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AGENDA

August 17, 2021

10 a.m.

State Capitol Room 137 and Zoom

All times are tentative. Some items may take more or less time than scheduled.
The commission will take breaks at the discretion of the presiding officer.

- 10:00 a.m. **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Commissioner Maylinn Smith, Presiding Officer
- 10:05 a.m. **Welcome and opening remarks** – Commissioner Smith
- 10:10 a.m. **Updates on Census data delivery and information on racially polarized voting analysis**
→ Commissioners and staff
- 10:30 a.m. **Potential revisions to Operating Procedures on public map submissions**
→ Use of publicly submitted map for public hearings
→ Submitting anonymous maps
→ Public comment* on potential revisions to Operating Procedures
- 11:15 a.m. **Timeline and public hearing process for Congressional redistricting**
→ Commission, staff discussion of timeline options and suggestions
→ Public comment* on timeline and public hearing process
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. **Prisoner reallocation roundtable** – commissioners and speakers
→ Ben Williams, Policy Specialist, Elections and Redistricting Program, NCSL
→ Christi Zamarripa, Policy Associate, Elections and Redistricting Program, NCSL
→ Michelle L. Davis, Redistricting Coordinator, Maryland Department of Legislative Services
→ Karin MacDonald, Director, Election Administration Research Center at Berkeley Law and the Statewide Database for California
→ John Daugherty, Administrative Services Division Administrator, Montana Department of Corrections

- 2:30 p.m. **Review of draft letters and draft legislation related to prisoner reallocation**
 → Commissioners and staff
- 3:00 p.m. **Public comment*** on prisoner reallocation topics
- 3:30 p.m. **Public comment*** on any topic under the commission's jurisdiction but not on
 this agenda
- 3:45 p.m. **Work Session**
 Potential action items include:
 → Revision of operating procedures
 → Public hearing process and use of publicly submitted maps
 → Public hearing process, next meeting/hearing dates
 → Reallocation of prisoners
 → Directions to staff for future agenda items or research
- 5:45 p.m. **Adjourn**

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