

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee  
Electronically Recorded Meeting 09/03/2020

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Roger W. Randolph, Chairman #1  
Jonathan Rothschild, Chairman #2  
Charlene Mendoza, Vice-Chair

Michael O'Connell, (Ward 1)  
Marion Chubon, (Ward 2)  
Glenn Perkins, (Ward 3)  
Kelly Anne Canady, (Ward 4)  
D. Grady Scott, (Ward 5)  
Jonathan Rothschild, (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  
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney  
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

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1 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Roll call.  
2 CLERK: Charlene Mendoza?  
3 MS. MENDOZA: Here.  
4 CLERK: Michael O'Connell?  
5 MR. O'CONNELL: Here.  
6 CLERK: Marion Chubon?  
7 MS. CHUBON: Here.  
8 CLERK: Glenn Perkins? Glenn Perkins, I think your  
9 microphone is muted.  
10 MR. PERKINS: Can you hear me?  
11 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Now.  
12 CLERK: Yes.  
13 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Yeah.

1 MR. PERKINS: I am here.

2 CLERK: Thank you. Kelly Anne Canady?

3 MS. CANADY: Here.

4 CLERK: Grady Scott?

5 MR. SCOTT: Here.

6 CLERK: And Jonathan Rothschild.

7 MR. ROTHSCHILD: Here.

8 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Item No. 2 is Introduction of Members  
9 and Staff. Before we do that, I know that a couple of you have  
10 submitted your Oath of Office. Since I don't have those, what I would  
11 like to do is administer the Oath of Office to all of you at the same  
12 time. And then if you will sign the oath that was sent you and go  
13 ahead and mail it back to office, that will be great. So, if you  
14 would like to do so, please raise your right hand and repeat after me.

15 (The following oath was sworn and affirmed to by the  
16 Members of the Redistricting Advisory Committee.)

17 "I," state your name, "do solemnly swear or affirm that I  
18 will support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution  
19 and laws of the State of Arizona, and the ordinances, resolutions, and  
20 rules and regulations of the City of Tucson, Arizona."

21 "That I will bear truth, faith and allegiance to the same,  
22 and defend them against all enemies, foreign and domestic, and that I  
23 will faithfully and impartially discharge the duties of the office of  
24 Member, Redistricting Advisory Committee of the City of Tucson,

1 Arizona, according to the best of my ability, so help me God, or so, I  
2 do affirm."

3 All right. Thank you very much for that. So, my name is  
4 Roger Randolph. I am the Tucson City Clerk, and I will be acting as  
5 your Chair for this evening's meeting up until Item No. 5, where we  
6 will elect a Chair for the Committee.

7 With me this evening here in - we're actually sitting in  
8 the Mayor and Council chambers, is Chief Deputy City Clerk, Suzanne  
9 Mesich; Assistant City Clerk, Yolanda Lozano; Assistant City Clerk,  
10 Maria Talamante, and the City Records Manager, Shawna Lee.

11 And they will all be available to assist us, assist you,  
12 through this process and provide any information that you may request  
13 as a committee.

14 I'd kind of like to just quickly go down the list of  
15 Committee Members, and if you'd like to maybe introduce yourself and  
16 if you wanted to say anything about who you are, or your background,  
17 or just say "hi", whichever you'd prefer. Charlene Mendoza?

18 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Hi. My name is Charlene Mendoza, and  
19 I am a Native Tucsonan. I'm a teacher and perpetual student, I think.  
20 I'm excited to be here working with all of you and look forward to  
21 this process.

22 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: All right. Thank you. Michael  
23 O'Connell?

24 MR. O'CONNELL: Everybody, (inaudible) real excited to be  
25 here. Committee Organizer here in Tucson and I'm just really excited

1 to, you know, be involved in this aspect and really help out where I  
2 can.

3 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Thank you. Marion Chubon?

4 MS. CHUBON: Hi. My name is Marion Chubon. I'm a  
5 Committee Organizer, agitator, as some like to call me. Hi, Mr.  
6 Randolph, it's nice to see you again. And I am (inaudible) so, thank  
7 you for including me.

8 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Marion, you kind of froze on us,  
9 Marion.

10 MS. CHUBON: (Inaudible) Yeah, we've got three people  
11 using our Wi-Fi right now. Can you hear me now?

12 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Yeah.

13 MS. CHUBON: All right. I'll just leave it at that.

14 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Okay. Thank you. Glenn Perkins?

15 MR. PERKINS: Yeah. My name is Glenn Perkins. I'm the  
16 President, Co-Chair of Hedrick Acres Neighborhood Association. I've  
17 lived here for 20 years, and that's about all I have to say right now.  
18 Thank you.

19 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: All right. Thank you. Kelly Anne  
20 Canady?

21 MS. CANADY: Hi. I'm Kelly, you can just call me Kelly.  
22 And I'm the National Organizing Director for Stand for Children which  
23 is an education advocacy organization. And I've lived in Tucson about  
24 23 years and have organized with a few of you on the phone. So, it's  
25 nice to see you.

1 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Thank you. Grady Scott?

2 MR. SCOTT: Hi. My name is Grady Scott. I'm a pastor here  
3 in Tucson, (inaudible) community liaison for the Ministers Alliance of  
4 Tucson. I'm a native of, of Maryland, and I've been here probably 40  
5 years. Thanks. Good to work with you guys.

6 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Thank you. Mayor Rothschild.

7 MR. ROTHSCHILD: My name is Jonathan Rothschild, I'm the  
8 immediate past Mayor of Tucson, serving from 2011 to 2019. I've  
9 returned to the private practice of law and I'm working on selected  
10 political projects.

11 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: All right. Thank you. I do have two  
12 other people that I'd like to introduce that are probably on screen  
13 with you. Dennis McLaughlin and Jennifer Stash. They're both with  
14 the City Attorney's Office and will help guide us through this process  
15 as well. So, if we have any legal issues that we need resolved, they  
16 are here to provide support to us as well.

17 So, we'll move on to Item No. 3 which is the Open Meeting  
18 Law Highlights. This will be a really brief overview of some of the  
19 Open Meeting Law provisions. Since my office maintains this  
20 Commission, we do most of the behind-the-scenes type work, so, we  
21 won't bore you with all the details of that.

22 Suzanne Mesich, the Chief Deputy City Clerk will kind of go  
23 over some of highlights that will concern you as, as members.

24 Suzanne?

1 MS. MESICH: Thank you. I'm just trying to share my screen  
2 with the right document. Apparently, that's not working.

3 MALE MEMBER: I saw it loading, Suzanne.

4 MS. MESICH: There we are. So, I will give you a brief  
5 overview of the Open Meeting Law. It's a state law that's been in  
6 place for a very long time, and it has some meaning for us in that our  
7 office will be the administrator of the Open Meeting Law for most of  
8 your meetings, meaning we (inaudible) produce your agendas, Minutes,  
9 and legal action reports.

10 So, just a quick overview. Some of the important items or  
11 other documents that we use to help us, guide us through the Open  
12 Meeting Law are the Mayor and Council Rules and Regulations which help  
13 structure all BCC meetings, the Code of Ethics as it applies to all  
14 City employees and all elected officials and BCC Commissions.

15 And then other available material that we have on our BCC  
16 web page if you have time on your hands and you want to review the  
17 City Clerk's web page on the Open Meeting Law, there's other material  
18 for you. But the thing that really applies to you and that I want you  
19 to keep in mind is that there are two core concepts to the Open  
20 Meeting Law.

21 The first one is that all meetings of a public body be  
22 conducted openly, meaning notices and agendas that are posted in  
23 advance of the meeting and contain the information needed to notify  
24 the public of what's being discussed.

1           And also, that the Open Meeting Law helps provide access to  
2 government and ensures that the people's business is conducted openly,  
3 even in virtual meeting times.

4           The definition of a meeting is that it is a gathering in  
5 person or through technological devices of a quorum of a public body,  
6 at which legal action is discussed, proposed, deliberated, or taken.

7           And this definition didn't have a lot of meaning with  
8 technological devices up until the pandemic hit. And now, as you can  
9 see, we're doing lots of virtual meetings. So, they mean a lot to us  
10 now and we still are able to comply with the Open Meeting Law while  
11 meeting virtually.

12           All BCC's and their subcommittees are public bodies and  
13 must also comply with all elements of the Open Meeting Law. One that  
14 is a little more challenging in these times is that the public must be  
15 permitted to attend and listen to the meeting. They must be allowed  
16 to record it if they want to.

17           And Call to the Audience, or Call to the Public, as  
18 somebody's used that term, is not required. But all legal action that  
19 you take must occur during your public meeting. Written Minutes are  
20 required. Those are (inaudible) so that the, as I mentioned before,  
21 the agenda must contain enough information to inform the public  
22 reasonably about matters to be discussed. So, you won't see any vague  
23 items on agendas like new business or old business, things like that.

24           The first thing we did before we started this meeting was  
25 establish a quorum. At least four members of your group have to be

1 present in order for a quorum to be established and the meeting to be  
2 held. As I mentioned, Call to the Audience isn't necessary, but it  
3 may be at future meetings for you.

4 Executive sessions are those sessions that are closed to  
5 the public and are used for attorneys to give legal advice to your  
6 committee. I don't foresee that happening, but you never know. If  
7 that happens, we would guide you through that process as well.

8 The Legal Action Report has to be produced within three  
9 working days after your meeting, and it's something that we will  
10 produce and put on the City's website for you to review, along with  
11 the written Minutes which will be verbatim and will be submitted to  
12 you for your approval at a future meeting.

13 So, now, meeting notices have to be conspicuously posted in  
14 a public place which right now is on the City's website. The meeting  
15 notice must be posted at least 24 hours in advance, and as I keep  
16 mentioning, agendas have to have specific information.

17 Some of these other elements are what happens if there is  
18 no quorum. Then we have to cancel the meeting and we have to notice  
19 the public if we can in advance. If a quorum won't be available for  
20 the meeting, then we have to post notice of that fact.

21 But if we lose quorum during the meeting, meaning somebody  
22 has to step away for one reason or another, to take a phone call or  
23 something, then the meeting has to be recessed until that member can  
24 come back, or it has to be ended for that session.



1           As I mentioned, Call to the Audience is not required under  
2 the Open Meeting Law, but if you do decide to have it, you can limit  
3 the amount of time speakers are given and you can limit the amount of  
4 time for Call to the Audience.

5           So, it doesn't have to be three hours long, it can be 30  
6 minutes long which is normal for the Mayor and Council, although you  
7 may not have that many members of the public who wish to speak during  
8 Call to the Audience.

9           An important element of it, though, is that it cannot be -  
10 become a back-and-forth discussion between you members of the  
11 Redistricting Advisory Committee, and that member of the public. They  
12 can't - it's - you can respond directly to criticism, but that's about  
13 it, or ask Staff to bring something back for a later meeting where it  
14 can be discussed once it's been noticed.

15           Just so we're clear on what legal action is, it's defi- --  
16 excuse me - defined as a collective decision, commitment or promise  
17 made by a public body pursuant to the Arizona Constitution, the Tucson  
18 Charter, the Committee's By-laws if you have them, or the specified  
19 scope of the appointment or laws of the State of Arizona.

20           So, we do get occasions where somebody will just mention  
21 offhand that that they'd like to see something on an agenda and it  
22 gets discussed without realizing that it's probably leading to future  
23 legal action. I won't go into what has to go into all of these  
24 documents because we'll produce those for you.

1           But one element of the Open Meeting Law, and Dennis, you're  
2 the expert, so, you can chime in if anything I - if I miss anything.  
3 But it is a violation of the Open Meeting Law if one of you sends an  
4 e-mail to a quorum of the whole membership that proposes legal action,  
5 even if you don't - the members don't all respond to the e-mail or  
6 take the exchange any further.

7           It can be - it's one of those grey areas where we would  
8 prefer that all e-mails or suggestions on legal action come through  
9 our office so that we can distribute them to you. And this is one of  
10 those other terms you may have heard in the past, "You can't daisy  
11 chain," meaning with phone calls or e-mails.

12           Mayor Rothschild can't e-mail or call Ms. Chubon who then  
13 calls Mr. Perkins who then moves on to the next member. That becomes  
14 a daisy chain of legal action that is against the Open Meeting Law, as  
15 is the spoken wheel where you have one spokesperson who calls each  
16 member of the Committee and proposes legal action and then you make a  
17 plan behind the scenes outside of a public meeting for taking legal  
18 action.

19           So, along those lines, that's consensus building, and it is  
20 not permitted outside of a public meeting. And that's why we ask you  
21 to use caution with e-mails and telephone calls during the meeting, or  
22 excuse me, outside of a meeting.

23           What we ask is that City Clerk Staff be the one to  
24 distribute e-mail to the whole Commission, or the Committee. You'll  
25 see an e-mail at the end, or excuse me, a note at the end that says,

1 "Please don't respond to this e-mail," or, "Please don't reply to all,  
2 just reply to the sender," and that way we can just kind of keep those  
3 things outside of problems.

4 So, during the meeting, we ask that you stay on track and  
5 keep to the agenda item as it was posted so that you don't wander too  
6 far off topic. And as I mentioned, send communications through us and  
7 we'll disseminate them for you.

8 There is some information in your packet which you've been  
9 e-mailed that at the very end has a memorandum from the City  
10 Attorney's Office about e-mail communications because it, it does  
11 become an issue sometimes with members trying to get your work done.  
12 And you do want to make members, make sure members know about one  
13 issue or another, but we do ask that those go through our office.  
14 Let us respond, or send things out for you.

15 Just the warning that we always give - you know, we don't  
16 expect this to happen. If an Open Meeting Law violation is - or  
17 complaint is, excuse me, filed, it will be filed with the State  
18 Attorney General. They are complaint-driven.

19 They don't go out looking for violations, but it can - it  
20 has happened before, and just the, the mean part of it, if you're  
21 found personally liable, the City Attorney's Office cannot defend you  
22 and you could be fined up to \$500 per violation, and removed from the  
23 Committee. And I'm going to leave it there. This is just a fast run-  
24 through on the Open Meeting Law, but if anybody has any questions,  
25 feel free to e-mail or let us know.

1           CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Thank you, Suzanne. One other thing  
2 that I just wanted to add into the end of that is because we're doing  
3 this through technology, and we're doing this through Teams (sic),  
4 there is a chat function in Teams (sic).

5           Please don't use the chat function. Anything that you put  
6 in the chat, chat functions becomes public record and it's  
7 discoverable. So, we'd prefer just that everything be done verbally  
8 during the meeting. You want to give up your screen?

9           MS. MESICH: Yes.

10          CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Okay. So, Item 4 is an overview of the  
11 Committee's responsibilities. I'm gonna keep this fairly brief as  
12 well. But I just kind of want to give you a little bit of background  
13 about the Committee and what your role is going to be.

14          The Redistricting Advisory Committee was created by a  
15 public initiative and adopted by the voters in 1993. The  
16 responsibilities of the Committee are to review the relevant U.S.  
17 Census data to determine, advise, and advise the Mayor and Council  
18 whether redistricting of the City wards and boundaries are necessary.

19          If during your deliberations, you do make a determination  
20 that it's necessary to, to do redistricting this year, you are  
21 required to hold at least one public hearing to gather citizen input,  
22 and then you're required to provide written recommendations of the  
23 Mayor and Council.

24          And here's gonna be the tough part for this Committee.  
25 This recommendation has to be done no later than October 1<sup>st</sup> of this

1 year. I apologize for the short time frame on this. We had some  
2 difficulty getting members appointed to the Committee. So, we're  
3 working on a fairly short time frame.

4           The Committee will review the population of the City every  
5 four years. During the second year - and during the second year  
6 following the dicentennial (ph.) census. So, we'll do it this year,  
7 and two years from now, we will, after the census, we will have a  
8 Redistricting Advisory Committee that will review the ward boundaries  
9 again.

10           The last population review was completed in 2016, so, that  
11 would have been four years ago. That Committee made the  
12 recommendation not to make any changes to the, to the boundaries.

13           Pima County consolidated and renumbered the precincts in  
14 November of 2013. When they did so, it caused a number of splits  
15 between the wards. The current ward boundaries, as defined today,  
16 were adopted by the Mayor and Council in November of 2014.

17           The Redistricting Advisory Committee looked at those issues  
18 and took those into account to make sure that we were covering those  
19 splits and taking care of those issues.

20           The redistricting plans that you make, or have been made in  
21 the past, have to be developed in accordance with the Tucson Charter.  
22 It requires the redistricting plans neither favor or disfavor any  
23 political party, any person, nor dilute the voting strength of any  
24 racial or ethnic minority group.

1           Additionally, the ward boundaries have to be contiguous and  
2 compact and to the extent possible, the ward shall be equal in  
3 population. And we do that through a concept called "maximum  
4 population deviation", MPD.

5           The MPD's of maximum population deviation is calculated by  
6 dividing the total population of the City by the six wards. That  
7 gives us the ideal target population for each ward. The percentage of  
8 persons over or under the target population is the MPD for each ward.

9           The overall MPD for the City is taken by dividing the total  
10 population - I'm sorry. The total - the overall MPD is calculated by  
11 the absolute values of the most represented ward and the least  
12 populated ward. The goal of the plan, then, is to create an MPD that  
13 is less than 10%. That's what the Supreme Court considers to be  
14 constitutionally viable.

15           Currently, the City's MPD is at 1.98%. That's absolutely  
16 incredible. In 2016, during our last Redistricting Advisory  
17 Committee, the MPD was seven and a half percent. So, just simply by  
18 people moving in and out of the wards on their own, they've actually  
19 established a much better MPD than was accomplished during the last  
20 Redistricting Advisory Committee.

21           So, your role in this committee will be to look at whether  
22 or not you think that the ward boundaries need to be changed to  
23 improve on that 1.98% MPD. When you, when you make changes to the  
24 boundaries, you're going to be - you would be moving one precinct from  
25 one ward into a different ward.

1           Precincts typically have anywhere from a couple hundred  
2 people to five thousand residents within a precinct. So, some of  
3 those changes by taking one precinct from one ward and putting it into  
4 another ward can actually do that one thing that the Charter doesn't  
5 allow us to do and that is to dilute the voting strength of a racial  
6 minority. So, that's one thing that we'll want to keep in mind as, as  
7 you go through this.

8           So, that's, that's the role the Commission is going to be  
9 taking on and looking at, and again, it's, it's going to have to be a  
10 very quick process to, to go through this. But we're here to help and  
11 help you with however many meetings you feel that you need to make a  
12 viable decision.

13           We didn't schedule a lot of time to talk about that on this  
14 agenda this evening simply because we want you to take the information  
15 that we provided for you and kind of go through that and, and get a  
16 better grasp of what I'm talking about. The information I just  
17 provided is in your packet of information. So, if you have any  
18 questions about that, it's, it's in that packet of information.

19           So, the next item on the agenda is Item 5, election of  
20 officers. This would be an election of a Chair and a Vice-Chair. And  
21 I will open up to the membership to - for nominations for the election  
22 of the Chair.

23           MR. SCOTT: This is Grady Scott. Could I nominate Jonathan  
24 Rothschild for the Chair?

25           CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Okay.

1 MR. PERKINS: This Glenn Perkins. I would second that.

2 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: All right. Are there any other  
3 nominations? Hearing none, all those in favor of -

4 MS. CHUBON: (Inaudible) I was trying to get my mic  
5 unmuted. I'd like to nominate Charlene Mendoza.

6 MR. O'CONNELL: I'll, I'll second the nomination.

7 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: All right. Any other nominations? All  
8 right. Hearing none, we will do a roll call vote, if you'll either  
9 vote for Charlene Mendoza or Jonathan Rothschild. We'll start with  
10 Michael O'Connell.

11 MR. O'CONNELL: I vote for Charlene Mendoza.

12 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Marion Chubon?

13 MS. CHUBON: Charlene Mendoza.

14 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Glenn Perkins?

15 MR. PERKINS: Jonathan Rothschild.

16 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Kelly?

17 MS. CANADY: Jonathan Rothschild.

18 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Dr. Scott?

19 MR. SCOTT: Jonathan Rothschild.

20 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: Mayor Rothschild?

21 MALE MEMBER: You're muted.

22 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: You're muted, Mayor.

23 MR. ROTHSCHILD: I got it. I got it. I got it. Okay.

24 Yeah, I'll vote for me. What the heck?

25 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: And Charlene.



1 MS. MENDOZA: I actually will vote for myself.

2 CHAIRMAN RANDOLPH: So, it's four to three. Mayor  
3 Rothschild, you will be the Chair of the Committee. If you would like  
4 to take over and - at this point, and select the nominations for Vice-  
5 Chair.

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Oh. Okay. Well, let's take  
7 nominations for Vice-Chair.

8 MS. CHUBON: I'd like to nominate Charlene Mendoza.

9 MS. CANADY: I'd second that.

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Any other nominations?  
11 Hearing none, let's - we don't - do we need to roll call this, Roger?

12 MR. RANDOLPH: You can do it by voice vote.

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Let's do it by voice vote.  
14 All in favor of Charlene Mendoza as the Vice-Chair say "aye". Aye.

15 (Affirmative.)

16 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Any other officers, Roger?

17 MR. RANDOLPH: That's all, Your Honor.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Right. Discussion of redistricting  
19 timelines. You told us October 1<sup>st</sup>. Who wants to tell us more?

20 MR. RANDOLPH: So, I - Your Honor, I think that this should  
21 - we can probably consider Item 6 and 7 together.

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

23 MR. RANDOLPH: Talking about redistricting and timelines.  
24 Really - you'd really only have two timelines that we need to keep in

1 mind, that October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline, to submit a written recommendation to  
2 Mayor and Council.

3           And then if you decide that you want to make changes to the  
4 re- -- to the ward boundaries, we need to hold that public hearing  
5 prior to that. So, that would be sometime the last - probably the  
6 last week of September. So, it would be probably two weeks to make  
7 your decision whether or not you wanted to make recommenda- --  
8 recommend the changes and then us be able to advertise for a public  
9 hearing.

10           CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, if we decide that we want  
11 to make changes, how much time do we need to - how much time do we  
12 have to do the public - how much time do we have to notice the public  
13 hearing?

14           MR. RANDOLPH: We can get a notice out pretty quick. What  
15 we would do is, we probably wouldn't go through our normal channels.  
16 We'd actually use our PIO's to get it out to the news media, and do it  
17 directly (inaudible) to the City main page as well.

18           CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, it - oh. So, it's  
19 September the 3<sup>rd</sup>. It probably takes us a week to read all this stuff.  
20 I mean you've got the, the experience. How - when should we come  
21 back?

22           It sounds like the only thing we have to discuss is whether  
23 we want to make changes or not make changes. We don't want to make  
24 changes, simple enough. We give that recommendation. If we want to  
25 make changes, we hold a public hearing. Is a week enough for

1 everybody to read this and kind of have a knowledge of where they  
2 think they want to head with this?

3 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: It is - this is Charlene Mendoza. I  
4 had - I'm not strongly tied to this, but just looking at the calendar,  
5 if there is a possibility that we decide to recommend changes, I'd  
6 like to suggest that we consider moving our meeting to Monday, Tuesday  
7 or Wednesday so that we have all four weeks as possibilities before  
8 the October 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

9 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Fine with me.

10 MR. RANDOLPH: Okay. (Inaudible)

11 MR SCOTT: It's actually better for me.

12 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: I just think the first question is -  
13 and, Roger, you might know from past experience, or Dennis - how much  
14 time do you think we need to digest this so we can come back and have  
15 a meaningful conversation about whether there should be changes or  
16 not?

17 MR. RANDOLPH: I think if you took a week, I think that  
18 would be probably adequate. As you go through this, a lot of this is  
19 just historical information that gives you an idea of where we came up  
20 with the numbers and then some spreadsheets that we presented.

21 During that - during this week that you're reviewing this,  
22 if you have any questions about it, you can definitely send those  
23 questions to me and my staff, and we will provide the question along  
24 with the associated answers to all of the Committee Members. So, we  
25 can begin that conversation partially prior to the next meeting, just

1 kind of providing some clarification of the information that's before  
2 you.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: So, I don't, I don't know if this  
4 gives us enough time, but based on Charlene's request to do a Monday,  
5 Tuesday, or Wednesday, if we take all - you know, (inaudible)  
6 Thursday, it's Labor Day. If we take all next week, we would be  
7 looking at September 14<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>. Well, 15<sup>th</sup>'s gonna be hard for me. But  
8 September 14<sup>th</sup>, or 16<sup>th</sup>.

9 Is that gonna give us enough time? Do you, do you think in  
10 one meeting we will be able to say, "Yeah, we, we want to leave it as  
11 it is," or, "We want to have a public hearing."

12 Let's say we say we want to have a public hearing, do we  
13 have enough time then to get that public hearing and then digest that  
14 before October 1<sup>st</sup> for a recommendation?

15 MR. RANDOLPH: So, if you held a meeting on the week of the  
16 14<sup>th</sup> and a meeting at the beginning of the following week, and made a  
17 decision that you wanted to make recommendations, we could definitely  
18 advertise for that public hearing before the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

19 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right. Well, is everybody good  
20 with September 14<sup>th</sup>, Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock?

21 MR. SCOTT: What day of the week is the 14<sup>th</sup>?

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: It's a Monday.

23 MR. SCOTT: It's a Monday, that's fine with me.

24 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

25 MR. O'CONNELL: That works for me as well.

1 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay.

2 MS. CHUBON: That works for me.

3 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Great. Let's put that in.

4 (Inaudible)

5 MR. PERKINS: What was the date?

6 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: September 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 o'clock. So, at  
7 that time, I guess the anticipation is we'll come back and we'll have  
8 a conversation as to whether we think it's good as it is, or whether  
9 we think we should have a public hearing to discuss potential changes.

10 Okay, now let's just, you know, let's go to the one if we  
11 think we need to do changes. Then what you would say is you could  
12 notice that probably in a couple of days so we can actually have a  
13 hearing early the next week if we needed to, 'cause I, I think we'd  
14 want to give ourselves a few days before we write a report, if there's  
15 gonna be a -

16 MR. RANDOLPH: Okay. So, just, just for information, the  
17 previous Committee in 2016 held multiple meetings during the week  
18 because they were also under a time crunch. So, in order to make  
19 their decision to move forward, they held more than one meeting a  
20 week. I mean, that's always a possibility if, if we should need to do  
21 that.

22 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: All right. Well, unless somebody  
23 thinks otherwise, I'm gonna kind of go with the one step at a time  
24 philosophy. So, you know, we get back on the 14<sup>th</sup>, and then we figure

1 out what we need to do, if that's, if that's okay with everybody.

2 The op- -- the option is to try to reserve another day now.

3 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: I can go - this is Charlene. I can go  
4 either way with that. I am wondering, and I am asking for a  
5 recommendation perhaps from Mr. Randolph, or other more experienced  
6 folks. Do we think an hour meeting is sufficient, or should we block  
7 90 minutes? I don't have a lot of experience in that, so (inaudible)  
8 think about it.

9 MR. RANDOLPH: I would say probably for the meeting of the  
10 14<sup>th</sup>, you might want to block a little more time. That will probably  
11 give you, that meeting will give you a really good idea of whether you  
12 want to move forward or not, I think, at that point in time. So, the  
13 more time you have available to discuss it, to decide your game plan  
14 going forward would probably be better.

15 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. So, no dinner until after 6:30  
16 on that day, huh? All right. Okay. So, I - so, that takes care of  
17 discussion of restriction timelines, meeting schedule for future  
18 meetings.

19 Before I go to future agenda items, maybe you tell me if  
20 I'm, you know, this is not on the agenda, but I, I just looked at the  
21 - and, you know, Roger, you said, "Oh, we got this great thing. We're  
22 down from 7% to 1.9%, (sic) it looks wonderful."

23 But when I look at just the initial sheet, it shows our  
24 target populations for each district is ninety-two nine seventy-seven.  
25 And our biggest disparity, they're, they're pretty close, but our

1 biggest disparity is between Ward 5, which is now 4500 over, and Ward  
2 6, which is now 5600 under. Does that make a difference? I mean, I  
3 mean we're clearly probably within what the law allows, but - and  
4 that's something (inaudible) for people to think about.

5 And what's sort of been the, the thought pattern in the  
6 past? I know that if we decide we want to make a move, we gotta do a  
7 lot of more (inaudible) down and how big precincts are and the like.  
8 But what's been the thought pattern on the past on that?

9 MR. RANDOLPH: So, the 2016 Redistricting Advisory  
10 Committee, that largest deviation, that was the 7.5% between two  
11 wards. Here you have 1.98% between two wards, which is a, a very good  
12 deviation in population. But that doesn't necessarily mean that you  
13 don't want to look at that and determine if that's the way that you  
14 want to keep it.

15 Ward 6 has dropped in population since the last go-round by  
16 almost 3,000 residents. So, that, that's the reason for that, that  
17 deviation there.

18 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Yeah. I mean I'm not real good with  
19 standard deviations, but when I look at it, if there's 90-some  
20 thousand people in a district, and one has 10,000 less, that's like a  
21 10% deviation from those two districts. I mean, you know, doing,  
22 doing, doing political math, not you know like (inaudible) math.

23 MR. RANDOLPH: Right.

24 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Anyway, I just think that's something  
25 for us to think about as we look through these materials. Again, I

1 got no pre- -- it's about as much as I know, I looked at the first  
2 page.

3 Okay. Does anybody else have anything for any future  
4 agendas at this time? Okay. If not, I guess we'll take a Motion to  
5 Adjourn. Come on, somebody. We'll sit here all night.

6 MS. CHUBON: I'll move to adjourn. Marion.

7 MR. SCOTT: I second.

8 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Can we get a second?

9 MR. SCOTT: I second.

10 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Well, we gotta (inaudible) practice  
11 this. Okay. All those in favor of adjournment say "aye". Aye.

12 (Affirmative.)

13 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Like a chorus. All right. Okay.  
14 So, we will see everybody on September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00. Isn't that what  
15 we said?

16 (Affirmative.)

17 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Great. Should be fun. All  
18 right. See you guys all then.

19 VICE-CHAIR MENDOZA: Thank you.

20 CHAIRMAN ROTHSCHILD: Okay. Take care.

21 (Meeting was Adjourned.)



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