



ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Alaska Redistricting Board Meeting May 26, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

The Alaska Redistricting Board virtually met on May 26, 2021. Present participants are below:

John Binkley
Melanie Bahnke
Bethany Marcum
Budd Simpson
Nicole Borromeo
Peter Torkelson
TJ Presley
Matt Singer

Chair of the Board
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Executive Director
Deputy Director
Guest

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Establish a Quorum
- Adoption of Agenda
- Public Testimony
- Adoption of Minutes from Past Meetings
- Executive Session: Voting Rights Act Consultant RFI Respondents
- Board Discussion: Voting Rights Act Consultant, Possible Action
- Adjournment

Call to Order

Mr. Binkley called the meeting to order at 2:43 p.m. With all board members present, a quorum was established.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Borromeo moved to modify the agenda to eliminate the adoption of minutes from past meetings. Ms. Marcum seconded the motion.

Mr. Simpson suggested adding a footer to each page of the minutes to add the date, page number, and the acronym "A.R.B."

The motion passed unanimously.

Ms. Marcum moved to adopt the agenda as amended. Ms. Borromeo seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.



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Public Testimony

Former Senator Cathy Giessel thanked the Board for their proactiveness in procurement of a Voting Rights Act Consultant and expressed concerns on privacy manipulations with census data as it could unfairly distort Alaska's data. Ms. Giessel noted that the proactive procuring of a Voting Rights Act Consultant will be helpful in identifying and confirming distortions in the data.

Executive Session: Voting Rights Act Consultant

The Board entered executive session at 2:59 p.m.

The Board exited executive session at 4:52 p.m.

Discussion: Voting Rights Act Consultant

Ms. Marcum moved for the Board to enter into contract with the preferred candidate for Voting Rights Act consulting services subject to acceptable terms for expert witness testimony and that the Chair, with staff and counsel assistance, negotiate and execute the contract in a timely manner in a form which best benefits the Board. Ms. Bahnke seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Ms. Borromeo moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.