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4:15 p.m.

CHAIR TOLEDO: Good afternoon, California. Welcome back to the California Redistricting Commission public meeting.

I'm going to start off by asking Ms. Sheffield to please take roll call.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay. Sure.

Commissioner Turner? I thought I saw her.

COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here. Yes.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Vazquez?

COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Yee?

COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad?

COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa?

COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen?

VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari -- excuse me, Fernandez? Sorry.

COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari?

COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.



1 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Kennedy?

2 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

3 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Le Mons?

4 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Here.

5 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sadhwani?

6 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Here.

7 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

9 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Taylor?

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Present.

11 MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay.

12 Commissioner Toledo?

13 CHAIR TOLEDO: Here.

14 MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay. We have a quorum.

15 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Ms. Sheffield.

16 MS. SHEFFIELD: You're welcome.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Today, I'm going to, because of time  
18 constraints, I'm going to plan on having public comment  
19 at the end of the meeting.

20 As a quick update of what has transpired in the  
21 public -- in the closed session, I just want to let the  
22 public know that the Commission took action on a  
23 personnel matter. The Commission also received and  
24 accepted the resignation of Executive Director Claypool.  
25 We wish to express our appreciation for doctor -- for

1 Director Claypool's work.

2 I also want to thank Mr. Alvaro Hernandez for his  
3 willingness to serve as Interim Executive Director for  
4 the Commission.

5 And given that we have a regularly scheduled meeting  
6 next week, we will be receiving a report from the legal  
7 affairs committee, then hearing public comment, then  
8 breaking for closed session.

9 So with that, I'm going to turn it over to  
10 Commissioner Sadhwani for -- and Yee and myself for a  
11 legal affairs update.

12 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: Yes. We had had a number of  
13 interviews prepared for the next two days, on Thursday  
14 and Friday. However, given the transition that has  
15 transpired, we will be postponing those interviews.  
16 Those candidates will, of course, remain in the pool and  
17 will, certainly, still be considered for our VRA counsel  
18 and for our litigation counsel. We will work judiciously  
19 to reschedule those at a publicly-agendized meeting in  
20 the very near future.

21 In addition, just so the public knows, we are still  
22 moving forward with our line drawer applications which  
23 are coming due very soon. And we continue to plan to  
24 advance that process. That will actually be through the  
25 line drawer subcommittee and through the full Commission.

1 Thank you.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Sadhwani.

3 With that, I'd like to ask Ms. Sheffield to -- or,  
4 actually, I'd like to ask for our operator to help open  
5 public comment. Okay. Thank you, Katy.

6 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Yes, Chair.

7 CHAIR TOLEDO: I didn't see you on the screen.

8 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: No problem. It's just  
9 general public comment, Chair?

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: It's just general public comment,  
11 yes.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Okay. Ooh, some crazy  
13 hair. All right.

14 In order to maximize transparency and public  
15 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be  
16 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the  
17 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It is  
18 877-853-5247. When prompted to enter the meeting I.D.  
19 number provided on the livestream feed, it is 93805334078  
20 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a participant  
21 I.D., simply press the pound key.

22 Once you have dialed in you will be placed in a  
23 queue. To indicate you wish to comment, please press  
24 star 9. This will raise your hand for the moderator.  
25 When it is your turn to speak you will hear a message



1 that says, "The host would like you to talk", and to  
2 press star 6 to speak.

3 If you would like to give your name, please state  
4 and spell it for the record. You are not required to  
5 provide your name to give public comment.

6 Please make sure to mute your computer or livestream  
7 audio to prevent any feedback or distortion during your  
8 call.

9 Once you are waiting in the queue, be alert for when  
10 it is your turn to speak. And again, please turn down  
11 the livestream volume. And if you are in the queue and  
12 you would like to talk, again, please press star 9 to  
13 raise your hand, indicating you would like to make a  
14 comment.

15 We do have someone in the queue. However, they are  
16 not raising their hand, Chair.

17 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. Let's give them a couple  
18 minutes.

19 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Okay.

20 MS. JOHNSTON: If I may ask about the closed  
21 session? Will that include staff or just the Commission?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: At this point, it will be the  
23 Commission (indiscernible). Thank you. And if we do  
24 need anybody, we will reach out, but I don't anticipate  
25 that to be the case.

1 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Again, in the queue, if  
2 you would like to make a comment, please press star 9 to  
3 raise your hand.

4 Chair, the instructions are complete on the stream.

5 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you. We'll just wait a couple  
6 of minutes and then break for closed session.

7 (Pause)

8 CHAIR TOLEDO: Katy, are you seeing anybody on the  
9 queue or --

10 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: No one in the queue has  
11 raised their hand. There's still one person there but  
12 they may just be listening. And we have not received any  
13 new callers.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you.

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Could you just read the  
16 instructions in case they do want to raise their hand?

17 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: Sure. I can say it again.

18 If you're in the queue and you would like to make a  
19 comment, please press star 9 to raise your hand,  
20 indicating you wish to comment.

21 No, their hand is still not raised.

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Well, given that --

23 PUBLIC COMMENT OPERATOR: And they're -- just so you  
24 know, Chair, real -- I apologize. That phone number was  
25 there before we ever started public comment. Like, they

1 may just be listening.

2 CHAIR TOLEDO: I understand. Thank you.

3 With that, we will be breaking for closed session.

4 And tomorrow, we will have -- or actually, the meetings  
5 for the rest of the week have been postponed -- or  
6 cancelled, rather.

7 So with that we will adjourn -- or we will break  
8 into closed session.

9 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Do you want to say the next  
10 meeting?

11 CHAIR TOLEDO: The next meeting? Certainly. The  
12 next meeting is on the --

13 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: 24th.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: Do you have the dates --

15 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 CHAIR TOLEDO: -- Commissioner Andersen?

17 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: The next meeting is February  
18 24th through the 26th.

19 MS. JOHNSTON: And Chair, would you like to add that  
20 the items not covered on this week's agenda will be  
21 carried over to the next agenda?

22 CHAIR TOLEDO: Yes. Most of them are committee --  
23 subcommittee and committee updates. We will be  
24 continuing them until the next agenda.

25 Thank you very much.

1 COMMISSIONER YEE: And not only canceling the rest  
2 of the meetings this week, the 18th and 19th, but also  
3 Monday, the 22nd, as well.

4 CHAIR TOLEDO: Thank you, Commissioner Yee.  
5 Commissioner Akutagawa?

6 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I believe we were also  
7 scheduled to have an education panel. And I think that  
8 will be rescheduled to a later date when we can agendize  
9 it again.

10 CHAIR TOLEDO: Ms. Johnston, would it be possible to  
11 continue it until the next meeting?

12 MS. JOHNSTON: If it came up under one of the  
13 subcommittees, yes.

14 CHAIR TOLEDO: It did, but -- and it was a separate  
15 item on the agenda.

16 MS. JOHNSTON: Well, better practice is to postpone  
17 it until it can be put on agenda.

18 CHAIR TOLEDO: Okay. Then that's what we'll do.  
19 All right.

20 Well, thank you very much. We're going to break to  
21 closed session.

22 (Whereupon, a closed session was held at 4:25  
23 p.m.)

24 (Whereupon, the CRC Business Meeting adjourned)

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