MINUTES
Approved by the Commission
Commission for Reapportionment
Wednesday, November 10, 2021
1:00 P.M.
Room WW17, Idaho State Capitol
Boise, Idaho

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

Absent/Excused: None

Also present (Signed in): Clark Corbin, Logan Finney, and Betsy Russell

The meeting was called to order by Cochair Davis at 1:00 p.m. A silent roll call was taken.

Commission Discussion

• Cochairs Davis gave introductory remarks, reviewed the agenda for the day, and provided context for some action items.

• Ms. Bowen presented with the final report to the commissioners. The commissioners made minor corrections and suggestions.

• Cochair Davis informed the commission of a potential violation of the Open Meetings Law that may have occurred as a result of the circumstances of the special meeting held on November 5. He noted the location of that meeting might not have been sufficiently clear, and recommended retaking the November 5 votes.

• Commissioner Mitchell moved for a Commission determination that it couldn't complete its duties for the legislative districts listed in the report attached to the motion by fully complying with the provisions of Section 72-1506(7), Idaho Code. The commissioners took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mitchell moved that the local voting precinct boundaries listed in the report titled "Political Subdivision Splits Between Legislative Districts" attached to the motion be divided as provided in Plan L03. The commissioners took a roll call vote, and the motion passed unanimously.

• Commissioner Redman moved for a Commission determination that it couldn't complete its duties in adopting a congressional plan by fully complying with the provisions of Section 72-1506(7), Idaho Code. The commission took a roll call vote. Commissioner Dayley voted yes. Commissioner Mitchell voted no. Commissioner Pence voted yes. Commissioner Redman voted yes. Cochair Davis voted yes. Cochair Schmidt voted yes. The motion passed with 5 yeses, and 1 no. Commissioner Redman moved that the local voting precinct boundaries in the report titled "Political Subdivision Splits Between Congressional Districts" attached to the motion be divided as provided in Plan C03. Commissioner Dayley voted yes. Commissioner Mitchell voted no. Commissioner Pence voted yes. Commissioner Redman voted yes. Cochair Davis voted yes. Cochair Schmidt voted yes. The motion passed with 5 yeses, and 1 no.

• Commissioner Mitchell moved for a Commission determination that it couldn't complete its duties for the legislative districts listed in the report attached to the motion by fully complying with the provisions of Section 72-1506(9), Idaho Code. The commissioners took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously. Commissioner Mitchell moved that the districts listed in the report titled "Legislative Districts Not Connected by Highways" attached to the motion be included in Plan L03, even though the districts do not comply with the requirements of Section 72-1506(9), Idaho Code. The commissioners took a roll call vote and motion passed unanimously.
• Commissioner Mitchell moved that the Commission adopt Plan L03 as Idaho's legislative redistricting plan. Commissioner Redman seconded the motion. The commissioners took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.


• Cochair Schmidt moved that the Commission adopt the final report which would be filed with the Idaho Secretary of State's office. Commissioner Dayley seconded the motion. The commission took a roll call vote and the motion passed unanimously.

• Commissioner Mitchell requested that the Commission approve the minutes for the following public hearings: September 22 in Sandpoint and Coeur d'Alene, September 23 in Worley and Moscow, September 24 in Lewiston, September 29 in Hailey, September 30 in Twin Falls, October 1 in Burley, October 6 in Ft. Hall, October 6 in Pocatello, October 7 in Rexburg, October 7 in Idaho Falls, October 8 in Idaho Falls, and October 12 in Boise with Remote Testimony. The motion was granted by unanimous consent.

• Commissioner Redman requested that the Commission approve the minutes for the following business meetings: October 12, October 13, October 27, October 28, November 3, November 4, November 5, and November 10. The motion was granted by unanimous consent.

• Cochair Davis addressed adding a letter to the final report summarizing the commission’s policy discussions for consideration by the Legislature. **Cochair Davis requested to approve the content of the letter to be sent to the appointing authorities and, secondly, to include the letter in the final report. The two requests were granted by unanimous consent.** Mr. Bybee stated the staff would need time to polish up the final report, at which point the commission would be ready to deliver the report to the Secretary of State. The commission decided that Commissioner Redman and the staff would deliver the report.

• The commissioners provided concluding remarks.

*With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:58 p.m.*