



City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee

Legal Action Report

Thursday, September 3, 2020

MEETING NOTE: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was conducted using measures to protect public health. This meeting was held remotely through Microsoft Teams, and did not include any items that involved time set aside for public comments. Attendance was allowed by internet link or phone call as indicated on the meeting agenda.

1. Roll Call

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

Present:

Charlene Mendoza
Michael O'Connell
Marion Chubon
Glenn Perkins
Kelly Anne Canady
D. Grady Scott
Jonathan Rothschild

Appointor:

Mayor
Ward 1
Ward 2
Ward 3
Ward 4
Ward 5
Ward 6

Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk
Suzanne Mesich, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Assistant City Clerk
Shawna Lee, City Records Manager
Ana Marrufo, Management Assistant, City Clerk's Office
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

Members' Loyalty Oath of Office was administered by Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk.

2. Introduction of Members and Staff

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, introduced himself and staff in attendance from the City Clerk's Office, and the City Attorney's Office.

Members of the RAC introduced themselves.

3. Open Meeting Law Highlights

Information and presentation was provided by Suzanne Mesich, Chief Deputy City Clerk, regarding key points of the Arizona Open Meeting Law.

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, stated comments during the meeting should be made verbally, not through the "chat" function in Microsoft Teams.

4. Overview of Committee's Responsibilities

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, provided an overview of the roles and responsibilities of the RAC. He explained the population information the RAC would need to consider as it formulates its recommendation. He said 2016 was the last time the Committee met, but they recommended making no changes to Ward boundaries at that time.

5. Election of Officers

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, asked if there were any nominations for Chair of the RAC.

Grady Scott nominated Jonathan Rothschild for Chair, seconded by Glenn Perkins.

Marion Chubon nominated Charlene Mendoza for Chair, seconded by Michael O'Connell.

Upon Roll Call, members stated their vote for Chair:

Michael O'Connell voted for Charlene Mendoza
Marion Chubon voted for Charlene Mendoza
Glenn Perkins voted for Jonathan Rothschild
Kelly Canady voted for Jonathan Rothschild
Grady Scott voted for Jonathan Rothschild
Jonathan Rothschild voted for Jonathan Rothschild
Charlene Mendoza voted for Charlene Mendoza

Jonathan Rothschild was elected Chair by a Roll Call vote of 4 to 3.

Chair Rothschild asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Marion Chubon nominated Charlene Mendoza for Vice Chair, seconded by Kelly Canady.

Charlene Mendoza was elected Vice Chair by a Voice Vote of 7 to 0.

- 6. Discussion of Redistricting Timelines**
- 7. Meeting Schedule for Future Meetings**

(Note: Items 6 and 7 were discussed together.)

Roger W. Randolph, City Clerk, reviewed the timelines for the Committee. He said a written recommendation from the RAC was due to Mayor and Council by October 1. Any changes to Ward boundaries would require a Public Hearing, which would need to be in the last week of September; so time needed to be allowed for that prior to making a final recommendation.

Chair Rothschild asked if one week would be enough time for members to review information before their next meeting.

Vice Chair Mendoza recommended meetings be scheduled early in the week, to allow for more weekly meetings before the recommendation is due.

Discussion ensued regarding how soon to schedule the next meeting, and how much time would be needed to form a recommendation. The next meeting was scheduled for Monday, September 14, at 5:00 p.m.

Vice Chair Mendoza asked if one hour would be enough time for the next meeting.

Mr. Randolph said the next meeting may take longer than one hour.

- 8. Future Agenda Items**

No items were identified for future agendas.

- 9. Adjournment**

It was moved by Marion Chubon, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 7 to 0, to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.