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4:15 p.m.

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

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

8 MS. SHEFFIELD: Okay. Sure.

9 Commissioner Turner? I thought I saw her.

10 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: Here. Yes.

11 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Vazquez?

12 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Here.

13 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Yee?

14 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

15 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Ahmad?

16 COMMISSIONER AHMAD: Here.

17 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Akutagawa?

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

19 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Andersen?

20 VICE CHAIR ANDERSEN: Here.

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

23 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Here.

24 MS. SHEFFIELD: Commissioner Fornaciari?

25 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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