



Legal Action Report

City of Tucson Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC)

DATE: **Monday, September 9, 2024**
TIME: 12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: City Hall
255 W. Alameda Street
Mayor and Council Chambers, 1st floor
Tucson, Arizona

1. Roll Call

The Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m. by Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office.

Upon roll call, those present and absent were:

<u>Present:</u>	<u>Appointor:</u>
Maribel Alvarez	Mayor
Vanessa Gallego	Ward 1
Tre'Davon Rhodes	Ward 2
Ed Hendel	Ward 3
Robert Jaramillo	Ward 5
Raquel Abel	Ward 6

<u>Absent:</u>	
Jon Aitken	Ward 4

Staff Present:
Suzanne Mesich, City Clerk
Yolanda Lozano, Chief Deputy City Clerk
Maria Talamante, Assistant City Clerk
Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office
Randy Hammel, City Clerk's Office
Robert Hunter, City Clerk's Office
Dennis P. McLaughlin, Principal Assistant City Attorney
Jennifer Stash, Principal Assistant City Attorney

2. Approval of Minutes from August 28, 2004

(This item was continued until September 23, 2024.)

3. Election of Officers

Shawna Lee, City Clerk's Office, invited nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the RAC.

Committee Member Alvarez nominated Committee Member Hendel for Chair. Committee Member Rhodes nominated himself for Chair. No other nominations were made.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Committee Member Aitken absent), to elect Committee Member Hendel to Chair.

It was moved by Chair Hendel, duly seconded and passed by a roll call vote of 6 to 0 (Committee Member Aitken Absent), to elect Committee Member Rhodes for Vice Chair.

4. Consideration and Discussion of Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) Scope of Duties as Described in the August 30, 2024, Memorandum from the City Attorney's Office

Chair Hendel asked that the August 30, 2024, memorandum from the City Attorney's Office be read for the benefit of audience members in attendance.

Mike Rankin, City Attorney, discussed the August 30 Memorandum. He explained that because the Maximum Population Deviation (MPD) was at 2.9%, Mayor and Council will not consider any redistricting proposals this cycle. He recommended the scope of duties for the Committee to include:

- To review and discuss the demographic and population data.
- To ask questions regarding the data.
- To confirm the MPD and that no redistricting is required.
- Report to Mayor and Council by the end of the year.
- Suggestions for Mayor and Council for future processes of the RAC.

Discussion of this item continued after Item 6.

6. Call to the Audience

(This item was taken out of order.)

There were no speakers.

4. Consideration and Discussion of Redistricting Advisory Committee (RAC) Scope of Duties as Described in the August 30, 2024, Memorandum from the City Attorney's Office

Discussion of this item resumed after Item 6.

Chair Hendel proposed the need to start the process earlier. Mr. McLaughlin stated annexations could be a factor in redistricting as a point of information.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Committee Member Aitken absent), that since the MPD is comfortably below the 10% threshold, no redistricting is required in 2024 and the RAC will not be proposing any maps or redistricting this year.

5. Consideration and Discussion regarding the Process and Related Information for Formulating RAC's Recommendation to Mayor and Council

Discussion ensued regarding a timeline for future committees.

It was moved by Committee Member Alvarez, duly seconded and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0 (Committee Member Aitken absent), that the next meeting be a study session to discuss demographics of the City with as much granular information as possible.

Discussion continued; no further action taken.

6. Call to the Audience

(This item was taken out of order and considered after Item #4.)

7. Schedule for Future Meetings

Discussion ensued regarding members' availability to meet in the future.

It was moved by Committee Member Jaramillo, duly seconded, and carried by a voice vote of 6 to 0, (Committee Member Aitken absent) that the next meetings of the RAC would be:

- Monday, September 23, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, September 30, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.

8. Future Agenda Items

The following agenda items were identified for the Study Session to be held on September 23, 2024:

- Call to the Audience
- Continuation of Item 5, with a focus on demographics

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:32 p.m.