment
Thursday, October 28, 2021
1:00 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 1:05 p.m. A silent roll call was taken.

Commission Discussion

- Cochair Davis provided an overview of the agenda for the day, aiming to discuss minutes, the final report, subcommittee reports, the upcoming week, and congressional plans. The commission decided minutes and the final report would be discussed the following week.
- Commissioner Mitchell reported for the Treasure Valley subcommittee, stating they had incorporated Gem, Payette, and Washington Counties into their districts, which improved the numbers for the Treasure Valley and the northern Idaho subcommittee. He reported the new map put Caldwell into one district, Nampa into two districts, Meridian into two or three districts, and Boise into five and a half districts. The subcommittee felt this was an improvement. Commissioner Dayley shared that city boundaries were difficult to define, so they focused on city cores. The subcommittee felt empowered to make changes as the Canyon and Ada County clerks had told the commission that county precincts were going to be redrawn anyway. The subcommittee put Kuna and Melba into the same district in response to public testimony.
- Cochair Schmidt reported the northern Idaho subcommittee discovered it could not incorporate Gem, Payette, or Washington Counties in northern Idaho with a low enough population deviation, and he suggested that the Treasure Valley subcommittee should try and use those counties. He added that Highway 95 and Highway 55 provided a strong connection for those counties toward the southern part of the state, so the commissioners felt it would provide those citizens with solid representation. He stated that Nez Perce County was still split, but the subcommittee managed to keep the majority of the city of Lewiston whole.
- Cochair Davis reported for the eastern Idaho subcommittee, stating that they were trying to lower the deviation of certain districts in eastern Idaho. He added that the subcommittee still needed to make more adjustments in order to get population numbers where they wanted.
- Cochair Davis established the next meeting would be held on Wednesday, November 3, at 10 a.m. to finalize minutes and both the congressional and legislative plans. He established a meeting for Thursday, November 4, at 1:30 p.m. to do any additional work and make the plans public.
- Cochair Davis raised the question as to how long the commission should wait to vote on plans after publication. Cochair Schmidt said they should post plans as soon as possible. Commissioner Redman stated that a week was plenty of time for the map to be public before the commission held a vote. The commission decided to hold a meeting at 1 p.m. on November 10 to make final adjustments and vote.

- The commission decided it would work in a quorum, rather than in subcommittees, in order to make the congressional plan.
- Commissioner Mitchell asked if the commission would vote on the final report at the same time as the final plans. Ms. Bowen replied that they would, and she would have the final report prepared for November 10.

The commission recessed at 1:50 p.m. until 4:30 p.m.

- Cochair Davis stated that during the recess, the subcommittee plans were merged into Plan L02. Mr. Cutler reported there were strong deviation figures, with the lowest being -3.77% and the highest being +2.14% over the goal population. Mr. Cutler stated that the district with Bingham and Butte Counties had the greatest negative deviation, and the districts had been renumbered. The commissioners said they were satisfied with the way their work had been combined.
- **Cochair Davis asked to publish Plan L02 for public comment, which was granted by unanimous consent.**
- Commissioner Mitchell asked how long the commission would allow public comment on the plans. Cochair Davis replied the commission would accept input until November 3.
- Commissioner Pence suggested Plan L02 be made available as a template for public use in Maptitude.
- **Cochair Davis asked that Plan L02 be made available as a template in Maptitude, which was granted by unanimous consent.**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.