



# Montana Districting and Apportionment Commission

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## MINUTES LOG

May 3, 2019  
Room 137, Capitol Building  
Helena, Montana

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### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Commissioner Jeff Essman  
Commissioner Joe Lamson  
Commissioner Kendra Miller  
Commissioner Dan Stusek

### **COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED**

### **STAFF PRESENT**

Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst  
Joe Kolman, Research Analyst  
Ginger Aldrich, Attorney  
Laura Sherley, Secretary  
Bri Nordhagen, Secretary

### **VISITORS' LIST** ([Attachment 1](#))

### **AGENDA** ([Attachment 2](#))

## **CALL TO ORDER**

14:00:14 Ms. Fox called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

## **INTRODUCTION OF COMMISSIONERS AND STAFF**

14:00:48 Commissioner Stusek  
14:01:30 Commissioner Essmann  
14:02:31 Commissioner Lamson  
14:03:47 Commissioner Miller  
14:04:35 Ms. Fox  
14:04:41 Ms. Sherley and Ms. Nordhagen  
14:05:08 Ms. Weiss  
14:05:48 Mr. Kolman  
14:06:40 Ms. Aldrich  
14:07:10 Ms. Fox

## **DECISIONS AND INFORMATION ON PROCEDURE GENERALLY**

### **Compensation and expenses -- Lesley Farry, Human Resources Specialist**

14:07:48 Ms. Farry ([Exhibit 1](#))

### Commission questions

14:15:04 Commissioner Essmann asked if the commissioners can fax or mail their direct deposit form to the Human Resources office.

### **Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure**

14:16:12 Ms. Fox

### **Email addresses through Legislative Services Division**

14:17:10 Ms. Fox

### Commissioner questions

14:18:31 Commissioner Essmann asked in the email system can be set up on the commissioners phones and laptops remotely by the division's IT department.

14:19:16 Ms. Fox continued her presentation.

## **DISCUSSION OF PROCESS FOR APPOINTING PRESIDING OFFICER, OFFERING POTENTIAL CANDIDATES, AND NEXT MEETING DATE**

14:19:55 Commission discussion on the presiding officer appointing process.  
14:26:54 Commissioner Lamson asked Commissioner Essmann for clarification on the presiding officer public announcement.  
14:28:01 Commission discussion on presiding officer applications.  
14:28:20 Ms. Fox asked the commission for clarification on the deadline for presiding officer applications.  
14:28:50 Commission discussion on next meeting date.  
14:31:15 Commissioner Essmann asked Commissioner Lamson what questions they should ask presiding officer applicants.  
14:31:58 Commission discussion on application questions.

Public comment

None

**DISTRIBUTION OF BACKGROUND MATERIAL, TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES**

14:32:56 Ms. Weiss ([Exhibit 2](#)) ([Exhibit 3](#)) ([Exhibit 4](#))

Commission comments/questions

14:35:38 Commissioner Lamson commented on the National Conference of State Legislatures training opportunities for the commissioners.

14:35:57 Ms. Fox commented on the additional training resources available.

14:36:55 Commissioner Essmann asked Ms. Fox if the commission will receive a presentation from the U.S. Census Bureau.

**MEMBER REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION, INFORMATION REQUEST POLICY**

14:38:04 Ms. Weiss

Commissioner questions

14:40:54 Commissioner Essmann asked Ms. Aldrich for background information on how the state approached its decision on congressional districts.

14:42:15 Commission discussion on congressional districts.

14:47:12 Commissioner Miller asked Ms. Weiss when the 2020 census data will be available for the commissioners to review and if there is a deadline for when the commission replies that they received the census data.

14:48:19 Commissioner Miller asked Ms. Weiss what format the census data will be received in and how long it takes to get the data through the mapping software.

Public comment

14:49:45 Leonard Wortman, Jefferson County Commissioner

**ADJOURNMENT**

14:51:11 Ms. Fox adjourned the meeting at 2:51 p.m.

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