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
In the Matter Of:

INDIANA ELECTION COMMISSION - LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

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LEGISLATIVE ADVISORY MEMBERS:
Fady Qaddoura - Proxy for Eddie Melton
Vernon G. Smith
CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'm going to go ahead and call the meeting to order of the Lake County Redistricting Commission. It's our first public session, Friday, October 29, 2021.

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

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

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, Members of the Commission, on behalf of myself and Co-Director Nussmeyer, I can certify that notice of this meeting of the Lake County Redistricting Commission
was given in compliance with Indiana's Open Door Law.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you, Representative Smith.

Senator Qaddoura?

MR. QADDOURA: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I appreciate it. I'm a proxy today serving on behalf of Senator Eddie Melton, so I don't feel that I should be speaking on his behalf. But as a member of the Indiana Senate Elections Committee, I've traveled the state and heard from Hoosiers across the state throughout this last redistricting process. And I've made my point very clear, that when it comes to the concept of redistricting, whether on a local or on a statewide level, I will personally -- not today because I don't have that role to play today, but in my role as a state senator with the Senate Elections Committee, I made my position very clear that I will oppose any effort by a Democrat or a Republican to gerrymander
districts at a local or state level. I firmly believe it goes against what democracy is, and I think that that's why I championed independent redistricting commission bills the last two sessions, the special session and the regular session.

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

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

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

Any others?

Moving on with the business before us, to
begin the Commission's work, I've prepared Order 2021-1 to establish procedures and deadlines for the submission of proposed maps for Lake County commissioner and council districts and public hearing and meeting dates for this Commission.

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

MS. PYLE: Second.

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


"The Lake County Redistricting Commission, meeting on October 29, 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 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, and 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 an order under Indiana Code 3-6-5.2-10 to consolidate precincts not later than November 29, 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 an 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. Central Standard Time, 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. Eastern Standard Time, at Statehouse Room 233, 200 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, to adopt final orders establishing commissioner and council
"(9) The individuals and media who received written notice of this meeting shall receive written notice of the procedures adopted today."

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

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

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

MS. WARYCHA: Correct, yes.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you, Valerie.

MS. WARYCHA: You're welcome.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Before we do that, I just want to point out even with what Valerie read
there was an important -- let me find it. She
inserted an "and" and it should have been an "or."
Just so the record -- it was something about they
had to -- oh, I think it was paragraph 2. I'm
sorry. I should have circled it when she read it.
But I think in paragraph 2, where it says "If a map
is submitted after this deadline, is not in an
acceptable electronic format, or does not contain
census population data..." I think she read "and"
there, and I think that "or" is critical.

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

Our reading of that statutory provision is
that it doesn't apply here. And even if it does
apply, those of us who had our meeting on
Wednesday, we know that the Commission was in
receipt of an advisory opinion from the attorney
general where he specifically said that this
Commission does not have the authority to direct
other elected officials as to what they should be
doing. So we thought it also seems that that
language shouldn't be included for that reason.

So we would suggest --

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

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

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

So that is what the statute is in sum, and I
don't know if my colleagues or if my attorney want
to add to that.
CHAIRMAN OKESON: I apologize. I think I'm out of order here. So you propose this --

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

CHAIRMAN OKESON: I just asked for discussion. Okay.

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

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

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

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

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

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Right. So we would move to amend Proposed Order 2021-1 to remove the -- I guess just substitute language for
paragraph 4 in the proposed order. I guess I
should read that.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Yeah.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Should I read that
aloud?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MR. KING: Yes.
VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So paragraph 3 of Proposed Order 2021-1 would read -- and rather than reading what we're inserting and deleting, I'm going to just read the new proposed language -- "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."

And paragraph 4 of Proposed Order 2021-1 would be amended to state as follows: "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."

Oh, and while we're at it, we'll go ahead and I would suggest amending paragraph 8 to change Statehouse Room 404 to Statehouse Room 233.
MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: And, Mr. Chairman, I would just like to say what she just read from, the motion, can we go ahead and put this redline copy in the record with the understanding that the blueline stuff is stuff that we've crossed out and we're suggesting the change in the red is what is to be added. It is the basic written text of the entire motion to amend.

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

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Sure, I would.

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

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any other discussion?

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

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

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Cut me a break.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Go right ahead.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So I would like to know -- and maybe the staff needs to answer this, Valerie or Brad, but I would like to know why that language about advising the Secretary of State to
issue an order, telling her basically that she
needs to act to consolidate precincts, why that
language was added to this proposed order when, in
fact, it was not in the 2011 proposed order. So
that's my first question.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Brad.

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

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

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman.

Yes, Commissioner, that's my personal opinion.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So doesn't that then,
the fact that she is going to be the one deciding,
she doesn't need anything from us, doesn't that
make this language that we're seeking to strike
from paragraph 4 irrelevant to the order?

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

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

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

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

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

And so if she does act, it will be the people
of Lake County or whomever that will challenge her.
And when they go to sue her, if that happens, I
would prefer not to be named in the lawsuit. So if
we include this language in here advising her to do
that, we are inviting to have our names affixed to
the caption of a lawsuit. And we just know now
that there is no reason why that language has to be
in here.

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

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you for that.

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

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

I would say that, in order to continue what is
already sort of a condensed schedule, keep things
moving without endorsing any of the comments that
you've made, that I'm inclined to vote for the
order as amended, but just wanted to make that
clear, that my vote does not constitute endorsement
of the position of the amended order.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MS. PYLE: Aye.

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

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there a second?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MS. PYLE: Aye.

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

Moving on --

MR. KOCHEVAR: Mr. Chairman, I do have a
question. Usually in the Indiana Election Commission, when orders are adopted, it is signed by all four of the members. While this is the Lake County Redistricting Commission and while I was not working here in 2011 when that was signed, we do have a version -- or a version can be updated where it can be signed by all four of the voting members. If that is fine with all of you, can we have consent for the --

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

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

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

MR. KOCHEVAR: That's what I was going to suggest.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: You read it; right?

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

CHAIRMAN OKESON: We're on the same page.

Okay. So moving on, in reviewing the 2011 minutes of the Commission, I note the Commission provided an opportunity for individuals to speak
regarding these procedures. Is there any
individual present here today who wishes to speak
on the proposed order as amended?

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yes, sir.

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

But I just want to thank you for the time that
you gave to this and for the action that you took.
I think it was the appropriate action. This is
procedural. We really want to move on. We really
want to move on and get correct facts, and we want
to work together with the Republican party. I have
met with the Republican chairman. We have every
intention to do that. We're going to continue to
try to do that. And I'm glad we got through this,
and I appreciate the action the Commission took, so
thank you.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

Anyone else?

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

CHAIRMAN OKESON: I would be fine with that.

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

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

MS. DAVIDSEN: Of course. Mr. Chairman,
members of the Commission, my name is Stephanie
Davidsen. That's D-a-v-i-d-s-e-n. Thank you. I
have provided a first review of first draft of
comments on the proposed precincts from Lake County
and am prepared to make a second review upon
receipt of full comments back from them. I
anticipate that we should be done with the
precincts with plenty of time to provide the
Redistricting Commission with enough time to act.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Perfect. Thank you.

Any other comments?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Consent.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Consent.

MS. PYLE: Consent.

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Have a good weekend.

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

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

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

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

[Signature]

My Commission expires:
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LAKE COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
PROCEDURES AND DEADLINES
ADOPTED SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 29, 2021

The Lake County Redistricting Commission, meeting on September-October 29, 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 4, 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 29, 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 18, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to 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, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. to 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:

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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:

[Signatures]
Paul Okeson, Chair
Kären Celestino-Horseman, Member
Suzannah Wilson Overholt, Vice Chair
Litany A. Pyle, Member