



## ALASKA REDISTRICTING BOARD

### Alaska Redistricting Board Meeting April 16, 2021 | 2:30 p.m.

The Alaska Redistricting Board virtually met on April 16, 2021. Present participants are below:

John Binkley	Chair of the Board
Melanie Bahnke	Board Member
Bethany Marcum	Board Member
Budd Simpson	Board Member
Nicole Borrromeo	Board Member
Peter Torkelson	Executive Director
TJ Presley	Deputy Director
Matt Singer	Guest
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The following board member was absent:

Melanie Bahnke	Board Member
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### **Agenda**

- Call to Order
- Establish a Quorum
- Adoption of Agenda
- Public Testimony
- Adoption of Minutes from Past Meetings
- Request for Information for Voting Rights Act Consultant

### **Call to Order**

Mr. Binkley called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m. With five of six board members present, a quorum was established.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

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

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Public Testimony**

No public members were present to provide a testimony.



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### **Adoption of Minutes from Past Meetings**

Mr. Presley introduced Inmaly Inthaly of Star Assist, a contractor for the Alaska Redistricting Board, who has been contracted to develop meeting minutes for all board meetings.

Mr. Simpson suggested the following formatting changes to all meeting minutes: 1) Add meeting dates to the top of the document, 2) Add a section in the minutes that outlines the meeting agenda, and 3) Remove the words "motioned" and replace with "moved" or "made a motion". The board agreed with the suggested changes.

The board agreed to table the approval of meeting minutes to the next meeting.

### **Request for Information for Voting Rights Act Consultant**

Mr. Torkelson reported that upon consulting with the board's attorney, Matt Singer, it was advised that the board pursue a relationship with a Voting Rights Act consultant as soon as possible. A draft Request for Information (RFI), which was reviewed by legal counsel, was presented to the board. The RFI asks for documentable experience as well as witness testimony experience. The deadline for responses as noted in the draft is May 3, 2021.

Mr. Torkelson clarified that the board would be responsible for the consultant's travel costs upon approval by the board.

After discussion, the board agreed to extend the RFI response submission deadline to May 14, 2021 and to revise the language to remove the two specific references to experience in Alaska so that respondents can provide all relevant experience.

Ms. Marcum moved to adopt the RFI with two amendments to strike the requirements for Alaska experience and to extend the submission deadline to May 14<sup>th</sup> with direction to staff to publish the RFI and notify potential vendors of the RFI. Ms. Borromeo seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

Ms. Borromeo moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Marcum seconded the motion.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 p.m.