

MINUTES

Senate Legislative Redistricting Committee

House Legislative Redistricting Committee



Senator Mary Duvall, Senate Committee Chair
Representative Spencer Gosch, House Committee Chair
Senator Jim Bolin, Senate Committee Vice Chair
Representative Kent Peterson, House Committee Vice Chair

Fifth/Sixth Meeting, 2021 Interim
Monday, October 18, 2021

Virutally/Room 414 – State Capitol
Pierre, South Dakota

The fifth interim meeting of the Senate Legislative Redistricting Committee and the sixth interim meeting of the House Legislative Redistricting Committee were called to order by Senator Mary Duvall at 2:30 p.m. (CST). The committees met together via teleconference and in Room 414 of the State Capitol, Pierre, South Dakota.

A quorum was determined with the following members answering roll call: Representatives Ryan Cwach, Drew Dennert, Mike Derby, Spencer Gosch (Chair), Jon Hansen, Liz May, Kent Peterson (Vice Chair), and Bethany Soye; and Senators Jim Bolin (Vice Chair), Casey Crabtree, Michael Diedrich, Helene Duhamel, Mary Duvall (Chair), Troy Heinert, and Kyle Schoenfish.

Staff members present included Matt Frame, Legislative Attorney, and Rachael Person, Administrative Specialist.

NOTE: *For the purpose of continuity, the following minutes are not necessarily in chronological order. Also, all referenced documents distributed at the meeting are attached to the original minutes on file in the Legislative Research Council office. This meeting was webcast live. The archived webcast is available on the LRC website at sdlegislature.gov.*

Approval of Minutes

Senator Diedrich moved, seconded by Senator Crabtree, to approve the minutes of the September 30, 2021 Senate Legislative Redistricting Committee meeting. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 7 voting AYE. Voting AYE: Crabtree, Diedrich, Duhamel, Heinert, Schoenfish, Bolin, and Duvall.

Representative Gosch moved, seconded by Representative Dennert, to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2021 House Legislative Redistricting Committee meeting. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 6 voting AYE and 2 EXCUSED. Voting AYE: Dennert, Derby, Hansen, Soye, Peterson, and Gosch. EXCUSED: Cwach and May

Discussion of Publication of Resources

Senator Duvall said that following requests made by the public during the Redistricting tour for more detailed maps, the committees asked the LRC staff to provide options for the public to meet their requests.

Mr. Matt Frame, Legislative Attorney, LRC, said that per the directives of the committees, and what they have voted on, the LRC would upload map proposals to the Dave's Redistricting website (davesredistricting.org) as 'view only' maps which would allow the public to view the maps in detail.

Representative Dennert moved, seconded by Senator Duhamel, to post the maps using the Dave's Redistricting platform for the public to view. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 14 voting AYE, and 1 EXCUSED. House committee members voting AYE: Dennert, Derby, Hansen, May, Soye, Peterson, and Gosch. House committee member EXCUSED: Cwach. Senate committee members voting AYE: Crabtree, Diedrich, Duhamel, Heinert, Schoenfish, Bolin, and Duvall.

Takeaways from October Redistricting Tour

Senator Duhamel said that many people, both legislators and members of the public, asked that their districts not change. However, Senator Duhamel said, due to population shifts, almost every district, with the exception of Lawrence County, will have to accept that change has to occur.

Senator Diedrich said the committees received a lot of input regarding communities of interest, and the urban/rural split. Senator Diedrich emphasized that the definition of a community of interest can vary depending on the interests of each community and each community could have multiple or diverse interests. Senator Diedrich pointed out that the communities of interest spoken of during the tour were mostly related to employment, trade area, or agriculture.

Senator Bolin said the Sioux Falls meetings were well attended and the Grouse and Falcon maps were well supported by the public.

Senator Heinert commented on the level of participation from the Native community, especially in the Rapid City area.

Representative Soye echoed Senator Bolin's comment on the Grouse and Falcon maps being well supported by the public, especially in the Sioux Falls area. Representative Soye added that a lot of the public testimony focused on the separation of urban and rural areas.

Representative Gosch thanked the Native community for their attendance in the Mobridge area.

Representative Derby said his takeaways were the requests to not split Watertown, keep Clay and Turner Counties together, not having Aberdeen precincts in a rural district, and if north Rapid City should be included in District 32, 33, or 34.

Senator Duvall said the committees needed to be particularly prudent in Districts 26, 27, and 28.

Public Testimony

Representative Tina Mulally, District 35, Rapid City, presented her proposal for the Rapid City area ([Document 1](#)). Representative Mulally said her proposal provides more options for shifts within Districts 27 and 30 than the conurbation area previously approved by the committees. She also provided additional talking points to include in the record.

Mr. John Claussen, self, Sioux Falls, gave testimony on his 8-district Sioux Falls proposal ([Document 2](#)). Mr. Claussen said that all of the communities within Sioux Falls needed to be respected. He also discussed growth areas and how he incorporated those areas into his proposal.

Representative Dennert read a resolution passed by the Aberdeen City Council for the record ([Document 3](#)).

Committee Discussion and Adjournment

Mr. Frame asked that all map proposals be completed and turned into the LRC staff by November 1, 2021.

The committee discussed future meeting dates. Both committees will hold their next meeting Monday, October 25, 2021. The committees will meet separately. The Senate Legislative Redistricting Committee will meet in Room 414 of the State Capitol starting at 10:00 a.m. (CST), and the House Legislative Redistricting Committee will meet in Room 413 of the State Capitol also starting at 10:00 a.m. (CST).

Representative Derby moved, seconded by Senator Duhamel, that the Senate Legislative Redistricting Committee and the House Legislative Redistricting Committee be adjourned. The motion prevailed on a roll call vote with 13 voting AYE, 1 voting NAY, and 1 EXCUSED. House committee members voting AYE: Cwach, Dennert, Derby, Hansen, May, and Peterson. House committee member voting NAY: Soye. House committee member EXCUSED: Gosch. Senate committee members voting AYE: Crabtree, Diedrich, Duhamel, Heinert, Schoenfish, Bolin, and Duvall.

The committees adjourned at 3:28 p.m.