



Fresno County Advisory Redistricting Commission Summary of Proceedings

Wednesday, July 7, 2021, 6 p.m.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Commission Members

District 1:	<u>Katherine Burrows</u>	<u>Ken Abrahamian</u>
District 2:	<u>Elizabeth Kolstad</u>	<u>Lawrence Garcia</u>
District 3:	<u>Patience Milrod</u>	<u>Hugo Morales</u>
District 4:	<u>James Petty Jr.</u>	<u>Glenda Hill</u>
District 5:	<u>Suzanne Motte</u>	<u>Richard Gallegos</u>
CAO:	<u>Jeff Cardell</u>	

A. Call meeting to order and roll call

Commission convened at 6 p.m.

Commissioners Present: Burrows, Abrahamian, Kolstad, Garcia, Milrod, Morales, Petty, Hill, Motte, Gallegos, Cardell

Commissioners Absent: None

B. Introduction of Commission members

Commissioner introductions.

C. Discussion and election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Motion and second to nominate Commissioner Abrahamian for Chair.

Motion and second to nominate Commissioner Burrows for Chair.

Commissioner Burrows declined the nomination of Chair.

Motion carried to nominate Commissioner Abrahamian for Chair:
11 Ayes 0 Noes

Motion and second to nominate Commissioner Morales for Vice Chair.

Motion and second to nominate Commissioner Motte for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Motte declined the nomination of Vice Chair.

Motion carried to nominate Commissioner Morales for Vice Chair:
11 Ayes 0 Noes

The meeting was turned over to Chair Abrahamian.

D. Receive and file meeting schedule

Commissioner Comments:

- Clarification on Commissioners attendance at public workshops.
- Clarification for Commissioners responding to public questions and inquiries.
- Remote/virtual access availability for future public meetings.
- Concerns regarding the date of the upcoming Public Workshop on July 14, 2021, and possibility of rescheduling or adding additional public meetings and workshops.
- Accessibility to language translation at future meetings.
- Criteria for Commissioners to determine the need for additional meetings, and how the public can request a meeting.

Motion and second to discuss rescheduling the October 21, 2021 Commission Hearing #3.

Commissioner Discussion:

Staff may be able to pole commissioners for availability and add the item to the August 12, 2021 meeting agenda for discussion, direction, and possible action.

Public Comment:

- Michael Evans: Commented regarding hybrid/livestreaming of meetings.
- Kaya Herron: Clarification of meeting schedule.

Staff clarified Public Workshops will be livestreamed (for viewing only), and comments can be submitted in person, in writing, or by email.

E. Receive and adopt the proposed bylaws.

Commissioner Discussion:

- Concerns about Article 5, Article 4C, public engagement, and limitations on public comment.
- Clarification on public outreach.

Motion and second to table adoption of the proposed bylaws.

Motion withdrawn.

Motion and second to revise Article 4, Section C to:

Six (6) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. **Six (6)** or more affirmative votes shall be required for any official action, except adjournment of a Commission meeting for lack of a quorum present.

Public Comment:

- Kaya Herron: In support of changing the number to six (6).

Motion carried: 10 Ayes 1 Noes

Commissioner Discussion:

- Concerns about Article 5
- Criteria and language

Motion and second to 1) delete Article 5, Section A; and 2) change Article 5, Section B to list the duties of the commission.

Amended motion and second to 1) delete Article 5, Section A; 2) revise Article 5, Section B designation to Section A, and revise the first paragraph to:

“Upon receipt of the census data for the County, the Commission shall work collaboratively with County staff and consultants to redraw the supervisorial district boundaries in order to meet population equality and the other statutory criteria. ~~described in Article 5, Section A.~~”

Motion failed: 4 Ayes 7 Noes

Motion and second to approve the Bylaws, and Article 4, Section C as previously amended.

Motion carried: 10 Ayes 1 Noes

E. Brown Act training

Brown Act training presented by Rebekah Eropkin, Deputy County Counsel.

Public Comment:

- Olivia Seideman: Recommends remote meeting accessibility throughout the process.

G. Presentation and redistricting overview training

Redistricting overview and training presented by Dr. Jeff Tilton, National Demographics Corporation (NDC).

NDC will research availability of demographic information from 1990, 2000, and 2010.

Commissioner Comments:

- Mapping tools
- Data census information (residents displaced by Creek fire)
- Determining future growth
- Outreach in hard-to-reach communities

H. Public Comment *(This portion of the meeting is reserved for persons desiring to address the Advisory Redistricting Commission about matters within the jurisdiction of the Commission, but not listed on this Agenda. Matters presented during the Public Comment Period cannot be discussed or acted upon by the Commission. Comments will be limited to two (2) minutes for each speaker unless non-English translation is needed, in which the speaker will be limited to four (4) minutes, with a total of 20 minutes allotted for the Public Comment Period.*

Public Comment:

- Michael D. Evans: Redistricting rules and goals.
- Olivia Seideman: Remote meeting option at meeting in Riverdale, difficulty sending an email to the website, and publicizing the July 14 meeting.

I. Future topics and next meeting

- July 14, 2021 (Public Workshop)
- August 12, 2021 (Commission Meeting)

J. Announcements

- Information, supporting documentation, or to sign up for announcements, visit: <https://www.co.fresno.ca.us/resources/redistricting>

K. Adjournment

Motion and second to adjourn the meeting:

Motion carried: 11 Ayes 0 Noes

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m. The next meeting is schedule for Thursday, August 12, 2021, at 6 p.m., at the Fresno County Health and Wellness Center, 1925 East Dakota Avenue, Fresno.