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>> CHAIR EID: I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:02:00 a.m.

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>> Meghan Schaar: Good morning, Commissioners please say present when I call your name. Unless your absence is due to military duty, announce your physical location by stating in the county, city, township, or village and the state from which you are attending the meeting remotely from. I'm going to begin in alphabetical order with Elaine Andrade.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present attending from Imlay Township

>> Meghan Schaar: Donna Callaghan. Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present attending remotely from Detroit Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: Anthony Eid.

>> CHAIR EID: Good morning. Present. Remotely attending from Detroit, Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: Brittany Kellom.

>> Meghan Schaar: Rhonda Lang.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.

>> Meghan Schaar: Steve Lett.

>> Meghan Schaar: Marcus Muldoon.

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>> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: Present from Carrollton, Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present; attending remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: Janice Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present; attending from Highland Township, Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: Erin Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present attending remotely from Eaton township, Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present; attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw Michigan.

>> Meghan Schaar: You have a quorum.

>> CHAIR EID: A reminder to the public watching, you can view the agenda at www.michigan.gov/MICRC. I'll entertain motion to approve the agenda. We have a motion by Commissioner Weiss and a second by Commissioner Muldoon to adopt the agenda for today. Is there any discussion on the agenda? Seeing none. We'll move to vote. All those in favor of the motion to adopt the agenda for today's meeting, please raise your hand and say aye. Are there any opposed? Please raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

Without objection, we'll move on to the public comment portion pertaining to agenda items for today's meeting. Is there any objection to moving on to the public comment? Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public comment to the Commission will now be allowed. I will call your name and staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you'll be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are on the phone, you'll be prompted to press star 6 to unmute. I will call you by your name, please note if you experience technical or audio issues, or we do not hear from you for three to five seconds, we'll move on to the next person in line and return to you after they are done speaking. If your audio still does not work, you can e-mail at redistricting@michigan.gov and we'll help you troubleshoot so you can participate during the next public comment period at a later meeting. You'll have 90 seconds to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

We have four people who have signed up to give public comment today. The first of which being Mr. James Gallant.

>> Can you hear me now, Mr. Chairman?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, Mr. Gallant.

>> All right. Thank you very much. James Gallant. It's my opinions, it appears Chair Eid have public falsified the minutes on April 25th, 2024. Chair said the minutes say that the chair said "without objection --" I mean, you said "without objection is synonymous with unanimous consent" the order for unanimous consent has three steps. You have to explain why you're -- from. Yeah. Your suspending the rules by consensus. No debate before a motion, the committee as a whole, all this stuff. The minutes say that chair Eid put a motion to begin public comment forward without objection. Like you just did. You didn't say a motion. You didn't say unanimous consent. You're changing the definitions by consensus and is a sideways rule. This is the specter they call Marxist style communist. It's unreasonable that 2 minutes and two people get one and a half minutes. That's unreasonable. Now you wrongfully requested Mr. -- to facilitate the issue and then Mr. -- a motion without debate. No debate. After you made a motion. Then you wrongfully -- then -- wait a minute. Listen here. That's why something the specter goes. You're hiding what your true intentions are. And it's a violation of your oath of office. The rules say that, you know, the present --

>> Meghan Schaar: Your allotted time has ended. Thank you for addressing the Commission.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant. Next up to speak is Mr. Robert Dindoffer.

>> Hello. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can. Good morning.

>> Good morning. It's great to talk to you all again! First thing I want to say, congratulations on passing a house plan and getting the court's approval on the medial plan. I'll be honest, I was skeptical whether the Court would approve it. I was wrong. You were right. Congratulations. Second, though, as you look at state senate plans, I want to reiterate and remind all of you that none of you are from the east side of Detroit or the Metro Detroit area. That a large portion that you all are going to be redistricting and looking at is in Macomb and the east side of Detroit. The closest you all have on the Commission was Commissioner Clarke from Rochester. At least he was east of Woodward. He and some of the other Commissioners, particularly me in my area, were really supportive of the Lake St. Clair community of interest it was drawn specifically for that community of interest. I would like to request you look back at what Commissioner Rothhorn and Commissioner Clarke said about it. Look at what the community said about it during the first round of redistricting where folks were more engaged. Give it a strong look and not change it. I think there's a strong community of interest. There's no need to change it. I hope you will take all that to heart. Congratulations on house pass! Look forward to a great senate. Thank you.

>> Meghan Schaar: Sorry, Chair.

>> CHAIR EID: You're good. Teamwork makes the dream work. Next up for public comment is Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill.

>> Good morning. Can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes. We can hear you.

>> Thanks. I'm a lifelong Detroit resident. There's a couple of points I would like to make today. I'll try to be brief. Firstly, while I recognize that we're very early in the process and things always start out looking a bit haywire sometimes. I would really urge you to take strong consideration of partisan fairness at all stages in the process. This is yet easier to get really wrong on the senate maps than on the house maps. The House maps, we were dealing with areas fairly blue. One more district ended up getting more competitive, it was relatively easy to go in at the end and make sure we're not creating, say, red seats. It's not the case here. Specifically in Macomb county, it's easy to draw new republican seat out of what used to be a swing or lean democratic seat. And every map that the Commissioners put out thus far does exactly that in areas like Macomb township and Roosevelt. If too much of that area is not the same, then the areas sort of get shuffled around will lead to a new red seat and unfair shift to the overall partisan ballots. I urge that the Commission early on start looking at broader changes that might be necessary to avoid that. And the end of the day, you should have four swing seats, two red seats, and nine blue seats in the metro Detroit area. Anything other than that would be a significant deviation of partisan fairness. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Hill. And the final speaker for today is Mr. Anthony Scannell.

>> Thank you, MICRC. Good morning. One thing I'm thinking about as the maps are drawn is how many districts split Detroit and the Linden maps split it eight ways. It was going in eight different districts. Part of Detroit. Just, for example, the one of mine that you looked at that was split in five different districts had Detroit slightly less. Also, I made other maps since that and added in six districts. I think that's a little piece to consider. I don't know what the right number is. The MSU map put in three different districts. So I would like to consider that. I saw someone utilize the public comment portal to put a complaint against the Secretary of State for a traffic ticket discrepancy. I thought that was interesting. Another thing I'm thinking about is the agenda item that the Commissioner brought up at the end of the last meeting that they wanted to look at the constitutional language about the public submitting comment. I'm not sure if I see that on today's agenda. But I'm interested to hear what that's about. Because public comment frequently. And said the Commission "shall receive" for consideration written submissions from any member of the public. So I'm interested to see what that's about. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. That concludes today's public comment. E-mail at Michigan.gov. You can go to our website and view the meeting notices where you will find a link to sign up and participate in virtual public comment. We appreciate

everybody who offers public comment in whatever way you choose. I invite you to keep sharing your thoughts.

Okay. Next up on the agenda is mapping. Without objection, I will ask Commissioners to continue on the collaborative mapping process pursuant to the Commission's rules of procedure and collaborative mapping policy. Is there any objection? Hearing none.

We'll move on.

We ended on Thursday with Commissioner Szetela, Commissioner Andrade, I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I want to bring up a point about the mapping portal. I noticed there's two separate house groups. One has one subset of the maps and the other has the closed set. It's a little confusing. Maybe we could address that going forward.

>> CHAIR EID: Do we have somebody with ETS with us today?

>> I haven't studied why it is. The completed maps in one place. The partial map placed in another. I expect somebody will be weighing in here shortly. I would also like to mention that the review of the plan that was done last week. Two plans in the process -- so unassigned areas. And the plans that we have are not active. But it stands 425 version 5, district 7 was missing. And then also plan 242 part 4 has some areas. We'll get those fixed this morning.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yeah. I wondered if there was uncompleted versus completed. And that's fine to have them in two separate places, but we should make a note of that, so we know what we're looking at. Or some way to point them to the full list.

>> I wasn't involved.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: I'll follow up on that and get back to you tomorrow. So you know exactly what is going on. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I heard nothing. I could hear Stigall talking but I couldn't hear him loud enough. Some people's things are on real loud, and some are real low on my computer. I guess his is on real low.

>> I apologize. Anybody else having a problem hearing me?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can hear him, but I can't hear what he's saying.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: You're a little quiet.

>> I'll see what is going on. I'll screen share, also. I'll be right back! I'll be right back!

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead. Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. So about those maps and the different places. After looking at it, it looks like the ones in the draft proposed senate plans are the completed and the other ones aren't. But the draft proposed senate plans, didn't we

move things there when we were putting those out to the public? Those were the ones we decided to put forward to the public, I thought?

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: Commissioner, that's what I need to follow up on. Give me time to address that as well as Commissioner Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Thanks.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: I'll get back to everybody.

>> Excuse me. Yes. I'm here. Am I better now? Okay. Yeah. I didn't have the accessory microphone on. Sorry about that.

>> CHAIR EID: That's okay. Okay. Well, we left off with Commissioner Szetela. And she was in the middle of making some changes. Commissioner Szetela, if you'd like to continue, the floor is yours.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Thank you. Good morning. So I would like you to open up 0425-24SDCOL version 7. Before you open it, I would like you to make a copy. We're going to rename it for today's date.

>> I want to touch base. Is everyone looking at my screen now? This is the plan you're talking about? 4/25 version 7, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes. Change it to 4/29. And I would do version 1.

>> Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Before you do anything else. Can we check for planned errors to make sure there's no unassigned areas?

>> I did all this.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. You can't do it too often, right?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right. Right.

>> Sorry. I keep clicking on the wrong one. Okay. We're good.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. All right. So the first thing I want to do, I want to go over to district 6 and 7.

>> 6 and 7.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Where the yellow is. The yellow is 13. I want to take those areas of Farmington, Farmington Hills, and Southfield and put them in 13, which is the yellow. So that upper area of 6, that's in Farmington, Farmington Hills, and south hill we'll move into district 13. Assign it into 13. Okay. And then we're going to go just west of there and grab Northville, Northville township. That includes the area north of 8-mile. That area and there's a box that is part of Northville. You can see it lined in blue. Yeah.

>> Yep. I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That's all right.

>> I'm still getting back up to speed on what I'm trying to do here. All right.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Change it to add a new area.

>> Yeah. That would be a lot better. Golly!

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. 6. My population is still good. If you can zoom out a little bit. Go to 10 which is east of where we're at.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And I want to take that area of Roseville that is put into 10. I want to move it into 11.

>> North of here?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It's just above -- yep. Right there. You kind of passed it. 10 kind of comes down like a shelf there. Right there. You got it.

>> That area?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes. Put that into 11. And how much population is that?

>> It is -- that is 16,000.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. Okay. So 10 is now under the 10,000. 11 is over by 16,000. So we're going to take those upper precincts that are in Warren. So the northeast corner and move those into 11.

>> More or less?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That should be about perfect.

>> Did I do that backwards? I put that area in 11.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. That's what you should have done. did I get that backwards? Undo for a second.

>> Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We somehow did something wrong.

>> Where is the undo?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: under selections. Little higher. Little higher.

>> I'm sorry. I'm a little slow this morning.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That's okay.

>> Yeah. You add it to 11. And right now 11 it needs --

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. I went the wrong way. So, you know, let's undo the last change. We'll leave this for now. And then just hit "save" please.

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I have to look at my map and see where we're having a difference. So right now 10 is with that change --

>> 10 is 6300 high. And 11 is -- yeah. 11 is fine.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: 11 is fine. Okay.

>> It was right here. And 7, where we just worked a moment ago.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And what is 1 at? Can we look at 1?

>> 1 is 1.55%.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> Can everybody read the numbers? Do I need to make them bigger?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I read them.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. What I want to do right now is I want to save this. And then I want to run a partisan fairness report on it. I want to start with the old partisan fairness we used before. Then run the new database. So we can kind of compare how it's moving.

>> Okay. I don't have -- somebody else. I don't have that in my hand.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. You don't have the old one or you don't have the new one?

>> I don't, I mean, we can run the new partisan stuff. But if you're talking about a previously-run report, I don't have those.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: But you have the old data base built in. I know John could select the old and new.

>> So I think that's over here on the partisan fairness.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> And which one of these indexes you wanted to use.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. If you scroll down. I thought it was two different categories. It was after the "focus minority races." It's pretty far down.

>> You have the original index and I think this is what we're talking about.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. I want to run it on the original index and run it with the other index.

>> The original index here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Because I only have the original index on my computer. I'm only seeing the original. I want to kind of see --

>> Right. The original we're running now.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> So I don't know if you want to look at each and every district, but the average winning margin -- we want to look at -- yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Did the partisan report run?

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Do you have it open?

>> Y'all can't see it now?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No. We can't see it.

>> So I need to share this screen, which is -- I got change which screen I'm sharing. New share and then come here and click this guy. Share. So now you see it?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. So lopsided margin is 3.7. Mean/median --

>> Mean/median --

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> It's 5.8 favoring republicans.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay 0.5. What is the efficiency gap?

>> Efficiency gap is .5 favoring republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> And then seats ratio is minus 2.9 republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. So, yeah. That's consistent with what I'm seeing when I run it. It's showing as being an almost perfect map. Meaning the efficiency gap and the mean/median as close to zero as we can get them. Can you rerun it using the new metrics we have? I want to see how it changes.

>> Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I hope Sarah Howard and Susan Smith are watching. This is what they wanted us to do the whole time was to get a perfect map close to zero. And this is -- just for reference, the Linden -- the mean/median was 1.2 and the efficiency is 3.3. This is an improvement over the Linden. Based on the original data.

>> Okay. Let me get back over here.

>> Updated. Updated. So the new version -- the updated index shows the lopsided margin advantage 5% for republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> Mean/median difference is .4%.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> Efficiency gap is 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> And seats vote ratio is minus 2.5 republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. All right. So still pretty solid. Still an improvement over the partisan fairness we had on the Linden. Okay. So I want to stop working on this map and create a new version. Because I think this map is pretty good. So if you could save it and then we're going to create a version two and I'm going to change two districts and see how it alters the partisan fairness. And just for the record, the reason why I made that change of Farmington Hills and that part of Southfield moved into 13 and putting Northville into 6 was, I was trying to reknit that Jewish community of interest last week that was split up. It's creating a strong community of interest in district 13 and Northville will be put in with Livonia.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton. I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. I'm thinking we should move to the next Commissioner. You had your turn at the end of the last meeting and now you've done a map. Shouldn't we move on and come back around to you again?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm not done with my turn.

>> CHAIR EID: One moment, folks.

>> I'm waiting for direction.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: If you can make a copy and rename it "version 2."

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Curry? we can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I said Rebecca is doing such a great job. I'm trying to -- do we have a certain amount of time to work with. Sometimes when I get it, I'm trying to hurry to give it to the next person because I'm thinking I'm too long. And take it and did a whole map. How much time -- we don't have any kind of record of how long we should work on it separately or whatever? And it was never put into our minutes or anything. We never discussed it. So I guess we don't have any quorum of what we should do about it. I'm kind of, like, sometimes I don't know how long to stay on it. And then some people, like, do a whole map. So I'm kind of just wondering, too.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Well, I know that we've had Commissioners take very, very long turns during the house drawings. Sometimes several hours. I worked for less than 20 minutes on Friday. I've been working for about 15 minutes now.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Not you Rebecca.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I know you're not. It's interesting when I'm drawing, there is issues, but other Commissioners are given the latitude to spend hours working on maps. So just want to put that on the record. And two districts I want to change. And then I'm done.

>> CHAIR EID: You can continue, Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Orton, I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. It's not really about the length of time. I know some of us have taken a long time at times. But it's, like, multiple maps. It seems a little odd. That's all I'm saying.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Again, Commissioner Kellom created the Lily, Tiger Lily, Motown Sound, and Spirit of Detroit within one mapping session. There were no complaints. During that time. No complaints. Map after map after map. No complaints.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's why I was saying we don't have any kind of what we should do or how long we should do it. We never did stipulate that in the beginning. I guess we don't have any say so on it. But maybe in the future or whatever we should probably have some kind of decision made on how long we work on a map at a time. Or maybe all of us should take a map and work on it, period. And then turn it in. I don't know.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right. Are we ready? Are you ready? I couldn't hear you, if you said something.

>> Yes. Sorry. What's up?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We're going to work on the boundary between 11 and 12. The reason why we're doing this you know, I did go back through the public comments over the weekend. We had a lot of comments about the Lakeshore district. And the overwhelming about combining St. Clair Shores. This map does it. It combines the two. I want to propose an alternative that goes all the way through Anchor Bay and city and brings in the -- no. It's not Green city. It's new Baltimore and Anchor Bay.

We'll create an alternative district between 12 and 11. It'll cover more of that Bay area and the Lakeshore. We'll start with 11. And we're going to start grabbing -- this is going to be kind of challenging to direct you. I'm going to do my best. We'll go toward the northwest corner of 11. Actually, it might be easier if you just -- let me see. It might be easier to delete 11. Then we can start with scratch with 11. You can do it with 12, too. So you don't have to worry about resigning areas. Okay. So we're going to put into 11 is -- I'm trying to minimize my screen here so I can see you better. All right we're going to start out with the Grosse Pointes, Harper Woods. That's down -- yep. Detroit area. All of those you can switch to townships so you can grab them faster. We'll grab of that St. Clair Shores and put all of that into 11. Actually if you haven't assigned anything, make it 12. I'm sorry. I want to make it 12 not 11.

>> Are we going up?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So -- there you go. That's 12. So we're going to go around the Bay. So you're grabbing the outer most precincts. I wouldn't take all of that. At this point, we're going to have to switch over to precincts.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. You're going to grab -- yep. The outermost.

>> It got the water here, but we can change that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. Just for appearances we'll do that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I want you to go over to the west -- I'm sorry. The east side and grab all of that area over there. Yep. Anything that is not -- whoops.

>> I need to pass this, first.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: What does it say?

>> I had it on blocks.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Oh.

>> Here we go.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Got to love it. There you go. Go ahead and put those in. If it's going to give you a hard time about it.

>> Grab that. Grab all of -- okay. And now we're going to make this area 11?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That is going to be 11. You can keep going north and grab that large precinct. Just above where you -- that works. Yep!

>> All right. Precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I do I want to -- I want to put Fraser and that portion of Roosevelt that is left into 12. So Fraser and that portion into 12. Yep. And then if you could grab those other precincts that are just -- yep. Those three right there.

>> All the way across?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Umm, yes, go all the way across, please.

>> So 12.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> This area in here --

- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All of that is going to 12. All of that.
- >> Okay.
- >> New Baltimore?
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: New Baltimore. The whole thing. okay. Leave that. That's going to 11. So do you see where you have that big water block that is not taken yet? We're going to split the precincts that are lining that and put those into 12.
- >> I can save that.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. Take that. The ones above. Yeah. Yep. Those two right there. And then that last one right above where you just selected, I would put in 12, too.
- >> Probably going to need to use blocks to get that.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. The water blocks always seem to need the block settings.
- >> Yep.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: And 12 is still under 22,000.
- >> Yes.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. So we're going to go to the edge above Fraser. We're going to grab those precincts along the top. Just start adding them a few at a time. We'll start with the Western I think. Those three there. Western most edge.
- >> Western most.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. You can also grab that horizontal one that you had your mouse on. Yeah. Put that in, as well. All right. And that's going to add how much population? 7,000.
- >> That is 9500. So still have a ways to go.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Go ahead and add that in. Okay. And then there's precincts to the left. Go ahead and add those in. Those three. Yep. That one right there. The one next to it. Okay.
- >> I'm going to click on all of them until we get it figured out. That's 10,000 and you need 12,000.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. Take off the last precinct.
- >> Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Actually. Take off the last two and we'll add them and build 11. If we need to adjust that line, we can. All right. So go ahead and add that in.
- >> So 12 is at 1.77% under.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.
- >> We put that -- did I remove that correctly?
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No. I wanted that left in and the other one next to it taken out. If you can reverse that, I would appreciate it.
- >> Yep. And this one taken out?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> That's going to be the 11.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yes. All right. How are we looking right now?

>> 12 is at 1.52% under
2,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's take everything else and assign it to 11.

>> Did I just take part of 10?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm not sure. Let me look.

>> 2.4% now. It may have been that. I can do undo.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. I would undo it if you're not sure.

>> 10 is at 2.4%. I was trying to make sure. So 11 is .38% low. And 12 is 1.52% low.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Which is both within our deviation. If you can save this and then I want to rerun the same partisan fairness reports. And just see -- look at the old partisan fairness and the new partisan fairness. See how it changes.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange. I see your hang.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Yes. I want to ask before the map is closed. I mean, you can run the partisan fairness, first. But before the map is closed, I would like to zoom in on that Jewish community of interest and see exactly how it was drawn.

>> You want to do the updated index?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Let's do the original first and then do the updated.

>> Sure. I don't know why it didn't show up.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Did it give you an error message?

>> No. I want to make sure I'm not checking on the wrong thing. All right. Original index. I don't know why it's not running. Because I didn't click that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: You have to click that first. It won't do it -- yeah. Every time you have to click it first. I don't know why. You would think if you're rerunning it.

>> I did it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. All right. Let me change the share. Share. We can see it this time. So 4.9 lopsided margin.

>> And then mean/median is 1.3 republican. Efficiency gap is 3.4 republican. And this is minus .3% republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. All right. Can we run it with the new index? Basically it's coming out closer to our original Linden, which makes sense. That's district 12 is similar to what we did in the original Linden. You get better partisan fairness metrics with having a different configuration on 12 and 11 than you do with following that original configuration.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can you repeat what you said?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: When you have 11 and 12 split the way I had them in the first map. The version one map you have St. Clair shares and Grosse Pointe

together as a Lakeshore. You're not going to anchor bay. You have better performance metrics in terms of partisan fairness. They're almost zero. When you create a district 12 that goes all the bay through new Baltimore, it impacts the partisan fairness. You end up with slightly higher numbers but about the range of the original Linden map. If you want to be to zero and have a, you know, as close to perfect map as possible, then 11 and 12 being configured different will deliver that. And I personally think it's consistent with the Lakeshore district that we received comments about being St. Clair Shores and Grosse Pointe not necessarily anchor bay. We got about six comments where people asked to go to anchor bay. Some were by the same people.

Is this the new one?

>> Yes. This is the updated index.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. I can't read it. It's a little too small my screen.

>> 5% republican. Mean/median is 1.5% republican. And the efficiency gap is 1.9% republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. And then seats votes?

>> Sorry about that. I missed that. That is negative 2.5% republican.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: All right. So we can take a look at the community of interest Rhonda was asking about. If you want to zoom into the Southfield area which is district 7.

>> On this plan?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep. If you can zoom in a bit. She's curious about the Huntington Woods.

>> Where is that again?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: About where your mouse is. There's Oak Park and Huntington Woods is next to it. We're in Detroit right now. A little farther north.

>> Why is it red? This area.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah. But I can't see the township.

>> There Farm Bay and Hazel Park.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I see Pleasant Ridge. Oak Park. I thought it was -- there it is. I thought it was right there but I'm not seeing the name! Hunting Woods and Southfield combined together. If you zoom out a little bit. So we can see district 13. That's putting a portion of the Jewish community together in 7 and over in 13, we have Farmington, Farmington Hills, West Bloomfield together, as well. And then a little bit of Southfield, as well. Does that help, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: It helps me see it. I have to be honest. I don't like it. Just because I wanted to keep all of those -- if they're going to have an opportunity to have their voices heard, I believe in the senate as a community of interest, it doesn't seem like splitting them up is doing that. But I understand what you're doing. But I personally don't like it. Respectfully, I don't like it.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I think it's going to be hard to have everybody in one district because of population limits. So I don't think you can put west Bloomfield, Farmington Hills, Farmington, oak Park there and be within population. I think you'll go over with that. But I'll certainly try to play with it and see what else I can come up with.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: But, like, in terms of generally reuniting those communities, I think this does a pretty decent job.

All right. I have a question for Mr. Woods. If he's on.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: I'm here.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So at what point can we start asking Mr. Braden to evaluate these for VRA compliance? Can we do it at this point?

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: No. We're waiting until the end like we did the last time.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: To have a talk with the Commission on that.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: I was hoping, you know, and I was going to do that in my report as to when the Commission wanted to do that. So do you -- can you wait until my report? Do you need an answer now?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No. I was curious because I would like to see that on this map. I feel this map and the map before it are pretty good and I'd like to see where they are on VRA. All right. Just to finish my --

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: We can talk about it, but we're looking at the week of May 13th.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Okay. So just to finish up with my turn. For both of these maps. I talked about 11 and 12 and the differences I made there in terms of trying to do two different varieties of a Lakeshore district. With respect to the rest of the map is built around the communities of interest, trying to keep together Latino community, Bengali community. Trying to keep more Detroit centric districts. Keeping together the Rosedale park neighborhoods. Putting dear born heights together with Melvindale and reuniting the Jewish community. That's it. That's the end of my turn.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. I'll say before we close it, I did take a look at what you had done on Thursday over the weekend. And I had made that same change that you did from district 6 into district 13. Recombining Farmington Hills with Farmington and West Point Field and orchard lake. If you ask me, I think it very much -- both districts 3 and 17 support a Jewish community of interest as well as many other communities of interest. And I wouldn't be surprised, at all, if somebody who identified as Jewish could win both 13 and 7. I'd also like to note that we are discussing the mapping rules and procedures tomorrow. So if anybody has anything they'd like to discuss or add to it, I know Commissioner Szetela submitted some potential changes. I welcome any other changes from other Commissioners, as well. So we can discuss them tomorrow.

I also, one more thing to add about the partisan fairness metrics. I found it interesting that unless I pulled this down wrong, it seemed like this one that has district 12 configured, how you have it, was about the same as the previous one.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Right. When you keep district 12 the way we had it very similar to the Linden. You're going to have very similar partisan fairness metrics. If you alter the configuration, you'll have close to zero bias in the map. So it's a policy choice as to which way we want to go.

>> CHAIR EID: Got you. You would consider this one being closer to Linden?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That district 12 is. I personally prefer version 2 because it's a closer to zero partisan fairness metrics. I think it's still honoring the community of interest for the Lakeshore that we had received comments about, which was St. Clair Shores with the Grosse Pointe.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Next up on the list to map is Commissioner Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I would like to map on the last map that Commissioner Orton did. I think it's on version 4.

>> 4/24, version 4.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Is that it, Cynthia?

>> That's the only version 4.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Let's look at it.

>> I open this plan up. Before we do any edits, I want to go back and copy it. Do we want to make a copy of this?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> I think it's the right thing to do. Yeah.

>> CHAIR EID: I don't think that was one --

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: No?

>> All right.

>> CHAIR EID: Can you pull it up again?

>> Where can we identify?

>> CHAIR EID: That's not it. Because that one had deleted -- that had a different configuration for district 9. Commissioner Andrade?

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yeah. I have listed it was 04/25/24 version 6.

>> And this is not that.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes. Thank you, Commissioner.

>> 4/25 version 6. 4/25 version 6. I'm going to open it and confirm before we start making copies.

>> Very different plan. This is 11.

>> CHAIR EID: That's the one!

>> This is -- is that correct?

- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I'm sorry. I didn't hear what you said.
- >> This area of Sterling Heights is unassigned. This isn't complete --
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes. There were still districts that hadn't been assigned.
- >> I got to make a copy of it. And there goes the Autobound Edge. This would be version 3, correct? 4/29 version 3.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can I see a list of districts and their populations? Is that at the bottom?
- >> Yeah.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.
- >> CHAIR EID: I believe three was kind of, like, the place holder as we left it. So that's going to need a lot more.
- >> Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I can see the numbers, yes. Number 3 still needs some 173, right?
- >> Yes. Number 3 is 65% down. So it needs, essentially, more than double its size.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Can I see the neighborhoods?
- >> Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. So I'm adding to 3 to bring the population up.
- >> Okay.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So grand River and Saint Mary's above it let's go all the way over to Harmony Village down to Northwest. All of those in that section.
- >> All right. All of this?
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, not -- well. What's the population on that?
- >> I'll just highlight. Let me do a better job. That is roughly 22,000. You need 173 --
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: And go up. Yes. Assign that. And saint Mary, Hubble, Fitzgerald, Mary grove, Belmont. All up to there.
- >> You still have 120,000 people.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Then do -- that's too big. Can you back out?
- >> Oh, I'm sorry. You still need over 100,000.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. So go all the way up to Greenfield, Schaffer, Garden Homes. Put all of those in.
- >> Still 90,000.
- >> Oak Grove. Juanita, are you watching?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes. I am.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Do you see anything that I'm doing wrong that would be a problem?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: You know, he doesn't have any -- there's no letters -- I'm just looking at lines. And I don't see --

- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Oh. I've got names on mine.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well, mine is kind of blank. I don't know what is going on. So I can't tell what you're -- even the letters are so light that I can't read them.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Oh.
- >> I'm going to change the coloring.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That's what I was going to ask you.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: We could read the letters and stuff. I can't read.
- >> I'm going to change them right now and see if we can make it better.
- >> CHAIR EID: The neighborhoods you're putting into this district, you know, they're all, you know, northwestern Detroit neighborhoods. So I don't see any issue with that.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.
- >> Commissioner Curry, can you read the lettering now?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No. They're too bright. You need them darker and a little bit larger.
- >> CHAIR EID: I think Mr. Morgan had them bolded. He missed with the lines on the font. Yeah. The border thickness.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Now there's nothing. Now it's very, very light. I can't even read it.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can you add Oakland Boulevard, Dexter, Martin Park. All of those in.
- >> And then we start crossing into this district a little bit when we do whole precincts. We can edit that using blocks. Once the numbers get close.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Let's leave it like that. And then go north to all the way up to Green Acres.
- >> Yeah. You still need a lot.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Anthony, do you think I could put highland park?
- >> CHAIR EID: And fern dale which is right above which is unassigned. So it's similar to the house district 6 that we drew that included Ferndale with the Palmer Park and Parker Woods area of Detroit.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So that's north?
- >> CHAIR EID: Yes. That's the unassigned area north.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Can I see north, Kent?
- >> All of this that is highlighted in yellow, it's only 22,000. And you need --
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. So assign those. Put the rest of Nolan in. And I want to see north.
- >> You have this area of Ferndale.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes. I want to put Ferndale in.
- >> I want to do that, and I guess 7 is -- so at this point 3 falls within 1.59%. We need to move a little bit out right here. To unsplit this neighborhood. Should I take these six blocks and put them in district 1?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I have a question.

>> CHAIR EID: Good.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can't read. It's been going on since Rebecca had it. I'm not reading anything but real, real vaguely seeing the letters.

>> CHAIR EID: Can you see the outlines of the neighborhoods?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I see the outlines and that's all I see. I wouldn't know what is what.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: They are pretty small.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Mine is so light blue I can't see it. And I took a picture of it. I was going to send it to you.

>> CHAIR EID: I understand what you're saying. What you were doing previously, it looked like you were changing the bolding on the neighborhood outlines. And we need font names for the names of the neighborhood. So when you get a chance, maybe -- we're going to be taking a break in about 15 minutes. Maybe at that time you can take a look at increasing the font size for the neighborhood names.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: And make it darker. .

>> Yeah. I can.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So, Anthony, what do you think? Should I add more to this?

>> CHAIR EID: We have a few other Commissioners that I think want to add. Commissioner Orton and Commissioner Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Commissioner Andrade was first, I think. Juanita, if you go to the top of your screen, your Zoom screen, where it says, "view options" and there's a little arrow down. Do you see that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: At the very top. Kent is sharing his screen. Do you see that?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: It's totally different than what John was doing.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Move your cursor over to the corner.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Up to the top. That's where mine is.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It says you are viewing Kent's --

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes. It says "view options" push the arrow that points down.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I never had to move it or touch it when John --

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Right. So the top like says do you see that? If you hover on that it gives you, if you push 100% original size. It should zoom up for you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: No. It changed the color. I'll try it again. Now it's real large but the screen is too large where I can't see anything.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Oh, really?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Let me try something else.

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I was going to suggest he maximize part of his screen. I see part of his screen in the back.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: If I make it any larger, I wouldn't get a small portion of my screen. I see what you're talking about, Cynthia. Thanks a lot. It's making it so big now I can't see anything. When I put it on 150%.

>> Is that any better? It's maximized now.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: As I just said, the screen is so big now. I'm only seeing it -- I'm only seeing big portions of the screen now. And I have -- put it at 50. 50 I'm not seeing anything. Let me put it -- let me put it on 100 and see what happens. It's a little bit darker but it's -- I'll get my glasses. But it shouldn't. I'm so close to it. I can see it a little bit better now. What did you do?

>> I did full screen.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay. That's what I needed. Yes. I can read it now.

>> I don't think there's anything -- I may have forgotten, but I don't believe there's anything we can do with the labels. Actually, I did figure something out last year and I'm trying to remember what it was.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: But it's so large I'm only looking at a small portion. I can't see only a small portion of the map because it's so large.

>> It sounds like you're zoomed in. And that's going to make everything bigger.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Okay. I got it on 50. When I had it on where we left it when Kent went on -- when John was doing it. I didn't have to touch it. So I don't know what's what. I don't usually play with this at all.

>> CHAIR EID: So --

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I did today so I could read it.

>> CHAIR EID: John. I'll give you a call on the break we're going to take in about 10 minutes here. And see if we can get the lines to be bolder. Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: The lines are fine. The letters.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. The letters that's what I meant. Thank you. You can see the lines, right?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'm good seeing the lines.

>> CHAIR EID: If it's too big for you, you go back --

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's fine now. I can't see the letters now.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. We'll work on that. And see if we can improve upon it.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Ask John what he did.

>> CHAIR EID: You were saying?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: We need 5,000 more people in that district?

>> Technically you're at 1.94%. Technically you're, you know, within the within 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So, Anthony, do you think I should add more on leave it at this?

>> CHAIR EID: I mean, it's okay. I wonder about possibly taking highland Park out and putting in, you know, possibly some other areas. Highland Park has a pretty good population. That would work number wise. We've had in some of the other maps we have Highland Park with the airport subdivision.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. So are you thinking taking Highland Park out and then adding those ones north of Butler Sherwood?

>> CHAIR EID: That could work. I don't know if it would work population wise. I think it would be worth a shot.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. So can you take Highland Park out?

>> Highland Park is 9,000. What are we looking at putting in?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Well, I don't know. Take it out and we don't know what the populations are of those ones up there.

>> Okay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: So I want to take Highland Park out.

>> Now we're talking about Hawthorne, Pershing, northeast Central.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes. And Cadillac Heights.

>> Okay. And now we can clean up some of the neighborhood stuff. And that number should be pretty close, I'm thinking.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. I think if you -- let's see. I think if you take out -- if you take out -- actually. I would actually take out Cadillac Heights and Krainz Woods.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Do that.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Kent, John mentioned the other day when he was unassigning he had to do it by precinct. Not bigger than precinct.

>> I've never had to deal with that before. I was wondering why it's doing that. It's weird. So anyway I'm going to go back and then assign it by blocks. This is a little different. My question is earlier, you know, do just unassign these? Or assign to unassigned up here?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: You said to take out that Krainz Woods.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. Take it out and you would be well within -- it's split right now. So I say take it out and put it in the next one.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. Kent, can you do that?

>> Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Thank you.

>> So the way it sits now district 3 is minus 1.92%. Less than 2%.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Anthony, what do you think?

>> CHAIR EID: I think it's good. I think you gave yourself room for, like, a, you know, east side of Detroit district that, you know, could also include Highland Park with maybe some parts of Warren and East Point. Yeah. I think, I mean, I think how to district 1 is configured, you know, if you recall, we had kind of two options. We had this option that kind of took in Detroit, the river front of Detroit and some of the more, what I would call, like, mid areas of, like, Midtown. We put them with the Down River areas. There was also that other option previously around Dearborn. If you have this configuration going along the river front which I think is what most people prefer. If you have that, it seems like the most logical option.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Okay. I'm done with my turn.

>> CHAIR EID: What do you think, Commissioner Curry. Any thoughts on the northwest side district? She might be having some technical issues.

Okay. Does that conclude your turn?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: That concludes my turn. Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. I'm trying to be a little cognizant of the needs of my fellow Commissioners. I know last week we didn't take a lot of breaks. So I think now we're about halfway through the meeting. Now would be a good time to take a 15-minute break. I will entertain a motion for a recess. If anyone would like to make one. There's a motion to take a 15-minute recess. Any discussion? All those in favor please -- oh, Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I was going to say, we're not mapping the whole day. This is only a three-hour meeting. And we literally had, what, two people map. I just feel like the clock is ticking. It's a short meeting. But okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Lange. All those in favor of the recess, please raise your hand and say aye. Any opposed?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

>> CHAIR EID: The ayes have it. We'll return at 11:45.

[Break]

>> CHAIR EID: All right everybody. Okay. I will call this meeting back to order at 11:47.

Could we please take a roll call?

>> Meghan Schaar: Absolutely. Commissioners, I'm going to call your name in alphabetical order beginning with Commissioner Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Present.

>> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Callaghan. Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR EID: Present.

>> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Lange.

- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present.
- >> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Muldoon.
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Present.
- >> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Orton.
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.
- >> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Szetela.
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.
- >> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Vallette.
- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.
- >> Meghan Schaar: Commissioner Wagner.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present. Attending remotely --
- >> Meghan Schaar: Thank you so much. I'm going to go back to Commissioner Callaghan. Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Lett. Chair, you have a quorum.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Okay. We'll return to the mapping process. And next up on the list is Commissioner Wagner.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm going to pass because I'm going to work on Mr. Scannell's map.
- >> CHAIR EID: Okay. Would you like to do that now with your turn? I'm more than willing to help you, if you'd like.
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No thank you.
- >> CHAIR EID: Okay. All right. That brings us to Commissioner Weiss.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Just for the record, present. Will you please bring up the map that was brought up with Commissioner Vallette.
- >> All right. I'm unmuted. The last one we worked on -- do we want to make a copy with that or continue editing it?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Maybe we need to make a copy.
- >> Yeah. We're going to make a copy.
- >> I did notice in the previous plan that this area had been split.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's look at that and make sure they're done right.
- >> I noticed I don't know if it's by design or accidental, but if you look right there Warren --
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Warren avenue.
- >> This area here. Yeah it's just little -- I don't know if you want to deal with it now.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. Let's check the population and see if we go one way or another.
- >> district 2 has 1.5 percent over. District 3% is 1.92% over. So, again, you can make some edits. I don't know if it was by design, though. At some point, a Commissioner may have done this by zone.
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So district 2 is over and 3 is under. So let's take that section there, Warren Avenue, take that block and see what that does.

- >> It's approximately 3800 people.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I want to Kent know I still cannot read the words. All I see is lines. I thought you were fixing it while we were on break.
- >> Honestly, I don't have an idea right now. I can't.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Oh. All right.
- >> Or I certainly would but I can't put my finger on it. I don't know what to do to make it better.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Use black ink or something. Make it a little larger. I'm not seeing the light blue.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Light blue? Because I have -- there's no blue on my screen now.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: That's what I'm saying.
- >> It's black with white outlines.
- >> CHAIR EID: Let's see if we can figure this out.
- >> For labeling these census blocks, precincts.
- >> CHAIR EID: No. I think I meant the layer manager.
- >> Correct. And then you got that and then layer properties.
- >> CHAIR EID: Right. There's something -- I think it's not -- you see in labeling where it says "neighborhood name" I think it's the fourth one down. Click that. Try increasing the border thickness. Okay.
- >> So the labeling is embedding in the application. And the color is based on the border color. Like, it has a white shadow -- the letters have a white shadow around the lettering. We're unable to change that.
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: John changed it.
- >> CHAIR EID: In district field, what is the next one under neighborhood number? In the lower box? I think try that one. The name. I don't know if you increase the border thickness there what happens. No. Okay. Never mind.
- >> If we do neighborhood number -- I don't think -- do not label. So we don't have a label. Neighborhood name, apply changes. We're not getting any because district field has to be a numerical value. If it's not a numerical value, it's not going to display it. So we have to use the label.
- >> CHAIR EID: Okay. Thank you for trying! We'll have to troubleshoot that somehow and figure out how. Because on the other computer on the other end it does look quite a bit -- the names are much bigger and easier to read. So we'll have to figure that out.
- >> Yeah. It may have something to do with the screen resolutions. I'm using a high-resolution large screen monitor. Rather than the resolution that's on a laptop. If that's the case, you know, I'll see about if I can use a lower resolution to get a bigger font. I don't know. I've never had to do that before in previous years.
- >> CHAIR EID: Yeah. Well, the area he's in right now highlighted is Warren Avenue. The Warren Avenue area. Is that Joy Road?

>> That's Warren Avenue community. That's the Warren Avenue Road.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. I'm trying to see.

>> That road across there is Tireman.

>> CHAIR EID: Where is Joy Road?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: That's one more.

>> CHAIR EID: All right. Thanks.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Would you put that selection into number 3, please.

>> Oh. We want to put this into number 3. Okay let's get this right. This goes into 3. It looks like this little, tiny piece. Okay. So the whole neighborhood Warren Avenue is now district 3. In the population for district 2 is just .51% low. And 3 is now .08% high.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. Sounds good.

All right. Let's go back up into the unassigned districts.

>> So Highland Park are unassigned areas.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: How many unassigned districts do we have? Three probably out of this?

>> I'm not certain yet. I'm not familiar with them.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. That's all right. Let's go ahead and start filling in. Starting with -- what is that High land Park and coming across. Until we get our population, and we'll go from there, I guess.

>> Should we start with district 5?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes. That'll work.

>> I'm going to lock district -- I'm going to lock district 3 just while we're doing this briefly. And then I think I can select precincts.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. If you want to lock 1, also, just in case. I don't know what is easier.

>> Let's do that. We'll see if it makes it --

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'm sorry but I think you're adding things -- I think you said district 5. There is a complete district 5.

>> Oh, there is.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think.

>> Yes. There is. What is an unassigned district we want to use here? I guess it would be --

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: It looks like 8 is available and 4.

>> We'll use 4. No. 4 is still used. 8.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. Yeah. Let's use 8 then.

>> So this is where we're getting started.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All the way across.

>> Okay. Which way do we want to go from here?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you zoom out a little. There you go. Let's continue. Go a little bit to the right so I can see. Let's try taking that from LaSalle

college, Eden gardens, Wade, Outer Drive, Morningside. Fill that into whatever district that is over there.

>> Now I need to get them by blocks here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Sure. Go ahead.

>> I see we still got a neighborhood split here.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. Let's fix that right away. Grant and Mount Olivet.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes. Take those three and maybe even Mapleridge, while you're at it and see what it looks like. We have quite a ways to go, according to what I'm reading on the matrix there.

>> Yes. We're approximately halfway.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes. So take Mapleridge, Franklin, actually, let's take all the districts left. Let's see where our population is once we got them in there. At the same time. You can do them all at once.

>> So still needs 100,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. Fill those in quick. Let's get that done.

>> Put those in --

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Please.

>> Yep.

>> I guess the question is now, how do you want to approach --

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Can you put the districts up? I see some orange lines. I'm assuming those could be the districts. I'd like to start from the left and go across picking up, you know, the adjacent districts right next to it. Starting right where your cursor is.

>> Okay. Yeah. The precincts here. Can you see this.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> The center line and this is Eastpointe.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Right. That is Eastpointe.

>> Yeah. It's a township.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. Let's take all of Eastpointe. See what that does for us.

>> That'll be 34,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. That block underneath it. Is that part of Centerline?

>> That's actually a separate precinct. Let's click on it and see what we got.

>> CHAIR EID: It's part of Warren.

>> So at this point, you're at 31,000 under.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. Let's pick up to the west there. Them two long districts right there.

>> Yep. That's just 6,000.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: All right. Let's go to the east then.

>> Continue this way?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, sir.

>> That precinct is all the way up there.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's not do that. Well, let's see what does that put us at? Let's take Center Line.

>> Yeah. I undid that. You want to put it back?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. Let's try it. Put it back and we'll take Center Line and see where we're at population.

>> Center Line is 8500.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. So I still need about 19?

>> Yes, sir.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's go to the bottom there. Take that little block. Just to the left of your cursor. And then one just left of that. The little precinct there. Yes.

>> That's 800.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. All right. Go ahead and take that.

>> That's 30 -- yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's come from the bottom up until we get our population.

>> That's 3100. Together that's 6600.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's assign that and see where we're at. I think we're going to be within our limits.

>> You're within -- inside of 700 people.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. I'd like to leave it that way.

All right any questions from other Commissioners that I move something up? Communities of interest or anything?

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Sorry. Maybe my screen is lagging behind. I was going to ask for a zoom out so we can see the whole area, but it's already done! So I'm just looking.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Do we need to put the neighborhoods up in the section that's not got neighborhoods?

>> We don't have those --

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. That's fine. I just thought this way if we have some split we could fix it maybe.

>> Well that's the joint neighborhood layer.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah.

>> Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. Fine. I'll leave it that way then.

>> CHAIR EID: You were able to -- with this configuration, you kind of made, like, an east side Detroit district and combined it with Eastpointe, Warren, and Center Line. That community of interest between Morningside and Corner Stone village together. And also includes the Bengali COI that we spoke about a few times. The only thing I would maybe say is, you know, the top of it the northern portion of it goes up kind of far. But, you know, in this configuration, north is the only way to go. I'd maybe take off the census block or precinct that is above Center Line.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. Maybe take the two districts that are to the left or right of Simon. We can try that.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. I think you should, you know, if you can make a road or something to base it on. There is a road there.

>> Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: To the right.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. And assign that. And right where your cursor is, unassign that. That goes kind of way down in a little ways.

>> Okay. Yeah. Unassign this?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> Okay. I'll do that. I used to be able to draw. I don't like not being able to unassign groups of areas.

I don't like that. That's what it wants to do. We want to assign all of that. Do we want to assign everything south of 696, east of eleven mile.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yeah. Let's try that.

>> We can highlight it and see.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Maybe like to get it down a little bit more. Maybe.

>> So that whole area takes 7800.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Let's try it and see. It squares up the districts a little better.

>> It should have been in 8. So let me try it again.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay.

>> So that puts you at 1.25.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. I like the looks of it. Any other comments from Commissioners that know this area?

>> CHAIR EID: I think it looks good, Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Okay. I'm done. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Kent, I'm wondering, do you have the overlays from some of the maps we did last week? Or is that not --

>> I haven't created them.

>> CHAIR EID: Don't worry about it then. I was just asking because I thought that -- that there was a district in one of the maps that I drew last week that had, like, sterling

Heights and one Commissioner Muldoon drew that took up what, I think, is the rest of the unassigned area.

>> I know the map. Actually, because I downloaded and imported it. I do, in fact, have --

>> CHAIR EID: Give me a moment. Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Just a quick question. I can't read what the version -- what we're calling this map. Can you tell me what that is?

>> This is 4/29/24 underscore SD underscore COL underscore version 4.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay. Thank you.

>> 4/29/24 version 4.

>> CHAIR EID: I think the overlay might have been -- it was also version 4, but I think it was the 20 -- the 25th.

>> Let's see here. How did I go -- I don't know if you can see that. What was the name again? 4/25 or 4/24?

>> CHAIR EID: 25.

>> Version?

>> CHAIR EID: 4.

>> There isn't a version 4 -- there's only one version 4 and that's 4/24.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there a version 3?

>> On the 25th.

>> CHAIR EID: Try that one. Can you zoom out? Oh, not that far.

>> Yeah.

>> So these big fat pink lines.

>> CHAIR EID: I was just wondering how they looked on top of each other. Thanks! Okay. Next up is -- thank you, Commissioner Weiser. Great job. Next up, we go back to the beginning of the alphabet to Commissioner Andrade.

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Okay. I think we can continue with this map. We'll just --

>> I'm going to make another copy of it and continue. Is that the right thing to do, Commissioners? This is going to be today's date, version 5.

>> CHAIR EID: I think you can keep it. I mean, we're just trying to finish it up. Do you want a copy of it?

>> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I don't need a copy. Last week we were just adding on.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Orton.

>> That's fine. Commissioner Weiss, yeah, I mean, he made --

>> CHAIR EID: I think if we make copies every single time it's too many. It's hard to keep track of what's what. I don't see a need.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. Let's stick with this one. Unless you'd like a new one, Commissioner Andrade.

- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: No, definitely not if I can continue with this one.
- >> All right. I just disconnected. Give me a moment.
- >> CHAIR EID: All right.
- >> Load it back up.
- >> CHAIR EID: We got about 10 minutes left of mapping before we move on to the next thing. So you can start your turn now, Commissioner Andrade, and if you don't finish, we'll come back to you tomorrow.
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Okay. Thank you.
- >> Version 4. Are we going into the Warren area? Basically north of 8?
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yeah. What I'd like to do is we have two districts left, by my reckoning. 10 and 11. If we start at the northeast -- yep. And just go down that whole section. All the way to Roseville and Eastpointe.
- >> Start right in this --
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yep. Yep.
- >> And make it district --
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: 11.
- >> 11. Yep. I need to change the color. I can't even see it from here. So from here you want to go further south? Or start going --
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes. I'd like to go further -- all the way down to where it's -- on the same line.
- >> I got that little piece in there. You still need 47,000 people.
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Okay. And then at the bottom, go west.
- >> Should I take this part out of 11, at this time?
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: I would, yes. Please.
- >> I'm just going to stick it in 10.
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yep.
- >> That's probably where it's going to end up.
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yes.
- >> 11 only needs 8,000. So we want to go here or across here?
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yeah.
- >> Does that work?
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: For now, yeah.
- >> Okay. So 11 just needs 3% more. Well, let me do this. Let's make that 11. So you need 1300. Or it's .52 percent.
- >> COMMISSIONER ANDRADE: Yeah. At this point, you can make everything else 10.
- >> Okay.
- >> CHAIR EID: So that's all of Troy, Sterling Heights, and the remainder of Warren.
- >> So I can quickly highlight them all, I'm going to lock it around there.
- >> So there's one little piece left here. It looks to me like it should go with 12.

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Yep.

>> So it's completed?

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Yeah. I think we can do a little bit better on the numbers between 10 and 11.

>> Yeah. Well, yeah --

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Well, they're not that bad.

>> Yeah. And there's no split.

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Yep. Okay. So this map is complete now? With all parts assigned?

>> Yes, ma'am.

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: I think can we run the partisan fairness on it?

>> Yes. So we want to use the updated numbers or the original?

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Let's start with the original and then go to the updated.

>> Are y'all seeing this?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. It's a little small.

>> Go bigger?

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah.

>> Is that better?

>> CHAIR EID: Ah, not really. Just zoom in a little bit.

>> Well I can probably make the fonts bigger and everything. But that may mess up the formatting, too. I can -- lopsided margin is 6% republican.

>> CHAIR EID: That's 6.0.

>> 6.0. Mean/median deviation is 2.9% republican. Efficiency gap is 5.9% republican. And the seats/votes ratio is minus 2.3% democrat. And plus 2.3% republican. Everybody have that in I'll go on to the updated.

>> COMMISSONER ANDRADE: Yep. Before you leave that, I couldn't see the seats votes. I can't see any of the numbers.

>> Oh.

>> CHAIR EID: It was 19-19.

>> It was 19-19 50-50. However you want me to read it. I can read it.

>> And the new updated index shows lopsided margin 3.8% favor republican. Mean/median difference 2.7%. Favor republican. Efficiency gap it's .7%. That's a .7% democrat. Seats/votes ratio is 22 seats democrat, 16 republican. It's proportionate bias minus 5.1.

>> CHAIR EID: Interesting. Adding one more election years' worth of data.

>> Yeah. It makes a big difference. Yes, it does. Everybody have these numbers? Questions? Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: I'll say about the map itself; I like what you did here, Commissioner Andrade. I think the districts 10 and 11, you just drew -- while not exactly the same,

they're pretty similar to what Commissioner Muldoon and I drew last week on the one I had the district 1 going around Dearborn. So I'm glad it didn't get lost in the sauce somewhere. And I think it makes the community of interest makes sense to Sterling Heights. And, yeah. Commissioner Muldoon, that's pretty close to what you drew the other day, isn't it?

>> COMMISSIONER MULDOON: It looks like it.

>> CHAIR EID: Cool. Commissioner Lange, I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm kind of curious. You're saying district 9, is this the changes you made prior? This is not the original district 9, correct?

>> CHAIR EID: I think the first thing we did with this family of maps was Commissioner Orton had deleted most of 9, 2, and 7.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay. Is this the district you drew the other day? You went before me, and I did the COI going into oak park for the Jewish community. And you drew the district before me. Was that this district?

>> CHAIR EID: I drew a district 10.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: It included Troy, Sterling Heights, with Madison heights. This is with Warren. Because of Madison Heights being in 10, and district 7 went down a little bit more to Detroit. And this one has a district 3 that is in Detroit coming up into Ferndale. I think you made a copy of the map and changed district 7 to include Farmington, Farmington Hills, and half of West Point field. Then you edited -- to make up for that, you made the district to the left of that go up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Right. Okay. I wanted to see which configuration we were doing. If this was the same that was done prior to my turn.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. If you look at district 7, and that'll be, like, the key for you to know that. District 7 looks quite a bit different in those two versions.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm looking at the two districts. I want to make sure we're not doing anything that could be considered disfavoring anybody. Because I do know that one of those districts was highly competitive this last time around. And I believe with the changes that were made, it made it lean farther one way. So I just want to make sure that we're not entering that stage of looking at allegations of favoring an incumbent. So that's why I'm asking. But that's all I have. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Andrade mentioned an incumbent at any point, I don't think. But anyway. Okay. That concludes mapping for today.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: For clarification, it wasn't Commissioner Andrade. It was not with her drawing.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. All right. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Can I ask we have the ISSPR maps uploaded so we can take a look at that the next session?

>> CHAIR EID: Sure. I believe they're already on the public comment tool. And I think -- I thought Commissioner Lett wanted to do that? We'll make sure we can get it up so we can pull it up and take a look at it.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: We have the file for that somewhere, Mr. Woods?

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: That is correct. I requested them so they should be --

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. I did see someone on the public comment portal say they attached it and sent it to us.

Okay. We'll now move on to the next item on the agenda, which is -- there it is. So item 6. Items consideration public comment during public hearings. If there is no objection, I'll turn this over to Executive Director Woods. Any objection? Hearing none. It's decided Mr. Woods will facilitate this item. The floor is yours.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: Thank you, Commissioner Eid. Commissioners, as you know, right now we have three minutes for people to provide public comments during the public hearings. As you know, the first set of public comments is really addressing the opportunity for citizens to provide their communities of interest, their neighborhoods, or what have you, or mapping. And then the second one would be for them to identify which map they like in June. That's for the second round of public hearings will take place. Which map they like. If there's any tweak to the particular map, what they would recommend to the Commission.

For this first set of public hearings in May, if we want to stick with the three minutes, that's what we have. We can do so. If not, let's make that change. We want to give people enough time to prep and prepare their public comments. As you all know, our public comments will start Tuesday.

>> Meghan Schaar: I want to clarify. I think it is three minutes two times that is currently approved for public comment. This was voted on a motion from Commissioner Orton on February 21st, 2024. And it was -- and I'm quoting, "to change the number of times and amount of times commenters are able to speak at public hearing and provide each commenter with three minutes to speak and there can be a second public comment after the first public commenters have completed or have been shared." So it would be three minutes. There's a first round, and then at the end of the first round, they can have a second.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: Thank you. Commissioner Eid, I'll turn it back for discussion or questions.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. Is there any discussion? Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yeah. I thought that at the end or before we got to the end we had changed it too, so it was three minutes but not a second public comment. I thought we were back to one public comment but three minutes. That's my recollection.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Was it three minutes or five? At one point, didn't we go to five but one time?

>> CHAIR EID: So we tried a few different things. We had, you know, we had, I think, two minutes -- we didn't like how it was working out. Then we had, I think, three minutes twice. Then I think we had five minutes once. So we had a whole bunch of different options. Really, the question is, what worked best? I think that's what we're trying to figure out now and make a decision.

>> Meghan Schaar: I'm not sure when that change would have been made, Commissioner Orton. I'm not seeing that anywhere in any of the meeting minutes. The last meeting minutes from the public hearing that discussed public comment, that is where you ended with three minutes after the first round they could request a second.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay. I stand corrected. Thanks.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: I guess, Commissioner Eid, to move the discussion along. We only have 12 minutes left. I would like to recommend to the Commission that we consider a one-time offer of five minutes for public comment. As it relates to the first round because it takes a little bit of time for people to explain their community of interest, whether it's a historical, cultural, or economic interest. A one-time up to five minutes would be the recommendation for the Commission's consideration.

>> CHAIR EID: I will move that.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Commissioner Wagner's hand is up and has been up.

>> CHAIR EID: I see that. I'll move what Commissioner Woods proposed to have this round of public comments be for five minutes one time.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: And we have a second.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: How can you motion when my hand is up for discussion prior to the current motion?

>> CHAIR EID: We're going to have discussion right now and you can -- you can make -- you want to edit the motion, you're more than happy to. I give you a lot of time, Ms. Wagner. Go ahead. The floor is yours.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was going to say why not give them five minutes total, three minutes -- however the way they want to do it. They want to blow all their five minutes at once, let them. Or if they want to split it up with the three and the two combo. Because generally they will find more to complain about after our breaks. So that was my discussion.

>> CHAIR EID: Would you like to amend the motion for that? Or is that -- what do you want to do?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I'm good with five minutes once. That's fine, too. I don't care.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. I saw Ms. Schaar.

>> Meghan Schaar: I want to clarify for the record, your motion is for public hearings only or is it for all Commission meetings?

>> CHAIR EID: Public hearings only. The upcoming public hearing dates of May 7th, 8th, and May 9th. Okay. We have a few hands. I saw Commissioner Szetela and then Commissioner Lange and then Commissioner Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: So I just wonder how difficult that might be to keep track of a rolling amount of time as proposed by Commissioner Wagner. I'm wondering from a secretary of state perspective if that might be too burdensome or not. Honestly, I think if we were doing it in 2021, it would be a different discussion because we had so many people show up. We've had very few people come to the hearings, as of late. I think it might be manageable. I'd like the secretary of state to weigh in on that. I think ultimately they're the ones probably keeping that running kind of clock thing going. And I also just kind of -- never mind. That's my question.

>> Meghan Schaar: I'm happy to speak to that, Chair, if that's okay. I know Commissioner Lange had a question or comment, as well.

>> CHAIR EID: Yes. Feel free to answer the question and we'll go to Commissioner Lange.

>> Meghan Schaar: Okay. I think we could manage it with the numbers we've been having thus far. I'm happy to do that, if that's what the Commission desires. It is a little bit more complicated, however, I will make it work, if that is what the Commission would like.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you. Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I put my hand down. Please proceed to Commissioner Curry.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Curry, please go ahead. We can't hear you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I said I don't have the little hand that I could go to to hold it up. It comes on and it goes off.

>> CHAIR EID: I saw you. Go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Well, call me when I put it up if nobody is before me. My question -- or my response is five minutes is going to be too long for anybody to put whatever comment. That's a long time to talk. I think we should keep it at three minutes and let them come back in two minutes. Five minutes for anybody is too long. And I think it would be -- out of the ordinary. It's too much.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Personally, I don't think that's much. We haven't had that many comments. There's generally only -- our fellow citizens from Gallant and Mr. Scannell. I don't think it's too difficult to give them a name tag with their name or number. So you guys are making it a heck of a lot harder than it needs to be.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: It's not hard.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm going to agree with Commissioner Curry on this one. I think we should do possibly a three minute and offer a second one. Lots of times people don't take the second one, but that way I think at least we're sure to get through the first comments in a timely manner. Just my personal opinion.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. Is there any more discussion on the motion? Any amendments? Anything like that? Okay. Not seeing any more discussion, the motion on the floor currently is to allow five minutes of public comment at the upcoming public hearings. Let me be more specific, to have five minutes of public comment one time. That is the motion that is currently on the floor. Is there any more discussion? Seeing -- oh, go ahead, Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'd like to amend it to three minutes for one time and the option to do two minutes for a second time.

>> CHAIR EID: Is there a second?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I second it.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. There is an amendment to change the motion to have it be three minutes for a first round and two minutes for a second round. Is there any discussion? Okay. Seeing none. Let's, first, vote on the amendment. All those in favor of the amendment to have public comment for the upcoming public hearing be three minutes followed by a second two-minute session, please raise your hand and say aye. All those opposed raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Nay.

>> CHAIR EID: The ayes have it. The motion is adopted. The amendment is adopted. We'll move to adopt the motion as amended. Make it so there is a three-minute portion of public comment followed by a two-minute portion. Is there any more discussion? All those in favor please raise your hand and say aye. Any opposed?

>> CHAIR EID: The ayes have it.

Okay. That takes care of that agenda item. We have a few more things on the agenda but we're running a little short on time. I'll now entertain a motion to move adoption of the minutes to tomorrow's meeting.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. All those -- is there any discussion on the motion? To table that part of the agenda to tomorrow's meeting. Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: What we got left? Just 9 and 10, which is acknowledgments of announcements and adjournment. Can we go and knock that out? In two minutes.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah. Announcements and Executive Director's report and acknowledgments and announcements are still on there. This is just for the minutes.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I thought he was through. The Executive Director I thought he was through but he's not. Okay.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay. Any more discussion on the motion? All those in favor, please raise your hand and say aye. Any opposed?

>> CHAIR EID: The ayes have it. If there is no objection, I'll turn it over to Executive Director Woods for his report. Is there any objection? Hearing none. Please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: Thank you. My report is going to take a little bit more time than the two minutes, so I will provide it on Thursday. And just so you know, Commissioners, I did send out the agenda. So we will add the minutes that you voted for as a part of that agenda tomorrow. Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods. Any announcements or acknowledgments?

>> EDWARD WOODS, III: The Commission will meet tomorrow from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and again on Thursday. On Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. with a lunch break from 12:30 to 1:30:00 p.m. Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR EID: Anymore announcements? All right. Hearing none, the items on today's agenda are concluded. I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: So moved.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Weiss and a second by Commissioner Muldoon. Any discussion on the motion? Hearing none. We'll move to vote. All those in favor to adjourn, please raise your hand and say aye. All those opposed raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it. We're adjourned at 1:00 p.m. Thank you everybody. See you tomorrow.