

SALT LAKE COUNTY

*2001 So. State Street
Salt Lake City, Utah 84114*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 21, 2021

11:15 AM

N2-800

Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission

1. Call to Order

Present: Commission Member Brian Maxwell
Commission Member Sylvia S. Andersen
Excused: Commission Member Landon Clark
Call In: Commission Member Alene Bentley
Commission Member Jeffrey Enquist
Commission Member Scott Riding
Commission Member Yándary Chatwin

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of the October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

[21-1238](#)

Attachments: [101421 - RD](#)

Commission Member Andersen stated Charlotte Kuhn, Election Manager, Clerk’s Office, has asked to correct one statement on the minutes. Ms. Kuhn did not design the map presented last week; credit goes to John Kennamer, GIS Analyst, Surveyor’s Office.

Commission Member Bentley stated as a point of clarification, she was opposed to forwarding that map to the Council based on the criteria set forth in the ordinance.

A motion was made by Commission Member Andersen, seconded by Commission Member Chatwin, that this agenda item be approved with the corrections as outlined. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 School Board Redistricting Process Update

[21-1239](#)

Commission Member Maxwell stated representatives from Granite School District plan on attending the October 28th, 2021, Redistricting Commission meeting to discuss its proposed maps. He has not heard back from the other school districts, but he will contact them. The maps from the school districts need to be submitted as soon as possible to give the Clerk’s Office time to finish precincting.

Ms. Sherrie Swensen, Salt Lake County Clerk, stated if things are put off

for another week, her office can work with it. She is still waiting on information from the cities.

Commission Member Maxwell stated the school districts will have until the week before Thanksgiving to present their maps.

Commission Member Enquist asked if Salt Lake City School District has acknowledged it needed to submit maps to this Commission, or if that was still in question from a legal standpoint.

Commission Member Maxwell stated the District Attorney indicated this Commission is responsible to submit redistricting maps to the County Council.

4.2 **Proposed Council District Maps and Adjustments from [21-1240](#) Commission Members**

Potential Action of Selecting Maps to Forward to the County Council

Commission Member Maxwell stated last week the Commission considered two maps - one which he submitted based on landmarks and the other submitted by the Clerk's Office based on minimum boundary shifts. He asked if Commission Member Chatwin wanted to include her map.

Commission Member Chatwin stated since "do no harm" is the standard advised by legal counsel, she did not know if her map should be submitted for consideration. It is a little frustrating that an entire Commission has been assembled to make very minor changes and keep boundaries basically the same.

Commission Member Andersen stated she would like submit a well-drafted letter to the Council expressing the Commission's concerns.

Commission Member Enquist stated he would be willing to draft a letter to the Council.

A motion was made by Commission Member Andersen, seconded by Commission Member Chatwin, to draft a letter that would express the experiences and hurdles of the Commission in trying to comply with the

ordinance. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Commission Member Maxwell asked if the Commission could take another look at the two maps it liked most last week; the map he designed and the map with minimal changes.

Ms. Emily LaMunyon, Division Information Services Manager, Surveyor's Office, presented the map with minimal changes that would keep all representatives in their district.

Ms. Charlotte Kuhn, Election Manager, Clerk's office showed the map drawn by Commission Member Maxwell on screen.

Commission Member Chatwin asked if the Commission could make some changes over District 6 if Commission Member Maxwell was okay with that.

Ms. LaMunyon assisted in making several small variations to the map. None of the changes worked for the parameters set forth by the ordinance.

Commission Member Maxwell asked to look at the map with horizontal lines that kept with municipal boundaries as a third option.

Commission Member Enquist stated he had no problem submitting a third map based on municipalities. He assumed it would be the first to be rejected by the Council, but there was no harm in submitting it.

Commission Member Riding stated he did not support this idea because it would be a misuse of public time in the Council meeting.

Commission Member Maxwell stated he appreciated the considerations that went into the map, but this was not one he was excited about. This would be his third ranked map in the group of three.

A motion was made by Commission Member Enquist, seconded by Commission Member Bentley, to accept the map based on municipal boundaries into the group of three to be considered. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Commission Member Bentley
Commission Member Maxwell
Commission Member Enquist
Commission Member Chatwin

Nay: Commission Member Riding

Excused: Commission Member Clark

Abstain: Commission Member Andersen

A motion was made by Commission Member Chatwin, seconded by Commission Member Enquist, to submit these three maps in the following ranking: Map #1 - Chair Maxwell's map, Map #2 - the Clerk's map and then Map #3 - the map based on municipal boundaries. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Commission Member Chatwin, seconded by Commission Member Maxwell, to name these maps 1, 2, and 3 based on their ranking. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

Ms. Sherrie Swensen, County Clerk, requested permission for Ms. Kuhn and Ms. LaMunyon to do some minor cleanup on the maps to ensure everything is correct before submitting them.

Commission Member Andersen stated it would be valuable in written communication with the Council to state the intent behind why each map was designed.

Commission Member Maxwell stated the Commission should review Commission Member Enquist's letter next week.

Commission Member Enquist stated his intent would be to draft the letter this weekend and then email it to the Commission Members.

5. Other Committee Business

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20 PM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, REDISTRICTING COMMISSION