

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 14, 2021

10:00 AM

N2-800

Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of the October 7, 2021 Meeting Minutes

[21-1206](#)

Attachments: [100721 - RD](#)

A motion was made by Commission Member Chatwin, seconded by Commission Member Bentley, that this agenda item be approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

4. Discussion Items

4.1 School Board Redistricting Process Update

[21-1207](#)

Commission Member Maxwell stated he received an inquiry from one of the school districts asking about the 10 percent number leeway. The school district wanted to know if it was 10 percent from the target number or a 10 percent district-to-district comparison. He thought it was a district-to-district comparison and wanted to know if he gave good advice.

Mr. Jason Rose, Legal Counsel, District Attorney's Office, stated he believed that was a reasonable interpretation.

Commission Member Maxwell stated Granite School District would like to come and talk to the Commission on October 28. He asked Mr. Rose if Salt Lake City School District had gotten back to him.

Mr. Rose stated the school district had not gotten back, but he has heard through other channels that it agreed with the interpretation. He recommended the Commission move forward with this.

Commission Member Chatwin stated she heard Salt Lake City School District had been put in touch with Stephen Moore, Data Analyst, from the Clerk's Office. She asked what the new estimated end date was.

Commission Member Maxwell stated the target date would ideally be early November, but he wants to be flexible because he does not want the school districts to feel too rushed.

Mr. Rose reminded Commission Member Maxwell November 11th is Veteran's Day, and the County will not be open.

Commission Member Maxwell stated it would be helpful if the Commission could pick a date by November 4th for the school districts to present their maps. That would give the Commission a chance to make sure the maps met the criteria. Although it is not ideal, the commission would shoot for November 23, 2021, as the end date. He asked the Clerk's Office if that would allow it enough time to do the changes in the various precincts.

4.2 Proposed Council District Maps and Adjustments from [21-1208](#) Commission Members

Commission Member Chatwin presented her proposed map. She stated it is preferable to keep Council Members in their Districts whenever possible, but she wanted to explore what it would look like if that did not happen, specifically in District 2 and 5. The map lumped Rose Park, Glendale, and Poplar Grove in with West Valley City and the Magna Metro Township. In District 2, she tried to keep West Valley City together, but the population skyrocketed quickly. Subsequently, the boundaries are a lot smaller. District 4 is the largest, but much of it is mountains and canyons.

Commission Member Bentley asked Mr. Rose if there is any order of priority to the criteria that Council Members not be displaced.

Mr. Rose stated there is not a listed priority, but there is language in the ordinance stating it should be done if possible.

Commission Member Maxwell asked if the Commission could look at the existing boundaries and their populations. He recently realized the ordinance states a Council district shall remain as consistent and unchanged as

possible. He then presented his map.

Ms. Charlotte Kuhn, Election Division, presented a map, designed by John Kennamer, Surveyor's Office, with minimal shifts where all the incumbents remain in their districts.

Commission Member Riding stated if the number one criterion is minimal line changes, this map is ideal for that.

Ms. Kuhn presented a second map stating Commissioner Andersen had asked her to do a few tweaks last week. This map was based more on municipal boundaries.

Commission Member Chatwin stated it is her understanding that there should be at least two cities in a Council district.

Mr. Rose stated it is a bit contradictory. The ordinance states district boundaries will be aligned with municipal boundaries, but also that there shall be at least two jurisdictions in a district.

Commission Member Maxwell stated he is concerned because four of the districts have Council Members living very close to the boundaries. He worries that future growth might make this a problem.

Commission Member Bentley stated based on the criteria this is not a map she would recommend they forward to the County Council

Commission Member Maxwell stated growth in the southwest quadrant is going to be significant and he does not know if the problem that went along with that can be avoided.

5. Other Committee Business

Commission Member Maxwell stated the Commission will meet again on the 21st of October. He asked the Commission Members if 11:00 AM would be okay.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

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CHAIR, REDISTRICTING COMMISSION