

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COCHISE COUNTY REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING HELD ON
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2021**

A meeting of the Cochise County Redistricting Advisory Commission was held on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Executive Conference Room, 1415 Melody Lane, Building G, Bisbee, Arizona.

- Present: Rachel Gray, Commissioner; Tim Bowlby, Commissioner; Pat Boyle, Co-Chair; Rene Molina, Commissioner, telephonic; Elizabeth Bernstein, Commissioner; Yvonne Mayer, Commissioner; Frank Molina, Commissioner; Cheryl Glenn, Commissioner
- Absent: Jerry Hatfield, Chair; Cornelia Munoz, Commissioner (voted by proxy); Marty Minnick, Commissioner
- Staff Present: Richard G. Karwaczka, County Administrator
Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator
Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board
Tim Mattix, Deputy Clerk of the Board
Camila Rochin, Public Information Officer
- Attendees: Terry Couchenour, GIS Analyst

Co-Chair Boyle called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS OPEN FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

THE ORDER OR DELETION OF ANY ITEM ON THIS AGENDA IS SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION AT THE MEETING

1. Reading of Commissioners who will be voting by proxy and the Commissioners designated to act as a proxy.

Ms. Gilman announced that Commissioner Munoz filed a signed proxy form designating Commissioner Bernstein to act and vote as a proxy on her behalf.

2. Approve the minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission meetings of October 15, November 4, November 8, and November 16, 2021.

Commissioner Frank Molina made a motion to approve the minutes of the Redistricting Advisory Commission meetings of October 15, November 4, November 8, and November 16, 2021. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion and it carried 8-0 on a voice vote (Commissioner Bernstein voted as proxy on behalf of Commissioner Munoz; Commissioner Bowlby not yet present; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick

absent).

3. Presentation by Ms. Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator -
 - Redistricting Requirements, Principles, and Best Practices;
 - Review of the Redistricting Advisory Commission's activities, and public comments received to date.

Commissioner Bowlby arrived at 9:03 a.m.

Ms. Gilman presented this item using a PowerPoint presentation. She reviewed the Commission's process and meetings, and summarized themes from public comments regarding the Board of Supervisors District map - no change and Scenario 1 changes. The Commission provides a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on November 30, 2021 and vote on the maps at that time. She distributed copies of the Redistricting Principles approved by the Board of Supervisors, and the Sierra Vista proposal from the October 1, 2021 Commission meeting.

The Commission and Ms. Gilman discussed the Board of Supervisors Public Hearing and the Board of Supervisors having the option to modify the maps.

4. Approve the **Board of Supervisors** District map (map with no changes or Scenario 1 changes) as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

The Commission held a detailed discussion on the Board of Supervisors (BOS) District map options. Topics of discussion included: reasons Sierra Vista requested to change the BOS District map; public comments received; the Commission representing all of the County; effects of increasing the number of voting precincts; and, avoiding gerrymandering. Topics also included: population requirements being met by the BOS District map with no changes; rural areas increasing in population; and, the Board of Supervisors looking in the future at ways to grow areas outside of the Sierra Vista metropolitan area to balance population and allow for future adjustments.

Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors District Scenario 1 map as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The motion failed for lack of a second.

Commissioner Frank Molina made a motion to approve the Board of Supervisors District map with no changes as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Mayer seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 8-1 on a roll call vote (Commissioner Gray opposed; Commissioner Bernstein voted as proxy on behalf of Commissioner Munoz; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

5. Approve the **Precinct Boundaries** map as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (no change or Scenario 1 changes).

Ms. Gilman stated that based on the previous vote, the Precinct Boundaries would remain with no changes.

Commissioner Bernstein made a motion to approve the Precinct Boundaries map with no changes as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Frank Molina seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 on a roll call vote (Commissioner Bernstein voted as proxy on behalf of Commissioner Munoz; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

6. Approve the **College District Boundaries** map as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Gilman stated that the Commission voted to send no changes on the College District Boundaries map to the Public Hearings; no public comments were received on the map. The College District did not request changes, and the map is presented with no changes for the Commission's consideration.

Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the College District Boundaries map as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Bowlby seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 on a roll call vote (Commissioner Bernstein voted as proxy on behalf of Commissioner Munoz; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

7. Approve the **Justice Court Precinct Boundaries** map as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors.

Ms. Gilman stated that the Commission voted to send no changes on the Justice Court Precinct Boundaries map to the Public Hearings; no public comments were received on the map. Neither the Superior Court nor Supreme Court, based on productivity credits, requested changes, and the map is presented with no changes for the Commission's consideration.

Commissioner Gray made a motion to approve the Justice Court Precinct Boundaries map as the Commission's recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Bowlby seconded the motion.

In response to the Commission, Ms. Gilman and Mr. Karwaczka presented information on the Justice Court Precinct 5 productivity credits; should there be a future need to redraw the lines, it will be done immediately, rather than waiting for the 10-year redistricting process.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 on a roll call vote (Commissioner Bernstein voted as proxy on behalf of Commissioner Munoz; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

8. Authorize Ms. Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator, to sign the minutes of the November 19, 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission meeting.

Co-Chair Boyle noted that this is the Commission's final meeting. In response to the Commission, Ms. Gilman confirmed that this item is so that the Commission does not need to meet again for the sole purpose of approving minutes.

Commissioner Frank Molina made a motion to authorize Ms. Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator, to sign the minutes of the November 19, 2021 Redistricting Advisory Commission meeting. Commissioner Mayer seconded the motion.

Co-Chair Boyle called for the vote and it was approved 9-0 on a roll call vote (Commissioner Bernstein voted as proxy on behalf of Commissioner Munoz; Chair Hatfield and Commissioner Minnick absent).

Commissioner Gray made closing comments regarding the Fort and west end of Sierra Vista.

Co-Chair Boyle adjourned the meeting at 9:50 a.m.

APPROVED:

Sharon Gilman, Associate County Administrator

ATTEST:

Kim Lemons, Clerk of the Board