

Lake County Redistricting Commission
Minutes
October 29, 2021

Members Present: Paul Okeson, Chairman of the Lake County Redistricting Commission ("Commission"); Suzannah Wilson Overholt, Vice Chairman of the Commission; Karen Celestino-Horseman, member; Litany A. Pyle, Member.

Members Absent: None.

State Legislative Advisory Members Present: The Honorable Fady Qaddora, Indiana State Senator, proxy for The Honorable Eddie Melton, Indiana State Senator; The Honorable Vernon G. Smith, Indiana State Representative.

Members Absent: The Honorable Jon Ford, Indiana State Senator; The Honorable Eddie Melton, Indiana State Senator; The Honorable Hal Slager, Indiana State Representative.

Staff Attending: J. Bradley King, Co-Director, Indiana Election Division of the Office of the Secretary of State (Election Division); Angela M. Nussmeyer, Co-Director of the Election Division; Matthew Kochevar, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division; Valerie Warycha, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division; Stephanie Davidsen, Precinct and Redistricting staff, Election Division.

Others Attending: Mr. Jim Wieser.

1. Call to Order:

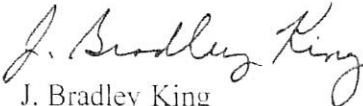
The Chair called the October 29, 2021 meeting of the Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. EDT in State House Room 404, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis.

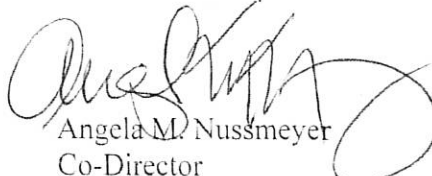
2. Transaction of Commission Business:

The Commission proceeded to transact the business set forth in the Transcript of Proceedings for this meeting prepared by Maria W. Collier, RPR, CRR, of Stewart Richardson and Associates, which is incorporated by reference into these minutes.

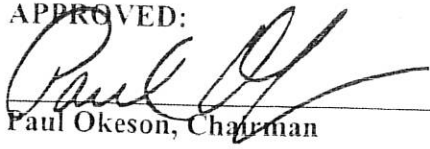
The Commission adjourned its meeting at 2:06 p.m. EDT.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Bradley King
Co-Director


Angela M. Nussmeyer
Co-Director

APPROVED:



Paul Okeson, Chairman

In the Matter Of:

INDIANA ELECTION COMMISSION - LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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Suzannah Wilson Overholt - Vice Chairman

Litany Pyle - Member

Karen Celestino-Horseman - Member

INDIANA ELECTION DIVISION STAFF:

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J. Bradley King - Co-Director

Matthew Kochevar - Co-Counsel

Valerie Warycha - Co-Counsel

LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY MEMBERS:

Fady Qaddoura - Proxy for Eddie Melton

Vernon G. Smith

1 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'm going to go ahead and
2 call the meeting to order of the Lake County
3 Redistricting Commission. It's our first public
4 session, Friday, October 29, 2021.

5 I'd like to note all present -- or not all
6 present, those who are present. I'm Chairman Paul
7 Okeson, Vice Chair Suzannah Wilson Overholt, member
8 Karen Celestino-Horseman, and new member Litany
9 Pyle. And we have two of our legislative advisory
10 members, Senator Qaddoura, who is proxy for Senator
11 Melton who cannot be with us today, and State
12 Representative Vernon Smith. Thank you for joining
13 us. We have the Indiana Election Division
14 co-staff, Co-Director Brad King and Co-Director
15 Angie Nussmeyer and Co-Counsels Matthew Kochevar
16 and Valerie Warycha. And our court reporter, Maria
17 Collier, from Stewart Richardson will be taking
18 deposition notes for the meeting.

19 I'd like to make sure that we've met the Open
20 Door Law compliance, and I'll acknowledge the
21 co-directors to affirm that.

22 MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, Members of the
23 Commission, on behalf of myself and Co-Director
24 Nussmeyer, I can certify that notice of this
25 meeting of the Lake County Redistricting Commission

1 was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Door
2 Law.

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

4 Recognition to the members for introduction
5 and any opening remarks. Does anyone have any
6 opening remarks?

7 MR. SMITH: Well, let me just -- since I was
8 appointed to this committee and I was not totally
9 privy to the genesis of it, I did some research to
10 find out how all of this evolved. And I just want
11 to go on record that I think that this is
12 discriminatory, this process that we're using.
13 Once again, Lake County is being identified and
14 separated and handled in a unique way. That's the
15 case with us in several things, with our election
16 of our judges, with the air quality of Lake County
17 and a few adjoining counties, and now this
18 situation.

19 I think that if this committee is made up of
20 fair people -- and I don't know all of you, but I
21 would think that you're fair -- that you would
22 probably say to the powers that be that this
23 situation (inaudible) in our edict. And out of
24 fairness for the people of Lake County, we are not
25 rejects. We are part of the fabric of the state.

1 We've been good citizens. We've contributed to the
2 strength of our state.

3 I'm proud to say that I'm a Hoosier, but at
4 the same time, when you face discrimination in so
5 many different venues in so many different ways,
6 somebody has to speak out against it, and I'm
7 speaking out against it today.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you, Representative
9 Smith.

10 Senator Qaddoura?

11 MR. QADDOURA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I
12 appreciate it. I'm a proxy today serving on behalf
13 of Senator Eddie Melton, so I don't feel that I
14 should be speaking on his behalf. But as a member
15 of the Indiana Senate Elections Committee, I've
16 traveled the state and heard from Hoosiers across
17 the state throughout this last redistricting
18 process. And I've made my point very clear, that
19 when it comes to the concept of redistricting,
20 whether on a local or on a statewide level, I will
21 personally -- not today because I don't have that
22 role to play today, but in my role as a state
23 senator with the Senate Elections Committee, I made
24 my position very clear that I will oppose any
25 effort by a Democrat or a Republican to gerrymander

1 districts at a local or state level. I firmly
2 believe it goes against what democracy is, and I
3 think that that's why I championed independent
4 redistricting commission bills the last two
5 sessions, the special session and the regular
6 session.

7 And I will be introducing a constitutional
8 amendment this upcoming session to create an
9 independent redistricting commission for the state
10 of Indiana because I firmly believe, in a
11 democracy, you cannot pick and choose winners and
12 losers, and the most powerful unit of our democracy
13 is the citizen, and everyone should be treated
14 equally.

15 So I appreciate being included today as a
16 proxy and as an adviser, but I urge you and I urge
17 everyone who is engaged in this process and the
18 citizens of the state of Indiana to demand nothing
19 less than fairness and transparency in the process.
20 And I appreciate the leadership.

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you for your comments,
22 Senator Qaddoura and Representative Smith. We
23 appreciate you being with us today.

24 Any others?

25 Moving on with the business before us, to

1 begin the Commission's work, I've prepared Order
2 2021-1 to establish procedures and deadlines for
3 the submission of proposed maps for Lake County
4 commissioner and council districts and public
5 hearing and meeting dates for this Commission.

6 This order is modeled after the Order 2011-1,
7 which the Commission adopted to perform its work
8 back in 2011. I move adoption of Order 2021-1 as
9 presented, and if this motion is seconded, we will
10 begin with discussion and consideration of the
11 order. Is there a second?

12 MS. PYLE: Second.

13 CHAIRMAN OKESON: With that, I will please ask
14 Valerie Warycha, Indiana Election Division staff,
15 to read the text of the proposed order for the
16 record, and then we'll have some discussion.

17 MS. WARYCHA: "Draft Order 2021-1, Lake County
18 Redistricting Commission Procedures and Deadlines
19 Adopted October 29, 2021.

20 "The Lake County Redistricting Commission,
21 meeting on October 29, 2021, adopted the following
22 procedures and deadlines for the submission and
23 consideration of proposed plans for Lake County
24 Commissioner Districts and Lake County Council
25 Districts.

1 "(1) Noon, Indianapolis time, on Monday,
2 November 29, 2021, is the deadline for any
3 individual to submit proposed Commissioner and
4 Council district maps to the Election Division.
5 These maps must be in an electronic format that can
6 be printed out by the Division for distribution to
7 members and the public. The maps must be
8 accompanied by census population data, and may
9 include a narrative setting forth any additional
10 information that explains why the proposed
11 boundaries were drawn as they were.

12 "(2) If a map is submitted after this
13 deadline, is not in an acceptable electronic
14 format, and does not contain census population
15 data, the Election Division will notify the
16 Commission of this submission, so that this
17 information can be included in the record, but the
18 proposed map will not be considered further.

19 "(3) As possible after a proposed map is filed
20 with the Election Division, the Division will post
21 the map on its website, along with a notice
22 concerning the opportunity for public comment,
23 which may be submitted in written form, or in
24 person at the Commission's next meeting.

25 "(4) The Election Division shall advise the

1 Lake County Board of Elections and Registration to
2 complete the process of certifying any additions or
3 corrections to its precinct boundaries or any
4 proposed precinct boundary changes and advise the
5 Secretary of State to issue an order under Indiana
6 Code 3-6-5.2-10 to consolidate precincts not later
7 than November 29, 2021 to the extent practicable to
8 reduce any uncertainty regarding the precinct
9 boundaries that the final maps must follow.

10 "(5) Since the Commission is acting as a
11 legislative body to establish these districts, maps
12 may also be submitted by Commission members.

13 "(6) Proposed maps submitted by an individual
14 may be modified by the Commission in the order
15 adopting final maps.

16 "(7) The Commission will schedule a meeting on
17 Friday, December 10, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Central
18 Standard Time, at a location in Lake County to be
19 announced, to receive public comment and discuss
20 the proposed maps.

21 "(8) The Commission will schedule a meeting on
22 Friday, December 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Eastern
23 Standard Time, at Statehouse Room 233, 200 West
24 Washington Street, Indianapolis, to adopt final
25 orders establishing commissioner and council

1 districts.

2 "(9) The individuals and media who received
3 written notice of this meeting shall receive
4 written notice of the procedures adopted today."

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Now I'd like to just point
6 out just a small specificity, but the room change
7 in the order is different from what --

8 MS. WARYCHA: That's correct. So we had
9 originally put that we would have it in this room.
10 I found out this morning that the House needs this
11 room on the 17th. So we've asked the Senate, and
12 the Senate has told us that we can use Room 233.
13 For those of us who were in the meeting on
14 Wednesday, that's the same room.

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Obviously that will be
16 updated as we prepare the notice.

17 MS. WARYCHA: Correct, yes.

18 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you, Valerie.

19 MS. WARYCHA: You're welcome.

20 CHAIRMAN OKESON: With that said, I'll move to
21 discussion, but I also understand that there's a
22 desire to have an amendment to the order which I
23 believe is included.

24 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Before we do that, I
25 just want to point out even with what Valerie read

1 there was an important -- let me find it. She
2 inserted an "and" and it should have been an "or."
3 Just so the record -- it was something about they
4 had to -- oh, I think it was paragraph 2. I'm
5 sorry. I should have circled it when she read it.
6 But I think in paragraph 2, where it says "If a map
7 is submitted after this deadline, is not in an
8 acceptable electronic format, or does not contain
9 census population data..." I think she read "and"
10 there, and I think that "or" is critical.

11 That being said, yes, sorry, Mr. Chair. So
12 our -- I think we -- well, I'll partially speak for
13 Commissioner Horseman, but she can speak for
14 herself. We have concern regarding the addition --
15 well, the paragraph 4 where, compared to the 2011
16 order, there's been insertion of direction where, I
17 guess, we, in essence, are directing the Election
18 Division to advise the Secretary of State to issue
19 an order and then reference to IC 3-6-5.2-10.

20 Our reading of that statutory provision is
21 that it doesn't apply here. And even if it does
22 apply, those of us who had our meeting on
23 Wednesday, we know that the Commission was in
24 receipt of an advisory opinion from the attorney
25 general where he specifically said that this

1 Commission does not have the authority to direct
2 other elected officials as to what they should be
3 doing. So we thought it also seems that that
4 language shouldn't be included for that reason.

5 So we would suggest --

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Would it help, for purposes
7 of those present too, to kind of describe what that
8 provision does.

9 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Sure. Could we have
10 Angie or Matthew.

11 MS. NUSSMEYER: Yeah, certainly, and if
12 Matthew or Brad or Valerie have more to add. A few
13 years ago, there was a statute added to Indiana
14 Code 3-6-5.2-10 that requires the Secretary of
15 State, not later than July 1st in the year
16 following a presidential election, to identify
17 precincts with fewer than 600 active voters, to
18 issue an order to consolidate those precincts if
19 there is a cost savings and it does not create an
20 issue for voters. That order then would be issued
21 and be effective not later than September 1st of
22 that year following a presidential election.

23 So that is what the statute is in sum, and I
24 don't know if my colleagues or if my attorney want
25 to add to that.

1 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I apologize. I think I'm
2 out of order here. So you propose this --

3 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Well, no. You asked
4 her --

5 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I just asked for discussion.
6 Okay.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: But we will now,
8 yeah. So now I would -- so we would offer an
9 amendment. Can I distribute that before we
10 formally move it?

11 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure. Is it different than
12 what's in the binder?

13 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: It is, yes. I'm
14 trying to sort through.

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is the one in the binder the
16 same with track changes?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: No. All right.
18 So -- and I know that we had shared -- so sorry.
19 So we would move -- do you want to discuss it or
20 move to amend it?

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I guess move to amend it and
22 then we'll discuss it.

23 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Right. So we would
24 move to amend Proposed Order 2021-1 to remove
25 the -- I guess just substitute language for

1 paragraph 4 in the proposed order. I guess I
2 should read that.

3 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Yeah.

4 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Should I read that
5 aloud?

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yeah, if you don't mind.

7 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: And actually I should
8 back up. We have a nominal change to paragraph 3,
9 and I'll read that as well, and then a more
10 substantive change to paragraph 4.

11 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Do we need to do the motion
12 and then read this or can she read it in for the
13 record so it will be part of the motion?

14 MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, I think the motion
15 would be made and then the person making the motion
16 would be given the opportunity to explain.

17 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Well, my motion was
18 going to be -- my formal motion would be to
19 amend --

20 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You're trying to state your
21 motion?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Yeah. -- Order
23 2021-1, to amend -- yeah, to amend Proposed Order
24 2021-1 as follows.

25 MR. KING: Yes.

1 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So paragraph 3 of
2 Proposed Order 2021-1 would read -- and rather than
3 reading what we're inserting and deleting, I'm
4 going to just read the new proposed language -- "As
5 soon as practicable after a proposed map is filed
6 with the Election Division, the Division will post
7 the map on its website, along with a notice
8 concerning the opportunity for public comment,
9 which may be submitted in written form, or in
10 person at the Commission's next meeting."

11 And paragraph 4 of Proposed Order 2021-1 would
12 be amended to state as follows: "The Election
13 Division shall advise the Lake County Board of
14 Elections and Registration to complete the process
15 of certifying any additions or corrections to its
16 precinct boundaries or any proposed precinct
17 boundary changes not later than November 29, 2021,
18 to the extent practicable to reduce any uncertainty
19 regarding the precinct boundaries that the final
20 maps must follow. The Election Division shall
21 forward a copy of this order to the Indiana
22 Secretary of State."

23 Oh, and while we're at it, we'll go ahead and
24 I would suggest amending paragraph 8 to change
25 Statehouse Room 404 to Statehouse Room 233.

1 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: And, Mr. Chairman, I
2 would just like to say what she just read from, the
3 motion, can we go ahead and put this redline copy
4 in the record with the understanding that the
5 blueline stuff is stuff that we've crossed out and
6 we're suggesting the change in the red is what is
7 to be added. It is the basic written text of the
8 entire motion to amend.

9 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yeah. Before we do that,
10 does anybody want to second the motion?

11 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Sure, I would.

12 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Motion seconded. I don't
13 find an issue with that. That's easy enough to do.

14 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Thank you.

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any other discussion?

16 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Yes, Your Honor -- or
17 Your Honor.

18 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I don't need to swell my,
19 head anymore.

20 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Cut me a break.

21 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Go right ahead.

22 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So I would like to
23 know -- and maybe the staff needs to answer this,
24 Valerie or Brad, but I would like to know why that
25 language about advising the Secretary of State to

1 issue an order, telling her basically that she
2 needs to act to consolidate precincts, why that
3 language was added to this proposed order when, in
4 fact, it was not in the 2011 proposed order. So
5 that's my first question.

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Brad.

7 MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the
8 Commission, if I could address that. The
9 particular statute involved was not in effect when
10 the Commission adopted its previous order.
11 Therefore, at the direction of the chair, the
12 language was added to reflect that the statute that
13 you cite was added and amended most recently in
14 2018.

15 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Okay. And then
16 secondly, she can act under that statute, the
17 Secretary of State can act under the statute
18 IC 3-6-5.2-10 without any consent from us, without
19 any authorization from us, without any kind of
20 permission. She can go forward and act on her own
21 interpreting it in whatever way she wants; correct?

22 MR. KING: Mr. Chairman.

23 Yes, Commissioner, that's my personal opinion.

24 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So doesn't that then,
25 the fact that she is going to be the one deciding,

1 she doesn't need anything from us, doesn't that
2 make this language that we're seeking to strike
3 from paragraph 4 irrelevant to the order?

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Well, I wrote most of the
5 order.

6 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: You got some help;
7 right? You got some help.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: No. I understand the
9 question. I'm sorry. Go ahead.

10 MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, I really would defer
11 to the members of the Commission as to whether it's
12 necessary or not. I'm just explaining the context
13 for why the language was added.

14 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: I think, you know,
15 Mr. Chairman, my concern about including this
16 language is that I've read the statute. Do I agree
17 that she can act under -- take that action at this
18 point in time? I have a question, but it's not my
19 place.

20 And so if she does act, it will be the people
21 of Lake County or whomever that will challenge her.
22 And when they go to sue her, if that happens, I
23 would prefer not to be named in the lawsuit. So if
24 we include this language in here advising her to do
25 that, we are inviting to have our names affixed to

1 the caption of a lawsuit. And we just know now
2 that there is no reason why that language has to be
3 in here.

4 What our proposal says is that, sure, we'll
5 forward her a copy of this so she knows what's
6 coming, and if she wants to take action, that's in
7 her purview. That's her wheelhouse. But we should
8 not be the ones -- as Attorney General Todd Rokita
9 told us, we can't advise anybody to -- elected
10 officials to act. And this basically says that
11 we're advising her to issue an order, and that's
12 not our role. That one I agree on. That is not
13 our role.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you for that.

15 Any other discussion? Co-directors want to
16 add anything?

17 So with that, we've got a motion to amend
18 2021-1. I'm not going to recite the entirety of
19 your motion. And we have a second. Hearing no
20 further discussion, we'll go ahead and vote on it.

21 I would say that, in order to continue what is
22 already sort of a condensed schedule, keep things
23 moving without endorsing any of the comments that
24 you've made, that I'm inclined to vote for the
25 order as amended, but just wanted to make that

1 clear, that my vote does not constitute endorsement
2 of the position of the amended order.

3 So with that, all those in favor signify by
4 saying "Aye."

5 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

6 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

7 MS. PYLE: Aye.

8 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. The
9 motion carries as amended.

10 So now we actually have to vote on the order
11 as amended, which we did not do. So we will now
12 vote on the order as amended. I need a motion.

13 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

14 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there a second?

15 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

16 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

17 Hearing none, all those in favor signify by
18 saying "Aye."

19 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

20 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

21 MS. PYLE: Aye.

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. The
23 motion carries as amended.

24 Moving on --

25 MR. KOCHEVAR: Mr. Chairman, I do have a

1 question. Usually in the Indiana Election
2 Commission, when orders are adopted, it is signed
3 by all four of the members. While this is the Lake
4 County Redistricting Commission and while I was not
5 working here in 2011 when that was signed, we do
6 have a version -- or a version can be updated where
7 it can be signed by all four of the voting members.
8 If that is fine with all of you, can we have
9 consent for the --

10 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: That's the one we've
11 entered into the record.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Well, so we came
13 prepared with a clean copy except that I just wrote
14 in the room number, so I don't know how people feel
15 about that.

16 CHAIRMAN OKESON: So I'll take most or --

17 MR. KOICHEVAR: That's what I was going to
18 suggest.

19 CHAIRMAN OKESON: You read it; right?

20 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Oh, I thought you
21 were suggesting we sign it here.

22 CHAIRMAN OKESON: We're on the same page.

23 Okay. So moving on, in reviewing the 2011
24 minutes of the Commission, I note the Commission
25 provided an opportunity for individuals to speak

1 regarding these procedures. Is there any
2 individual present here today who wishes to speak
3 on the proposed order as amended?

4 MR. WIESER: If I could just briefly,
5 Mr. Chairman. My name is Jim Wieser. I'm the
6 Democratic chairman in Lake County.

7 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Would you spell your name
8 for the reporter.

9 MR. WIESER: Sure. It's W-i-e-s-e-r.

10 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yes, sir.

11 MR. WIESER: I would like to say that this --
12 I can sincerely say that this is the first time in
13 my political and elected career that I agree with
14 Todd Rokita on anything. And I say that jokingly
15 because Todd and I actually know each other well
16 since he's originally from our area, and I know him
17 and his family well.

18 But I just want to thank you for the time that
19 you gave to this and for the action that you took.
20 I think it was the appropriate action. This is
21 procedural. We really want to move on. We really
22 want to move on and get correct facts, and we want
23 to work together with the Republican party. I have
24 met with the Republican chairman. We have every
25 intention to do that. We're going to continue to

1 try to do that. And I'm glad we got through this,
2 and I appreciate the action the Commission took, so
3 thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

5 Anyone else?

6 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chairman, I
7 understand that we have someone who is here working
8 on the Lake County reprecincting. Maybe we could
9 get a real brief update on the status of all that.

10 CHAIRMAN OKESON: I would be fine with that.

11 MS. NUSSMEYER: I'm volunteering my staff
12 member, Stephanie Davidsen. She is one of our two
13 GIS map individuals in our office. The other is
14 Lori Clark.

15 But I mentioned it to Karen that you might be
16 able to provide a quick update so the commissioners
17 and the legislative advisers are apprised as to
18 where we are in that process since the boundaries
19 will be very important to the work they'll be
20 doing.

21 MS. DAVIDSEN: Of course. Mr. Chairman,
22 members of the Commission, my name is Stephanie
23 Davidsen. That's D-a-v-i-d-s-e-n. Thank you. I
24 have provided a first review of first draft of
25 comments on the proposed precincts from Lake County

1 and am prepared to make a second review upon
2 receipt of full comments back from them. I
3 anticipate that we should be done with the
4 precincts with plenty of time to provide the
5 Redistricting Commission with enough time to act.

6 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Perfect. Thank you.

7 Any other comments?

8 Moving to -- so we successfully passed the
9 order as amended. By consent, just authorize the
10 co-directors to affix our signatures by stamp on
11 the order.

12 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Consent.

13 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Consent.

14 MS. PYLE: Consent.

15 CHAIRMAN OKESON: With that, I think we've
16 finished our business for the day. Unless there's
17 anything else, is there a motion to adjourn?

18 VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

19 MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

20 CHAIRMAN OKESON: Have a good weekend.

21 (The Lake County Redistricting Commission
22 Public Session was adjourned at 2:06 p.m.)
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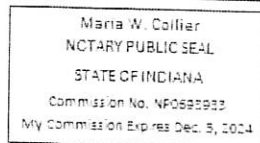
1 STATE OF INDIANA
2 COUNTY OF HAMILTON

3 I, Maria W. Collier, a Notary Public in and
4 for said county and state, do hereby certify that the
5 foregoing public session was taken at the time and
6 place heretofore mentioned between 1:39 p.m. and
7 2:06 p.m.;

8 That said public session was taken down in
9 stenograph notes and afterwards reduced to typewriting
10 under my direction; and that the typewritten
11 transcript is a true record of the public session.

12 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my
13 hand and affixed my notarial seal this 12th day of
14 November, 2021.

15
16 Maria W. Collier



21 My Commission expires:
22 December 5, 2024

23 Job No. 166823
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DRAFT ORDER 2021-1

**LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES
ADOPTED ~~SEPTEMBER~~ OCTOBER 29, 2011 ~~2021~~**

The Lake County Redistricting Commission, meeting on ~~September~~ October 29, ~~2011~~ 2021, adopted the following procedures and deadlines for the submission and consideration of proposed plans for Lake County Commissioner Districts and Lake County Council Districts:

(1) Noon, Indianapolis time, on ~~Thursday~~ Monday, November ~~10~~ 29, ~~2011~~ 2021 is the deadline for any individual to submit proposed Commissioner and Council district maps to the Election Division. These maps must be in an electronic format that can be printed out by the Division for distribution to members and the public. The maps must be accompanied by census population data, and may include a narrative setting forth any additional information that explains why the proposed boundaries were drawn as they were.

(2) If a map is submitted after this deadline, is not in an acceptable electronic format, or does not contain census population data, the Election Division will notify the Commission of this submission, so that this information can be included in the record, but the proposed map will not be considered further.

(3) As possible after a proposed map is filed with the Election Division, the Division will post the map on its website, along with a notice concerning the opportunity for public comment, which may be submitted in written form, or in person at the Commission's next meeting.

(4) The Election Division shall advise the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration to complete the process of certifying any additions or corrections to its precinct boundaries or any proposed precinct boundary changes and advise the Secretary of State to issue any order under IC 3-6-5.2-10 to consolidate precincts not later than November 10 29, 2011-2021 to the extent practicable to reduce any uncertainty regarding the precinct boundaries that the final maps must follow.

(5) Since the Commission is acting as a legislative body to establish these districts, maps may also be submitted by Commission members.

(6) Proposed maps submitted by any individual may be modified by the Commission in the order adopting final maps.

(7) The Commission will schedule a meeting on Friday, November December 10, 2021 18, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. 1:30 p.m. CST, at a location in Lake County to be announced, to receive public comment and discuss the proposed maps.

(8) The Commission will schedule a meeting on Monday, December 5, 2011, at 10:00 a.m. Friday, December 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m., EST, at a location in State House Room 404, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis to be announced, to adopt final orders establishing commissioner and council districts.

(9) The individuals and media who received written notice of this meeting shall receive written notice of the procedures adopted today.

ORDER NO. 2021-1
LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES

BE IT ORDERED BY THE LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:

SECTION 1. The Commission adopts the following procedures and deadlines:

(1) Noon, Indianapolis time, on Monday, November 29, 2021 is the deadline for any individual to submit proposed Commissioner and Council district maps to the Election Division. These maps must be in an electronic format that can be printed out by the Division for distribution to members and the public. The maps must be accompanied by census population data, and may include a narrative setting forth any additional information that explains why the proposed boundaries were drawn as they were.

(2) If a map is submitted after this deadline, is not in an acceptable electronic format, or does not contain census population data, the Election Division will notify the Commission of this submission, so that this information can be included in the record, but the proposed map will not be considered further.

(3) As soon as practicable after a proposed map is filed with the Election Division, the Division will post the map on its website, along with a notice concerning the opportunity for public comment, which may be submitted in written form, or in person at the Commission's next meeting.

(4) The Election Division shall advise the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration to complete the process of certifying any additions or corrections to its precinct boundaries or any proposed precinct boundary changes not later than November 29, 2021 to the extent practicable to reduce

any uncertainty regarding the precinct boundaries that the final maps must follow. The Election Division shall forward a copy of this order to the Indiana Secretary of State.

(5) Since the Commission is acting as a legislative body to establish these districts, maps may also be submitted by Commission members.

(6) Proposed maps submitted by any individual may be modified by the Commission in the order adopting final maps.

(7) The Commission will schedule a meeting on Friday, December 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.. CST, at a location in Lake County to be announced, to receive public comment and discuss the proposed maps.

(8) The Commission will schedule a meeting on Friday, December 17, 2021 at 1:30 p.m., EST, at State House Room 233, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, to adopt final orders establishing commissioner and council districts.

(9) The individuals and media who received written notice of this meeting shall receive written notice of the procedures adopted today.

**ADOPTED THIS 29th DAY OF OCTOBER, 2021 BY THE LAKE COUNTY
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION:**

Paul Okeson, by JPK
Paul Okeson, Chair

Karen Celestino-Horseman
Karen Celestino-Horseman, Member

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