

SALT LAKE COUNTY

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



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 7, 2021

10:00 AM

N2-800

Salt Lake County Redistricting Commission

1. Call to Order

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

2. Public Comment

3. Approval of Minutes

3.1 Approval of September 30, 2021 Meeting Minutes

[21-1178](#)

Attachments: [093021 - RD](#)

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

4. Discussion Items

4.1 School Board Redistricting Process Update

[21-1179](#)

Commission Member Maxwell stated the Canyons School District is working on its maps right now, and the Granite School District has been talking to the Clerk's Office about precincts. Neither school district has scheduled a date to come to a Redistricting Commission meeting.

Commission Member Chatwin stated the Salt Lake City School District Board of Education met on Tuesday night to discuss redistricting and has been in touch with the Clerk's Office to start on maps. However, it is still trying to figure out how that property near Brickyard Plaza is going to affect the redistricting.

Commissioner Maxwell suggested the Commission finish the Council District boundaries early so it has time at the end of the month to talk with the school districts

4.2 Council Districts - Suggestions from Commission Members

[21-1180](#)

The Commission reviewed maps that the Clerk's Office and Surveyor's Office provided, focusing on two of those maps - one based on municipal boundaries and the other based on landmarks. The map based on landmarks separates Salt Lake City. The Commission also reviewed a map that Commission Member Maxwell created with help from the Clerk's Office and Surveyor's Office.

Commission Member Andersen stated the maps based on municipal boundaries and landmark boundaries were more logical. One of the maps provided by the Clerk and Surveyor's Offices flipped District 2 with District 5, but she thought that made sense. She did not like the maps that maintained the oblong design of District 2, as that requires one Council Member to cover a massive area in a district where growth is going to occur.

Commission Member Bentley suggested looking at the options that preserve to the greatest extent the existing boundaries while accommodating for the growth that has occurred.

Commission Member Riding stated change is justified in some districts where growth is going to happen, but growth is not happening in District 2.

Mr. Brad Johnson, Deputy District Attorney reviewed the County ordinance criteria, as follows:

1. Boundary changes will be limited, to the maximum extent possible, so as to remain consistent with the district's original configuration;
2. Boundary changes that remove existing Council Members from the district to which they were elected will be avoided, where possible;
3. Where consistent with the requirements of the Optional Plan for Salt Lake County Government, district boundaries will be aligned with the jurisdictional boundaries of municipalities and townships;
4. Council districts will have at least two jurisdictions within the Council district boundaries;
5. No boundary will be gerrymandered for the purpose of political advantage.

Ms. Charlotte Kuhn, Election Division, stated the map based on municipal boundaries leaves all incumbents in their districts.

Commission Member Maxwell stated that map shifts the boundaries of District 3 radically. He would like to work more on his map and have the Commission consider that.

Commission Member Clark stated he liked the map based on municipal boundaries.

Commission Member Enquist stated he did too; it provided cleaner lines. He suggested tweaking that map and the map Commission Member Maxwell created as two of the maps to provide to the Council.

5. Other Committee Business

Commission Member Riding suggested setting a date to vote on the Council District maps, so the Commission can spend the rest of the time with the school districts.

A motion was made by Commission Member Maxwell, seconded by Commission Member Enquist, to vote on Council District map recommendations on October 21, 2021. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 AM.

SHERRIE SWENSEN, COUNTY CLERK

By _____
DEPUTY CLERK

By _____
CHAIR, REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

