



WEST CONTRA COSTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT INDEPENDENT REDISTRICTING COMMISSION



Minutes for Tuesday, September 28, 2021 - 6:30 p.m.

Commissioners in Attendance: Omar Butler (Trustee Area 1), Diana Diaz-Noriega (Trustee Area 3), James Toalu (Trustee Area 4), Derik Hilliard (Trustee Area 5), Vicki Gordon (Non-Trustee Area), Craig Lazzaretti (Non-Trustee Area)

Meeting Location: As authorized by the Governor's Emergency Executive Order issued on **March 17, 2020**, the Redistricting Commission conducted this meeting via video conference/teleconference until further notice. The meeting was streamed via Zoom.

I. Call To Order

Chair Gordon called the meeting to order at approximately 6:40 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Commission Members Present: Omar Butler, Diana Diaz-Noriega, Vicki Gordon, Craig Lazzaretti

III. Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Hilliard joined the meeting

Motion to approve agenda made by Commissioner Hilliard

Motion seconded by Commissioner Diaz-Noriega

Voting: Unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance

IV. Approval of September 14, 2021 Minutes

Motion to approve September 14, 2021 minutes made by Commissioner Lazzaretti

Motion seconded by Commissioner Butler

Votes: Unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance

V. Public Comment for Items Not on the Agenda (3 minutes)

There were no public comments for items not on the agenda.

VI. Discussion and Possible Action Items

A. Update and discussion regarding selection of demographer



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The Commissioner's legal counsel P. Casey Pitts reported that the references for Collingwood Research were checked and were positive.

Commissioner Gordon reported that Collingwood Research's references checked out and felt Collingwood Research would do a wonderful job.

Legal counsel Pitts stated that it would be helpful to the process if the Commission were to allow Commissioner Gordon and legal counsel to finalize the contract with Collingwood Research.

By consensus among the Commissioners in attendance, the Commission authorized Commissioner Gordon to finalize the contract with Collingwood Research for demographer services.

Public comment on the matter was received from Tom Panas.

B. Update and discussion of existing court deadlines and possible modifications thereto

Legal counsel Pitts provided an update on the existing deadlines established by the Stipulated Judgment and the possibility of modifying those deadlines, and responded to questions from Commissioner Lazzaretti and Commissioner Hilliard.

Public comment on the matter was received from Scott Rafferty, Tom Panas, and Jonathan Berry-Smith.

C. Discussion of remote meetings and Brown Act compliance

Legal counsel Pitts updated the Commission on recent legislation permitting the continued use of remote meetings under certain circumstance, and Commissioners commented on the need to continue meeting via Zoom.

There were no public comments on the matter.

D. Update and discussion of plans for public outreach

Commissioner Butler updated the Commission on the first meeting of the public outreach subcommittee.

Commissioner Gordon noted Commissioner Hilliard's resignation from the subcommittee, thanked Commissioner Hilliard for his service to the subcommittee and to the Commission, and stated that she would be willing to take Commissioner Hilliard's place on the subcommittee for the time being.



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There were no public comments on the matter.

Commissioner Toalu joined the meeting.

VII. Commissioner reports, updates, and future agenda items

Commissioner Gordon described the outreach she had conducted regarding the filling of the Commission's vacancy for Area 2.

Commissioner Lazzaretti stated that a future agenda item should include establishing a schedule for the Commission's work.

Commissioner Hillard had no additional reports, updates, or future agenda items.

Commissioner Diaz-Noriega had no additional reports, updates, or future agenda items.

Commissioner Toalu had no additional reports, updates, or future agenda items.

VIII. Future meetings

The Commission set its next meeting for Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., by Zoom video conference.

IX. Adjournment

Commissioner Gordon adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm.