



Minutes of the Redistricting Commission  
October 14, 2011—Special Meeting

Redistricting Commission Office, 1063 Capitol Way S, Olympia, WA 98501

**Commission Members Present:**

Lura Powell, Chair  
Tim Ceis

Dean Foster  
Slade Gorton

Tom Huff

**Commission Members Absent:**

None

**Commission Staff Present:**

Bonnie Bunning  
Heather Boe

Genevieve O'Sullivan  
Rachel Gay

Nick Pharris  
Ryan Wilke

**Other Attendees:**

Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General  
Marvin Rosete, Citizen  
John Rothlin, Washington House of  
Representatives  
Dayne Lurie, Congressman Jim  
McDermott's Office  
Jeff Rhodes, Freedom Foundation  
Estelle Gwinn, The Columbian  
David Anderson, Citizen  
Uriel Iniguez, Commission on Hispanic  
Affairs

Adam Bartz, House Democratic Caucus  
Steve Garrett, Senate/House Democratic  
Caucus'  
Harry Korrell, Davis Wright Tremaine LLP  
John Milem, Citizen  
Ryan Moore, Senate Republicans Caucus  
Don Skillman, House Republican Caucus  
K-Y Su, House Republican Caucus  
Emily Walters, Senate Democratic Caucus  
Joann Poysky, K & L Gates

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 10:30 a.m. with Lura Powell presiding as Chair.

**2. APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 11, 2011 MEETING MINUTES**

The minutes for October 11, 2011 were presented by the Chair for approval.

Commissioner Dean Foster asked that the minutes be amended under item 5. Matters Pertaining to Redistricting. He indicated that the first sentence should read "*Ms. Bunning presented proposed resolutions for final congressional and legislative plan adoption to the commissioners for review.*" Commissioner Foster also asked that the minutes be amended to add the clarification provided on October 11, 2011, such that the first sentences on page 2 should read: "*Commissioner Dean Foster said that Sec. 4 of the document is intended to give direction to the Secretary of State or County Auditors on how to deal with errors in our plan. He recommended that Rusty Fallis, counsel to the Commission, look at what other states do*"

*and that we ask the Secretary of State what the boiler plate language should say to help correct errors, since no decision is required of the Commission at this time."*

Approval of the minutes was tabled until the next meeting of the Commission.

### **3. MATTERS PERTAINING TO REDISTRICTING**

Commissioners Slade Gorton and Tom Huff presented their draft legislative plan. (See Commission packet.)

Commissioners Tim Ceis and Dean Foster presented their draft legislative plan. (See Commission packet.)

Commissioner Foster asked what the process would be if the Commissioners wanted to have a meeting prior to the regularly scheduled November 8 Commission meeting. Rusty Fallis, Assistant Attorney General, said the chair or the majority of the governing body could call a special meeting by providing a minimum of 24-hours' notice to the members of the governing body and the local newspapers of general circulation, radio, and television stations that have on file a request to be notified. He emphasized that action cannot be taken on any items not specifically included in the agenda of a special meeting. Bonnie Bunning, Executive Director, said staff sends meeting notices to the commission's Listserv, posts them to the Commission's Website, and sends them to the media as soon as they are available.

Commissioner Ceis suggested that any commissioner wanting to have a special meeting, contact Chair Powell. Chair Powell could then poll the other commissioners about their willingness to meet, then work with staff to schedule the meeting. All commissioners agreed.

Commissioner Huff mentioned that the Legislature will begin a special session on November 28 which is another need for the Commission to take action as soon as possible.

Commissioner Gorton asked how the 30 day legislative review would be impacted by the Legislature's special session on November 28. Mr. Fallis said he would develop a response and get back to the Commission.

Commissioner Ceis expressed concern about how welcome an additional agenda item might be to the Legislature during a special session and suggested it be discussed with leadership. He also said he would rather the focus be on the quality of the plan than trying to meet the goal of completing it before the special session.

Commissioner Huff agreed but said the auditors and candidates would love for the plans to be completed as early as possible and that finishing prior to January 1 would allow the Commission time to make corrections. He said he thinks the Commission could complete the legislative plan by November 1 and the congressional plan by November 15, or a minimum of November 28, if it is deliberate in setting a schedule and developing procedures and a process.

Chair Powell agreed that the auditors do need time to review the plan. Ms. Bunning said Vicky Dalton, Spokane County Auditor and Chair of the Washington State Association of County Auditors, said the auditors will review the draft proposed resolutions for final congressional and legislative plan adoption and provide feedback on the wording next week.

Ms. Dalton also said the counties would be able to review the plan and provide detailed corrections in a manner of days rather than weeks once they receive the shape files. Larger counties with GIS could assist the smaller counties if necessary.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

John Milem

Dave Schmidt (online comment)

Carin Chase, (online comment)

Marvin Rosete

David Anderson

A transcript of the public testimony will be published on the Commission's website at <http://www.redistricting.wa.gov/pastmeetings.asp> and can be viewed as a webcast at <http://www.tvw.org/media/mediaplayer.cfm?evid=2011101011&TYPE=V&CFID=8292666&CFTOKEN=64089744&bhcp=1>.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 p.m.