

**MINUTES OF THE  
REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE**

Tuesday, July 26, 2011 – 6:00 p.m. – Park City High School Lecture Hall, Park City, Utah

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kenneth W. Sumsion, House Chair  
Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Senate Chair  
Sen. Gene Davis  
Sen. Benjamin M. McAdams  
Sen. Stuart C. Reid  
Sen. Kevin T. Van Tassell  
President Michael G. Waddoups  
Rep. Roger E. Barrus  
Rep. Melvin R. Brown  
Rep. Gage Froerer  
Rep. Neal B. Hendrickson  
Rep. Don L. Ipson  
Rep. Brian S. King  
Rep. Todd E. Kiser

Rep. Merlynn T. Newbold  
Rep. Christine F. Watkins

**Members Absent:**

Rep. Francis D. Gibson  
Speaker Rebecca D. Lockhart  
Rep. R. Curt Webb

**Staff Present:**

Mr. John Q. Cannon, Managing Policy Analyst  
Mr. Leif Elder, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Allison M. Nicholson, Policy Analyst  
Ms. Angela Oakes Stallings, Associate General Counsel  
Ms. Kimberly A. Heiner, Legislative Secretary

**Note:** A list of others present, a copy of related materials, and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at [www.le.utah.gov](http://www.le.utah.gov).

**1. Committee Business**

Chair Okerlund called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Members of the Committee introduced themselves and indicated the areas of the state that they represent.

**2. Overview of Redistricting**

Mr. Elder gave a presentation on what redistricting is, why it is done, and the redistricting principles that were adopted at the May 4, 2011 meeting. He also gave an overview of the redistricting public website, RedistrictUtah.com and demonstrated the online redistricting tool that allows the public to create redistricting plans.

**3. Presentation of Redistricting Plans**

President Waddoups presented a plan entitled "U.S. Congressional - Waddoups - Military and Salt Lake City Whole" and explained the plan's rationale. He said the plan keeps Salt Lake City in one congressional district.

Ms. Kelly Lundgren, Represent Me Utah, presented a congressional plan she submitted on RedistrictUtah.com entitled "Kelly Lundgren U.S. Congress 1." She said the intent of the plan was to keep as many communities with common interests together as possible. She said that the plan keeps cities together. She asked for public comment on the plan on RedistrictUtah.com.

Sen. McAdams presented a senate plan entitled "Utah Senate -- McAdams Plan C" and described the rationale of the plan. He said he created the map based on feedback from the public. He said it keeps Summit County in one senate district.

Rep. King presented a House plan entitled "Utah House - King Plan A." He said that Summit County's population is almost perfect for a House seat, however, because of differences of interests he split Summit County in three ways. He said he tried to keep the school districts intact in Summit County.

Many people from the public indicated that they did not want Summit County to be split and Rep. King said he would take that feedback into consideration.

Mr. David Irvine, Utah Citizens' Counsel, recommended having a statutorily created redistricting advisory committee. He said this advisory committee would create a politically neutral citizens' panel to create redistricting alternatives. He said his group had created four congressional plans and would try to get those on RedistrictUtah.com. He presented two senate plans, and said he started from the four boundaries of the state and worked in. He said the plans were created without any consideration of where incumbents live.

Mr. Joseph Dunlap, Utah Citizens' Counsel, discussed the two senate plans. He said that his plan keeps Tooele County in one district. He also said he tried to maintain communities of interests and keep cities together.

#### **4. Public Comment and Committee Discussion About Redistricting**

Mr. Christopher Robinson, Summit County Council Chair, said he would like Summit County to be in as few districts as possible.

Ms. Sally Elliot, Summit County Council, said that Summit County has struggled since its inception to be unified, but as a government they are a community of interest. She asked the Committee to keep all of Summit County in the same district.

Mr. Alex Butwinski, Park City Council, said the Park City Council supports the Fair Boundaries Initiative. He said that the interests of Summit County can be best served by being kept as whole as possible.

Ms. Kim Carson, Park City resident, said she saw a map that had the Park City School District in three different house districts and said it is difficult for the school district to deal with multiple representatives. She asked the Committee to keep this in mind when drawing plans.

Ms. LuAnn Lukenbach, Park City resident, said it is frustrating to find out who her representatives are as they keep changing. She said that communities are stronger when they are unified. She also said it is unfortunate that there has to be exact numbers in districts and said that people may prefer to have less representation by numbers if their community could remain in the same district.

Mr. Mike Dorsey, Wasatch County resident, asked to keep school districts and voting precincts together as much as possible.

Mr. Glenn Wright, County Democratic Chair, asked to keep communities of interest together and split Summit County as little as possible. He said that if the county had to be split that the school districts provide good boundaries. He said he supports Sen. McAdams plan. He also said he likes Rep. Cox's and Rep. Harper's house plans because they keep Summit County together.

Ms. Lynda Simmons, Summit County resident, said she wants Summit County to be kept in one district. She asked the Committee to be fair and be as nonpartisan as possible in making redistricting decisions.

President Waddoups said at the last redistricting meeting State School Board representatives said that they would prefer each State School Board district to encompass multiple local school districts. President

Waddoups asked the public to raise their hand if they agreed with that. The majority of the audience did not agree.

Sen. Reid asked the public to raise their hand if they preferred the pizza slice or doughnut hole approach to creating congressional districts. The majority preferred the doughnut hole approach.

Chair Okerlund discussed a randomly selected school board plan entitled "Thomas 5" submitted by David Thomas on RedistrictUtah.com.

## **5. Adjourn**

**MOTION:** Rep. Ipson moved to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Okerlund adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.