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AGENDA

May 6, 2022

9:00 a.m. Mountain Time
Video Conference Meeting

Please note:

- All agenda 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.
- The presiding officer will limit public comment to a maximum of 5 minutes for each person. Individual comment times may be further restricted at the discretion of the presiding officer.
- See page 2 of the agenda for instructions on how to participate in this public meeting.

9:00 a.m. **Call to Order – Roll Call** – Presiding Officer Maylinn Smith

9:05 a.m. **Prisoner Reallocation Update**
→ Rachel Weiss, Research Analyst, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
→ Questions from the commissioners

9:15 a.m. **Racial Bloc Voting Analysis Update**
→ HaystaqDNA staff
→ Questions from the commissioners

10:30 a.m. **State Legislative Districting Process and Schedule**
→ Rachel Weiss and Joe Kolman, Research Director, LSD
→ Discussion with commissioners and staff
→ Public comment* on the agenda item
→ *Action Item:* If wanted, adopt a process, meeting dates, other timelines, adjust any prior timelines or processes, and direct staff about state legislative districting process, contracts, data use, and schedule

12:15 p.m. **Public comment*** on any topic in the commission's jurisdiction but not on this agenda

12:25 p.m. **Additional directions to staff, if any?**

12:30 p.m. **Adjourn**

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- testify remotely via Zoom after registering online using the instructions that follow; and
- provide written comments to the commission.

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