

Citizen Redistricting Committee
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Hon. Michael Sanchez
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CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

Minutes of July 23, 2021 Meeting | 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
Virtually Via Zoom
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CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Chávez. The roll was called; the following Committee Members were present:

- HON. EDWARD L. CHÁVEZ, CHAIR
- HON. LISA CURTIS, MEMBER
- ROBERT RHATIGAN, MEMBER
- CHRISTOPHER SAUCEDO, MEMBER

The following members joined after the roll was called:

- RYAN CANGIOLSI, MEMBER, joined at 9:10 a.m.
- HON. MICHAEL SANCHEZ, MEMBER, joined at 9:17 a.m.

The following member was not present:

- JOAQUIN SANCHEZ

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Chávez proposed adding to the agenda a public comment section to follow the Committee's discussion of its schedule of meetings. Chair Chávez sought a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Member Saucedo so moved; Member Curtis seconded. Hearing no discussion, Chair Chávez conducted a vote. All Members voted in the affirmative, and the agenda as amended was approved unanimously.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING JULY 2, 2021

Chair Chávez proposed the following changes to the July 2, 2021 meeting minutes:

1. Page 2 item 3: change the dates for the second round of meetings to reflect the period from September 27 to October 8
2. Page 4, concerning ex parte comment by James Povija: change “proposed” to “opposed”
3. Page 8: After “noted that” add “with the permission of the CRC he will begin to . . . ” regarding a contract for legal services.

Chair Chávez sought a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Member Rhatigan so moved; Member Curtis seconded. Hearing no discussion Chair Chávez conducted a vote. All attending Committee Members voted in the affirmative, and the minutes as amended were approved unanimously.

The Committee heard public comment related to the schedule:

- Dick Mason (League of Women Voters) asked whether there was a deadline for map submissions. The Chair indicated there was not.

3. APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE

Chair Chávez introduced the schedule for the second round of meetings from September 16 through October 8; the adoption of maps on October 15; the adoption of evaluations on October 29; and the transmittal of materials to the Legislature on October 31. Chair Chávez also proposed to add Crownpoint as a venue on tribal lands. After discussion relating to scheduling conflicts and the choice of Crownpoint as a venue for the second round of meetings, Chair Chávez sought a motion to approve the proposed schedule. Member Curtis so moved; Member Rhatigan seconded. Chair Chávez conducted a vote. All attending Committee Members voted in the affirmative, and the schedule was approved unanimously.

4. REVIEW OF CRC BUDGET

Chair Chávez reviewed the CRC budget projections current as of July 23, 2021.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Chávez sought a motion to enter executive session pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(6) (discussion of contents of competitive sealed proposals solicited pursuant to Procurement Code) to discuss contract proposals for legal services. Member Saucedo so moved; Member Rhatigan seconded. All Members voted in the affirmative, and the motion was approved unanimously. The Committee entered executive session.

The matters discussed in the closed meeting were limited to those specified in the motion to enter executive session. After concluding its discussion of those matters, the Committee resumed open session upon an appropriate motion.

6. ACTIONS ON MATTERS DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVES SESSION.

Chair Chávez sought a motion related to matters discussed in closed session. Member Curtis moved (i) to accept the proposal for legal services received from Nielson Merksamer and Rothstein Donatelli; and (ii) to authorize the Chair to negotiate up to \$150,000, inclusive of gross receipts tax. Chair Chávez noted the motion had two parts. Member Saucedo seconded the motion in its entirety. Chair Chávez conducted a roll-call vote. The Committee Members voted as follows

- RYAN CANGIOLOSI For the motion
- HON. LISA CURTIS For the motion
- ROBERT RHATIGAN For the motion
- JOAQUIN SANCHEZ Not present
- HON. MICHAEL SANCHEZ For the motion
- CHRISTOPHER SAUCEDO For the motion
- HON. EDWARD L. CHÁVEZ For the motion

The motion passed unanimously.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Committee heard public comment.

- Judith Binder: referenced a 2011 proposal related to redistricting; indicated that she would follow up with Member Curtis
Richard Mason: inquired whether the Committee would consider maps that split precincts. The Chair indicated that the Committee would consider maps that split precincts if and only if necessary to comply with the provisions of federal law, noting that necessity is a high standard.

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Chávez sought a motion to adjourn. Member Saucedo so moved; Member Sanchez seconded. Hearing no opposition, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

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