



ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

Alaska Redistricting Board Meeting December 3, 2020 | 3:30 p.m.

The Alaska Redistricting Board virtually met on December 3, 2020. Present participants are below:

John Binkley
Melanie Bahnke
Bethany Marcum
Budd Simpson
Nicole Borromeo
JC Kestel
Tim Banaszak

Chair of the Board
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Board Member
Procurement Officer, LAA
IT Manager, LAA

Agenda

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- IT Updates
- Discussion: Virtual Redistricting Seminar
- Discussion: Executive Director Hiring & Timing
- Executive Session
- Board Member Comments
- Adjournment

Call to Order

Mr. Binkley called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. With all board members present, a quorum was established.

Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Bahnke moved to adopt the agenda as presented. Mr. Simpson seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

IT Updates

Mr. Banaszak reported the following updates:

- Laptops are configured and ready to be used with Microsoft Office and redistricting software loaded. Mr. Banaszak will individually e-mail board members to get their preference on whether to ship or hold their laptops until census data has been received.
- Email accounts have been created, configured, and ready to be set up across multiple



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devices. Contractors will contact each board member to provide them with their email account credentials.

- The redistricting software is ready for 2020 census data once ready. Training for the redistricting software is available through pre-recorded videos, a live training session, or an on-site training session further in the future. Mr. Banaszak recommended beginning this training once census data has been received.

Mr. Kestel recommended that Mr. Presley test the software configuration to ensure the software provides all features needed as intended to be procured by the Planning Committee and the board. Ms. Marcum offered to participate in testing user features. The board had no objections in having Ms. Marcum and Mr. Presley work together to test software features.

Discussion: Virtual Redistricting Seminar

Mr. Binkley noted that the board is registered for the seminar in January 2021. All board members were encouraged to attend.

Discussion: Executive Director Hiring & Timing

Mr. Binkley noted that an executive session will take place to begin discussion on the details of the applicants.

Board members discussed how the board should proceed with hiring and the timing of the process. The board agreed that each board member will individually review the applicant list, create a reduced list of selected applicants, and compare each list as a whole to identify overlaps. Then, interviews will be scheduled, and then the board will reconvene to make a final decision.

Mr. Binkley expressed urgency for the process to take place and noted that the timeline for receiving census data is still unknown. This provides the board with an opportunity to begin working on maps in the interim using data from 2018 and 2019.

Executive Session

Ms. Bahnke moved to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. Ms. Marcum seconded the motion.

The board entered executive session at 4:12 p.m.

The board exited executive session at 4:51 p.m.

Board Member Comments

No comments were given by board members.

Adjournment

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

The meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.