Lake County Redistricting Commission  
Minutes  
December 17, 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; Zachary Klutz, Proxy for Litany A. Pyle, Member.

Members Absent: Litany A. Pyle, Member.

State Legislative Advisory Members Present: The Honorable Hal Slager, Indiana State Representative; The Honorable Vernon G. Smith, Indiana State Representative.

State Legislative Advisory Members Absent: The Honorable Eddie Melton, Indiana State Senator; The Honorable Rick Niemeyer, Indiana State Senator.

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 Kochvar, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division; Valerie Warycha, Co-General Counsel of the Election Division.

Others Attending: Mr. Daniel Dernulc; Mr. James Wieser.

1. Call to Order:

The Chair called the December 17, 2021 meeting of the Commission to order at 1:30 p.m. EST in State House Room 233, 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 3:36 p.m. EST.

Respectfully submitted,

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Co-Director

Angela M. Nussmeyer  
Co-Director
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CHAIRMAN OKESON: All right. Looks like we've got everybody here we're going to have. I'd like to call the Lake County Redistricting Commission meeting to order on Friday, December 17, 2021, approximately 1:30 p.m., here in Statehouse Room 233.

Myself, Chairman Paul Okeson, present; Vice Chair Suzannah Wilson Overholt; Member Karen Celestino-Horseman; and Zach Klutz filling in as a proxy for Litany Pyle. And given that he was not here when we signed off on the last meeting, I'd offer you a chance for any remarks as you join us again, parting commentary.

MR. KLUTZ: Glad to be back.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: We have two of our legislative advisory members present, Representative Hal Slager and Representative Vernon Smith. Thank you for being here. Senator Eddie Melton is out ill and could not join us, and we have not yet seen or heard from State Senator Rick Niemeyer. Oh, sorry.

REPRESENTATIVE SLAGER: Could I speak for a moment?

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Absolutely.

REPRESENTATIVE SLAGER: Thank you,
Mr. Chairman. I did speak with Senator Niemeyer. He is ill. He sounds bad, and if you happen to know the senator like I do, I remember one time where he had kidney stones and still showed up for work the next day. So he is sick and he regrets he's not able to be here.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Well, thank you for clarifying that for the record, and please pass along our well wishes to our good friend.

Also present is the Indiana Election Division co-staff, Brad King, Co-Director, and Co-Director Angie Nussmeyer, as well as General Co-Counsels Matthew Kochevar and Valerie Warycha. Our court reporter, Maria Collier, from Stewart Richardson is here, so if you're going to do any speaking, please make sure that you state your name and spell it for her so we get accurate minutes.

With that, we'll move on and ensure that there is compliance with the Open Door Law. I recognize Brad King.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, on behalf of myself and Co-Director Nussmeyer, I certify that proper notice of this meeting was given in compliance with the Indiana Open Door Law.
CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

Moving on to the approval of our December 10, 2021, Commission minutes, I again recognize Co-Director King.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I have been advised by Stewart Richardson that they have not been able to complete their work on the meeting that was conducted a week ago but anticipate that minutes will be made available to the Election Division staff during the week beginning December 20th.

The staff has brought over all of the documents, maps, and other materials that were entered into the record at the last meeting for consultation by the Commission members.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Well, appreciate the update. Understand all of that. We'll defer action on the minutes at this time.

I will take this opportunity to announce that I will be calling two meetings of the Indiana Election Commission, to be held in Conference Room A in Government Center South, 402 West Washington Street, here in Indianapolis, January 3, 2022, and January 4, 2022, both at 1:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, to consider approval of
proposed precinct boundary changes by counties who will not have the opportunity to publish legal notice to allow the ten-day period for filing an objection to proposed precinct changes to expire before candidate filing begins on January 5th.

If we're lucky, one or both of those meetings may be able to be cancelled, but that is not likely. The Vice Chair and I will recall the Commission had similarly timed meetings a few years ago when Howard County's legal notice was not published in their local paper, despite being provided to the paper in time, and delays and mistakes will probably occur this time as well.

The Election Division staff, along with many county election officials, have been working diligently for hours to complete the precinct changes required by the legislative redistricting, which was not completed until October 4 of this year due to Census Bureau delays in providing necessary data, along with other precinct changes requested by the counties.

I'd like to thank everyone at the Election Division for all their work on this task during a very compressed time period and to congratulate them for also conducting a successful statewide
conference for more than 400 county election administrators earlier this week as well. So I know you've all been very busy, and we thank you, with the support of a background team too, yes.

Okay. Moving on, Order 2021-2 adoption of county commissioner districts for Lake County. I would like to thank everyone for presenting positive remarks during our December 10th meeting, the hearing on the proposed maps. I really do appreciate that. I believe all of us do.

I move the Commission adopt Order 2021-2, which establishes county commissioner districts for Lake County and incorporates Plan No. 4, which received the support of each person who spoke on that matter in the public hearing.

Is there a second?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: I will second for purposes of discussion.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure. Having a second, we'll move on to discussion.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So, Mr. Chairman, we would propose -- we have a proposed amendment to Order 2021-2. The purpose of that amendment is to elaborate on the -- because right now the proposed order references Plan 4, and we think it would be
good to clarify because there were some -- well, there were some clarifications that needed to be made.

So our proposed amendment to Order No. 2021-2 would be that Section 1 be amended to read as follows: "Lake County is divided into the three single-member county commissioner districts set forth in the set of documents designated as 'Plan No. 4 County Commissioner Districts,' as amended at the December 17, 2021 meeting to describe each precinct included in each commissioner district by the precinct's official name in the statewide precinct shapefile as of December 17, 2021, to correct scrivener errors found in various precinct names included in the Plan 4 County Commissioners Districts, and to include the precinct making up Eagle Creek Township that was not described in Plan 4 County Commissioner Districts. This Plan as amended is described in Exhibit 1 that is attached to this Order and incorporated by reference."

Our amendment would also add a new Section 8, which would state: "The Election Division shall, as soon as practicable, produce an electronic map of boundaries of the county commissioner districts described in Section 1 of this Order and file," I
think it should be, "a copy of the electronic map with the Lake County Circuit Court Clerk and the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration."

And then we have provided an Exhibit 1 referenced in our amendment, but the proposed Exhibit 1, that it specifically lays out, I am told -- I have not crosschecked this -- but that specifically lays out each of the precincts to be included in each district.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we have a motion for a proposed amendment and a second. Any discussion on the proposed amendment?

MR. KLUTZ: I just have a question.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

MR. KLUTZ: The portion that says "to include the precinct making up Eagle Creek Township," is that supposed to be singular or are there multiple precincts to be included?

MR. WIESER: I think there's only one. That may change, but for now there's only one.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Could you --

MR. WIESER: I'm sorry. My name is Jim Wieser. I'm the chairman of Lake County Democratic Party.
CHAIRMAN OKESON: Could you spell your name for the court reporter.


And there's only one precinct now. That may change in January, but right now there's just one precinct in Eagle Creek Township.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you, sir.

Do we need to swear anybody in?

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, there's not a provision for public hearing requirement. This meeting, if we have testimony, it would be in accordance with past practice to have the oath administered.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Can we do that?

MR. KOCHEVAR: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'm sorry. It's a formality.

MR. WIESER: I understand.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: If you're going to address the Commission, if you wouldn't mind.

MR. KOCHEVAR: If you're going to address the Lake County Redistricting Commission, even possibly, please raise your right hand and say "I do" after recitation of the oath.
Do you solemnly swear or affirm that the testimony you are about to give to the Lake County Redistricting Commission is the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth? Please say "I do."

ALL: I do.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you. Sorry about that.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, for clarification for the record, I'd like to note the binders that have been distributed for the meeting contained a version of this amendment transmitted by Mr. Kochevar earlier this morning, and it differs in minor respects from the motion presented by Commissioner Overholt, which is marked "Amended" on the first page at the top so it's clear which document is being referred to.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you for that clarification.

MR. KOCHEVAR: Mr. Chairman?

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yes.

MR. KOCHEVAR: I would just like to make one additional note here, especially looking at your exhibit. In Plan No. 4, when the districts were laid out -- and Plan No. 4 is in your binder in
that tab -- it presents different district numbers for the commissioners. A copy of the map that was produced by our office, I'm showing that has that there. Those numbers are actually not used in that layout, and so to make clear and to make sure that, once this plan is passed, no current incumbent who wants to run for reelection gets moved to a different election cycle, the plan is laid out using the current numbers that the commissioners use.

So for Commissioner District No. 1, that has traditionally been in the Gary area. When you see it in the exhibit, that is described in that area. District No. 2 is for southern Lake County, Lowell, parts of Crown Point, Cedar Lake. And District No. 3 is the Hammond, East Chicago area.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Thank you.

MR. KOCHEVAR: I know that was -- I'll just add on some commentary. I know there was a question by two of the county chairs here before the meeting, and I also caught that, and I told them that has been addressed in this amendment, and if it's passed, that should be resolved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Does anyone have any other comment or discussion or question relative to the
proposed -- yes.

    MS. NUSSMEYER:  Sorry, Mr. Chairman.

    CHAIRMAN OKESON:  No, please.

    MS. NUSSMEYER:  We were able to provide a copy
of the draft amendment with the exhibit to both
Chairman Dernulc and Chair Wieser for them to
review and confirm, and we have a printed map of
what is in the exhibit with the precinct names on
it for them to visually verify.  So I don't believe
I am allowed to question them, but they may want to
confirm that they agree that the precincts in the
exhibit are what they were expecting to see on the
map, what they agreed to.

    MR. KING:  And, Mr. Chairman, if I may -- and
members of the Commission, if I may add, there's,
of course, a motion pending to amend that's before
the body.  But before the body makes a vote on the
final adoption of Order 2021-2, you may wish to
follow past practice and have a brief recess, after
consideration of this and Order No. 3, to allow a
final order to be drafted and reviewed by
interested parties to make certain that every
change has been corrected.

    CHAIRMAN OKESON:  That's a good idea.  If
there are no objections to that, we'll do that.
Any other comments or questions on the proposed amendment? We have a motion and a second, so we'll vote on that amendment.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Well --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure. Go ahead.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So I wanted to clarify. So Mr. King had said that our binders contain a different version of 2021-2, the amendment, and my binder does not have that. So the only -- I mean, I see the original. He alluded to the fact that this -- I thought you said 2021-2, that the amendment I made was different from the amendment that was in the binder, but the only thing I've got in the binder is, I think, the 2021-2 that you prepared originally and then an amendment to 2021-3. I don't have any other amendment to 2021-2.

MR. KING: I would have to defer to Mr. Kochevar.

MR. KOCHEVAR: Yes. I will defer to my counterpart after I make my comment. When putting the binders together, there was a printing error. A copy of Order 2021-3 with potentially proposed amendments was added into the tab for 2021-2 instead of the amendment that you have before you
and that you read into the record, Vice Chair. It was just an unfortunate error, but we have extra copies, so we were placing those in before the meeting.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Because it sounded like there was a different proposed amendment to 2021-2, and what I read is the only amendment.

MR. KOCHEVAR: Yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: The other thing before we vote, with respect to the discussion about Eagle Creek Township, I don't know if it's something we should do where it said "the precinct making up." We could have "the precinct(s)" if we think there's a possibility that someone's going to raise a fuss down the road. Talk a little more to the Lake County folks maybe about any fuss that might arise.

MR. KOCHEVAR: At the current time, under the current maps that are in force as of this date for which this order would use, there is only one precinct that makes up Eagle Creek Township, so the township is the precinct. If the amendment were to be adopted and then the order were to be adopted, any breaking up of Eagle Creek Township into more than one precinct would be covered by this order
because they're essentially going into another
layer of the map and breaking that up. But the
commissioner boundaries would stay the same.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Okay.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, if I could add to
Mr. Kochevar's comments.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Please.

MR. KING: There's a pertinent statute that
applies to the Lake County Redistricting
Commission, among others. It's Indiana Code
36-1-6-10, which states that a reference in an
order, which is what the Commission is considering
here, to a precinct boundary, the boundary of a
political subdivision or election district, refers
to the precinct as it existed or the boundary as it
existed on the date the order is adopted.

And so it is accurate as of today to use the
singular for this particular township, and any
subsequent changes would not have any legal effect
with regard to the boundaries that are approved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Does that satisfy
you?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Yes.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Anyone else?

Yeah. My colleague, Mr. Klutz here, also
rightfully noted on page 2 of the amended order "So ordered this 17th day of December, 2011."

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: If only we could go back in time.

MR. KOCHEVAR: I have an electronic copy of the orders with me.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you for catching that. Anyone else?

All right. So we have a motion for a proposed amendment to Order 2021-2 and a second. Hearing no further discussion, all those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Aye.

The "ayes" have it. The amended motion carries, which brings us back to then voting on this. As Co-Director King suggested, we will table that and allow for some work to be finished on completing the final proposed amendment.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, that was the procedure used in 2011, to have a final review of amendments made during the Commission hearing before taking a vote and having
the signatures affixed. So a motion to table until later in the meeting is --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yeah. So I'll go ahead and move to table until we get to that point. How long do you think?

MR. KING: It is hard to estimate. My best guess is 30 minutes.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: I'll move that we table that and revisit it in 30 minutes.

Is there a second?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it, the motion to table.

With that, we'll go ahead and go on to council districts, Order 2021-3 adoption of county council districts for Lake County. Is there a consensus or an agreement reached on this matter?

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, we need to have a motion in order to proceed with discussion.
CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sorry. Okay. So before discussion, I move that the Commission adopt Order 2021-3, which establishes county council districts for Lake County and incorporates Plan No. 5, which was presented by Mr. Dernulc at our public meeting. Is there a second?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Having a second, any discussion, questions?

Hearing none, all those in favor -- sorry. We do have discussion. Sorry. I get into the rhythm and I just want to move on.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Just for clarification, I think, so the plan that is, I believe, going to be forming the basis for the agreement was actually originally denoted as Plan 6 in the proposed order?

MR. WIESER: That would be correct.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Instead of Plan 5?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Instead of Plan 5.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, of course, the motion being made and seconded, the opportunity is now available for amendments which can suggest the substitution of Plan 6 with further changes that are incorporated
in that amendment.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Want to do that next, motion to amend?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Well, why don't we maybe hear from them to explain.

MR. DERNULC: Members of the Commission, my name is Dan Dernulc, D-e-r-n-u-l-c. I think we've come to an agreement. Now we're just talking about which map it is, and I think you and I just need to talk which one it is. But we have come to an agreement where we have agreed on a couple of the districts moving one way or the other, and we're fine with that.

So by and large, we're done with our suggestions to you. We just want to make sure that the maps are what we agree on also.

MR. WIESER: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. If I could add to that, Dan is correct, although I think Suzannah made a good point. We believe that it more reflects -- what our agreement now reflects is Map 6. It more accurately reflects that with what we've ultimately agreed to.

But in terms of the precinct designations, in terms of the numbers that we've achieved and all of the compliance with statutory requirements, in that
regard, we're in agreement. It's just a matter of -- I didn't even think about the map until it was brought up as to which map more accurately, at this time, reflects what our ultimate agreement is.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So I have a question.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Sure.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So Plan 6 as the basis, is there something that we need to amend Plan 6 before --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: We need to amend the motion.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Right. But I'm talking about down the road here. We're saying Plan 6. All we have is the original Plan 6; right?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So I think one of the issues here -- so maybe we can -- I know we're going to recess for both of them, but it might be more efficient to recess for the first one because for 2021-3, my understanding is that we're still waiting on the Exhibit 1 to be generated for this order that would actually set forth the precincts in the way Exhibit 1 for the prior order does.

So right now it seems like maybe -- my suggestion, because I don't think -- we aren't even at a point where we can offer the amendment because we don't have the full amendment in front of us.
So it would seem to me that maybe, can we take a pause and finalize 2021-2 while we're waiting on the exhibit for 2021-3?

MR. KING: Yes. Mr. Chairman, what the vice chair has advised is perfectly in keeping with the parliamentary procedure. There is not yet a motion to amend Order 2021-3 as presented, and if the Commission wishes to take a recess perhaps, not knowing the work involved regarding the amendment, I might suggest perhaps till 2:45 to allow sufficient time for preparation and review by the parties. That's just a personal guess not knowing what work is involved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So -- all right.

MS. NUSSMEYER: If I might, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Please.

MS. NUSSMEYER: Michelle was able to work with the chairs to get a list of precincts, which we then sent over to staff at the Election Division to confirm that the names used in their district descriptions match what we have in our official shapefile. She has just completed the work doing that, and so Matthew is taking that information to create an exhibit for us all to review and look at. So it's just a matter of getting that printed to be
able to share with you.

So whatever you decide to do next, just know that we're in pretty good shape in terms of having that exhibit created for you.

MR. KING: And, Mr. Chairman, with all respect, that was sent to the Democratic staff of the Election Division, so the Republican members may wish to have further review and consultation, but I'm sure that we can have the amendment ready, based on Co-Director Nussmeyer's statement, ready for you to consider if it's moved and seconded in, I would guess, 30 minutes.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: My understanding is everyone was on the email.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Right.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: I just want to clarify.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Co-Director Nussmeyer, did you have --

MS. NUSSMEYER: No.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. So where are we? We've got a motion out there for Plan 5, and you want to go ahead and take an amendment and use Plan 6 and substitute that?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Mr. Chair, may I
suggest we do what Suzanne suggested and just hold on the amendments on this?

CHAIRMAN OKESON: We can do that, but we'd have to move to table the motion.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, there are several possibilities. One is you, of course, can make multiple amendments to the motion. And so you can have a simple motion to substitute Plan 6 for Plan 5 with the understanding that there's going to be another amendment offered that addresses more technical aspects that the staff is working on, if that's the reference.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So basically what we need to do is just stop for 30, 45 minutes, let them get everything together for both maps, and then we come back together.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Right. We have a motion and a second out there. Do we need to do anything with that or can we just take a motion --

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Can we adjourn right now?

MR. KING: Recess.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Recess, recess.

MR. KING: We can recess, yes. Mr. Chairman, Commissioner, yes, that's correct. Under the Open
Door Law, the Commission can recess so long as, when it does so, it identifies the time and the location where it will reconvene.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: All right. So I'll take a motion to recess until 2:30 p.m. to reconvene in this same room, 233.

Is there a second?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Aye.

We're recessed.

(Recess taken from 2:09 p.m. to 2:51 p.m.)

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Reconvening the Lake County Redistricting Commission meeting. I believe we've arrived where we need to arrive.

As a point of order, Co-Director King, where are we?

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, immediately before the recess, the motion had been made and seconded to adopt Order 2021-3, which concerns county
councils, and discussion had begun --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Regarding Plan 5.

MR. KING: Regarding Plan 5. And discussion had begun on an amendment to that order, but no amendment had yet been offered.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. So do we have an amendment to be proposed at this point?

MR. KING: I would defer to members of the Commission if they are prepared to present an amendment to 2021-3.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: I believe so. Just need to check with the brain trust here.

Is it what we had before plus the new exhibit?

MS. NUSSMEYER: Yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Okay. All right. Yes. I would move, Mr. Chairman, that proposed Order 2021-3 be amended as follows, that for Section 1, that Section 1 would be amended to state as follows: "Lake County is divided into the seven single-member county council districts set forth in the document designated by the Commission as 'Plan No. 6 County Council Districts,' as amended at the December 17, 2021 meeting. This Plan is amended as described in Exhibit 1 that is attached to this Order and incorporated by reference."
And we have an Exhibit 1 that sets forth the precincts for the county divided by county council districts.

And then that a new Section 8 be added to the order to state: "The Election Division shall, as soon as practicable, produce an electronic map of boundaries of the county council districts described in Section 1 of this Order and file a copy of the electronic map with the Lake County Circuit Court Clerk and the Lake County Board of Elections and Registration."

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So there's a motion.

Is there a second?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Second.

Any discussion? Do you have a question?

MR. KLUTZ: I don't know if we can expand on the amendment, but there's another reference to Plan 5 in the "Whereas" that should be Plan 6.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, if I could address that, the "Whereas" is simply referencing plans that were presented for consideration at an earlier meeting and, of course, Plan 5 was one of those plans.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So that does not need to be
changed?

MR. KING: That does not need to be changed.

It's defining --

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: No. He's talking about the last "Whereas."

MR. KING: Oh, I apologize.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Fifth "Whereas."

MR. KING: Yes, that would be correct. The last "Whereas" is a Commission finding, so it would be appropriate, in the spirit of the amendment, to make that change to No. 6 as well.

And if I can just add for clarification for the record, I understand a paper map has been prepared also marked as Exhibit 1, and I'm unclear whether that's included as part of the motion that's pending before the Commission.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Would anybody else like to continue this any further?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Hold on a second. So we've got a motion to amend based on co-chair's reading. You're saying there's also a map that may need to be included in that?

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, that was my understanding of the discussions with Mr. Kochevar,
that there was a -- that the map that is on the
table which was mislabeled Plan 7 would be
corrected to read "Exhibit 1" and therefore
incorporated into the order.

MR. KOCHEVAR: Yes. Mr. Chairman, me and my
coop-counsel, Valerie Warycha, have relabeled this
map "Map of Exhibit No. 1 to Order 2021-3," and we
have initialed it. This needs to be entered into
the record so there is, I would say, consent, a
head nod that this is part of the amendment of the
order. It will at least be entered into the record
and will be kept part of the meeting.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Can we do that by consent?

MR. KING: Yes, Mr. Chairman. You can make an
amendment to amend by consent.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Hold on, because she
seconded her proposed amendment.

MR. KING: There's a pending amendment at this
point.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So we need to do a
motion to amend the amendment; correct?

MR. KING: In essence, yes.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Okay. So I move to
amend the motion to amend by adding the map as an
exhibit to 2021-3, as signed by the co-counsels;
and then in the fifth "Whereas," change Plan No. 5 to Plan No. 6.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there a second?

MR. KLUTZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion? Any questions?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. The motion is amended.

Okay. So now do we need to vote on 2021-3 as amended?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Now we vote on the amendment.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, that was a vote on the amendment to the original motion made by the chairman. At this point, I don't --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we have an amended motion?

MR. KING: You have an amended motion that's been adopted, so Order 2021-3 --
CHAIRMAN OKESON: As adopted.

MR. KING: -- as amended is now subject to further action by the Commission. You can have further amendments or you can have a vote to adopt, a final vote to adopt the order. I would note that at this point, because of the entire correction of records we don't have a clean copy that I've seen yet for you all to sign. I'll turn to our counsels to address that.

MS. WARYCHA: Sure. Valerie, last name W-a-r-y-c-h-a. Matthew is actually in the middle of typing right now. He will send it to me. That will give Brad and I an opportunity to look it over. He just sent it to me, so I will look it over and print a copy for everyone to look at.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So that I understand because I'm not as smart as most of you --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: That's not true.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: -- so what we just voted on was the motion to amend the amendment. Now we need to vote on the motion to amend, and then we need to vote on the order; correct?

MR. KING: Orders, yes.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So we have two more votes to go. Okay. Got it.
CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we're not to the point where we can vote on the order as amended?

MR. KING: That's correct.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: I think there's stuff we can keep doing for now.

MR. KOCHEVAR: Actually, you can take a vote for the motion to amend that was offered by the vice chair. That will officially amend Order 2021-3 that I just emailed to the co-counsel. Then we can pause because, after you take that vote, you will have one more vote to adopt the actual order and set the maps.

So we can take a vote right now. We can pause. Once everything looks good, then take one final vote to approve 2021-3.

MR. KING: I'm in agreement with that analysis.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So the motion would be --

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: The amended motion to amend.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, there already is a motion to amend that is pending. There is an auxiliary motion to amend the amendment.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we're back to voting on the motion to amend.
MR. KING: That is my understanding.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Or you can call it the amended motion to amend.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Which has already been seconded?

MR. KING: It's been seconded.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So I'll take a vote. All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. We've got to go back.

MR. KING: Pardon me, Mr. Chairman. Now you have adopted the amendment to 2021-3. You still --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: We're waiting on a clean copy.

MR. KING: You're waiting on a clean copy and a final motion to approve Order 2021-3.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: And we have to do that before we move back to consideration of Order 2021-2?

MR. KING: There are some parliamentary maneuvers that make that --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Your side would suggest,
yes, we have to wait.

MR. KING: My side thinks that it is probably simpler to exercise a little patience and wait for the final revisions to be included so you can move expeditiously.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So may I ask a question then?

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Apparently we have time. Go ahead.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Can we table 2021-3 and go back then and vote on 2021-2?

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman and Commissioner, yes, that was the parliamentary procedure I was envisioning for --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is that a motion?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: I make that motion, yes.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: We have a motion to table 2021-3 as amended.

Is there a second?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Second.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: You can't do that.

Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Second. Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The motion is tabled.

Now let's go back to 2021-2.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, you may wish to have
a motion to pick up the tabled motion.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So is there a motion to pick
up 2021-2 off the table?

MR. KLUTZ: So moved.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it.

So remind me, Co-Director King, where are we?

We tabled that as it was amended as well; correct?

MR. KING: That is my recollection, yes.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: And we now have a
clean version.

MR. KING: We have a clean copy that was
distributed by staff.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we had a motion to amend and a second. We tabled it, so we have to vote on that and then -- or on that motion.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: No. I think we approved the motion to amend. Now we've got to approve --

CHAIRMAN OKESON: All right. So can I get a motion to move Order 2021-2 as amended?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is there a second?

MR. KLUTZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion? Any questions? Any comment? Any input from the county chairs?

MR. WIESER: No. My only input would be that we were furnished -- and I think Dan was too -- with a final copy of the order and the exhibit, and we're fine with it.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Mr. Dernulc?

MR. DERNULC: Yes, I'm fine. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you.

Any other discussion, comments?

All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.
MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it.

Order 2021-2 as amended is passed.

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, I have the final copy of the order from Mr. Kochevar that I'll pass around for signatures.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: I would like to note for the record that Representative Vernon Smith had to depart due to a scheduling conflict and is no longer present.

I'm going to entertain a motion to recess the Lake County Redistricting Commission for a period of ten minutes.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: So moved.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. We're recessed.

(Recess taken from 3:08 p.m. to 3:23 p.m.)
CHAIRMAN OKESON: I call the Lake County Redistricting Commission meeting reconvened. Picking up where we left off, we were considering Order No. 2021-3 as amended; correct, Brad?

MR. KING: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman. I was speaking with counsel. Would you repeat that?

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yeah. We're on Order 2021-3 as amended; correct?

MR. KING: That is correct.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: And do we have a motion and a second on that?

MR. KING: There is not yet a motion and second to adopt the order, final adoption of the order. I think it might be appropriate to ask counsel to confirm and members to ask questions that the order documentation that's before us accurately reflects the intent of the Commission.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Is this the only copy?

MS. WARYCHA: Everyone has a copy with the old date, but you have the one with the accurate date. So just for the record, I accidentally had the order printed with December 5th as the date, went back and changed it and made it December 17th, the date adopted. I was having printer issues, so I only printed the updated one with the correct date.
for the chair.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So the date was the only change?

MS. WARYCHA: The only thing I changed on that one was the date.

MR. KING: And, Mr. Chairman, members of the Commission, I do ask confirmation, the document labeled Exhibit 1 --

MS. WARYCHA: To my knowledge is accurate. If everyone would like to review to make sure that we're all on the same page.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Have the two party chairs from Lake County reviewed Exhibit 1 for Order 2021-3?

MS. WARYCHA: Those are the ones I just gave you. The error is the date.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So do we need to have a motion and second to have this discussion? No?

MR. KING: No. You've already had an original motion to adopt.

MR. WIESER: I reviewed that. I believe it's accurate. I think Michelle is running it now just to confirm. But I just want to -- and maybe there's been another change, Valerie, and I didn't see it, but on the first page, Section 2, No. 2,
the Commission meeting date of December 18, 2011. This has been a long process, but I didn't recall it being quite that long, so I'm not sure what that refers to.

MR. DERNULC: It's Item 2 on the bottom.

MR. WIESER: Item 2 on page 1, Section 2, Item 2.

MR. KING: That should have been December -- designated, that would have been --

MS. WARYCHA: That's right. Thank you. I will fix that right now.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Okay. Picking up with our regularly scheduled program, so we are on Order No. 2021-3 as amended?

MR. KING: That's correct, Mr. Chairman and members of the Commission.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: And I think we've already established, for purposes of making the record accurate, are both chairs in agreement with what's issued on paper here?

MR. DERNULC: Yes, we are.

MR. WIESER: Yes, we are.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: And to clarify, and with Exhibit 1 being the list of the precincts and the map?
MR. DERNULC: Yes.

MR. WIESER: Yes. We did our calculations here while we were recessing.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: While you had some time.

MR. WIESER: And we are in agreement with the exhibit as well.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Madam Court Reporter, could you just let the record reflect that both gentlemen have indicated that. They didn't identify themselves, but both Mr. --

MR. DERNULC: Dernulc. They usually say "what's his name."

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So we need a motion?

MR. KING: Mr. Chairman, a motion to adopt the order as amended would be appropriate.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: So can I get a motion to adopt Order 2021-3 as amended?

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Second?

MR. KLUTZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Any discussion?

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

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.
MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: The "ayes" have it. With that, it is my great pleasure to announce that we have finished our business for today.

MR. DERNULC: Mr. President, if you don't mind letting me bring this up, Chairman Wieser and I have known each other for about 50 years actually. I was very, very young when I first got to know him and he was a lot older than me.

But all kidding aside, I think you brought it up, we have tried to do this and make it easier for you, and it's been a pleasure working with you. We thank you for what you've done here today and really look forward to working maybe with you guys on other things. So thank you very much for your time.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Well, let me -- I appreciate that. Thank you for your comments.

Would you like to add anything?

MR. WIESER: I echo Dan's comments. We've known each other a long time. He grew up right around the corner from me. I was slightly older than he was, and we have been -- our fathers were very close friends, we've been very close friends, so it makes it a bit easier to do what we have to
do in our capacity as chairmen. And I think we do it to the best of our ability and in a spirit of civility, I guess I would say.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Thank you. I would sort of reiterate what I said on the 10th up in Lake County, which is this has been very refreshing to see collaboration between the two parties, and really, outside the administrative activity, it has went very smoothly. And I, for one, appreciate that, having not gone through this before. So you all have done the work necessary to make this easy for us, or as easy as it could be.

So I certainly appreciate that, and I would offer the opportunity for my fellow members to comment on anything as well before we adjourn.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I would also reiterate what I said last Friday, which is that I am happy that it has gone smoothly and, in my mind, that you all were able to work it out amongst yourselves, and we kind of approved something we knew that you all had agreed to. I think that's much better than what I think is an odd scenario that folks from outside Lake County would be making a determination as to Lake County.
CHAIRMAN OKESON: Karen?

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: No. I'm just happy that we're going to get out of here before my dinner reservation at 7:00.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Yeah. I do think we need to sign that, so I'll do that.

Thank you, Representative Slager, for sticking around and for your efforts on this as well. And the members of the Commission that were not present today, we thank them as well.

So with that, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: So moved.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Second?

MR. KLUTZ: Second.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: All those in favor signify by saying "Aye."

VICE CHAIRMAN OVERHOLT: Aye.

MS. CELESTINO-HORSEMAN: Aye.

MR. KLUTZ: Aye.

CHAIRMAN OKESON: Adjourned.

(The Lake County Redistricting Commission Public Session was adjourned at 3:36 p.m.)
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