

# Commission on Redistricting

Wednesday April 14, 2021

Start Time: 5:06 pm

## Meeting Minutes

### In Attendance:

#### **Commission Members**

Mariana Cordier (Chair)  
Arthur Edmunds (Vice-Chair)  
Imad Aldean Ahmad  
Laura Ard  
Keshia Desir  
Valerie Ervin  
Bruce Goldensohn  
Jason Makstein  
Nilmini Rubin  
Samuel Statland  
David Stein

#### **Council Staff**

Pamela Dunn  
Jeff Zyontz  
Liz Olsson

#### **Invited Guest Presenters**

Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director, Board of Elections  
Dr. Peter Miller, Brennan Center for Justice

The meeting began at 5:06 pm.

It opened with a greeting to the Commission by the Chair.

Then the Chair requested approval of the meeting minutes. The March 10 meeting minutes were approved with only a typographical amendment to add Mr. Ahmad's last name.

Next, the Chair introduced Alysoun McLaughlin, Deputy Election Director, Board of Elections, who provided a presentation on the Role of the BOE in Redistricting which included defining election precinct and the BOE's schedule for 2021-2022. After her presentation Ms. McLaughlin answered questions from the Commission.

Following Ms. McLaughlin's presentation, the Chair introduced Dr. Peter Miller, Brennan Center for Justice, who provided a presentation on Fair Redistricting Best Practices which included a discussion of quantitative methods to define communities of interest. After his presentation Mr. Miller answered questions from the Commission.

The Commissioners discussed the added Commission meeting on April 28. Planning Department staff will show County demographic changes over the past decade, and how historical land use patterns impact County demographics resulting in areas of minority concentrations and equity impact areas. The Commission also discussed the May meeting agenda which will include a presentation by Planning Staff on Redistricting software.

The meeting closed at 6:36 pm.