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9:32 a.m.

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3 VICE CHAIR YEE: Good morning. Welcome to a regular
4 business meeting of the California Citizens Redistricting
5 Commission. I'm Vice Chair Russell Yee in Oakland, and
6 I'll be sharing the first segment of this meeting. Chair
7 Isra Ahmad will be joining us later in the day.

8 Ravi, can we have roll call, please?

9 MR. SINGH: Yes, Chair. Thank you. Commissioner
10 Ahmad?

11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Here.

13 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Andersen?

14 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Here.

15 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fernandez?

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Presente.

17 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Fornaciari?

18 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Here.

19 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Kennedy?

20 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Here.

21 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Le Mons?

22 Commissioner Sadhwani?

23 Commissioner Sinay?

24 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Here.

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Taylor sends his



1 regrets.

2 MR. SINGH: Okay. Thank you. Commissioner Toledo?

3 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Here.

4 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Turner?

5 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Here.

6 MR. SINGH: Commissioner Vasquez?

7 And Commissioner Yee?

8 COMMISSIONER YEE: Here.

9 MR. SINGH: You have a quorum, Chair.

10 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Ravi.

11 Well, quite a bit of business to transact today.

12 Let's go ahead and start with item number 2, Directors'
13 Reports. And we'll go ahead and start with our Executive
14 Director Alvaro.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

16 And good morning, Commissioners. As you know, we
17 have begun our operational adjustments, as we are now in
18 the post map phase of the Commission. Our Outreach and
19 Communications staff are now working with our Data
20 Management team to code entries in our database. They're
21 going through nearly 25,000 records, and adding codes or
22 tags, if you will, to them, with various indicators that
23 will be helpful as, you know, people search information.
24 So that's what they're doing. Also, as you may all know,
25 we'll begin the offboarding process, and we'll be

1 offboarding some of the staff at the end of the month.

2 Moving on to business meeting schedule. Given the
3 feedback I received from the last meeting on the Friday,
4 January 7th meeting, regarding Friday -- Friday meetings,
5 I'm going to be proposing that we meet on Thursdays
6 rather than Fridays in February. Specifically, the dates
7 I'm proposing are going to be February 3rd, the 10th, and
8 the 17th. And that will be up for discussion. I think
9 that will tie into some of the other discussions we'll
10 have later today. So I'm just throwing it out there for
11 you to consider Thursdays instead of Fridays. Hopefully,
12 that -- that will help with everyone's scheduling.

13 My initial business meeting projections for the
14 budget purposes through June 2022, are as follows,
15 without specific dates, but, obviously, three meetings in
16 February, four meetings in March, two meetings in April,
17 and two meetings in May, and two, I believe, it's two
18 more meetings in June. Now, again, this is subject to
19 change. This is my proposal. Based on our conversations
20 later today, we can modify that and adjust those -- the
21 number of meetings that we're having. And the reason for
22 meetings in March is to accommodate the Lessons Learned.
23 But, again, we need to have that full discussion before
24 we can finalize the dates. We -- we are required to post
25 the agendas ten days prior, so keep that in mind as



1 we're -- we're moving forward.

2 I also want to share a little bit about the
3 database. I mentioned that our staff is working on
4 updating or coding or tagging the records. The database
5 team is now also looking at how to transition the data
6 beyond Airtable and possible storage locations for the
7 files, including the attachments currently linked in the
8 database. So this is, again, part of the discussions
9 that we're going to have later today as part of the Long-
10 Term Planning. But I wanted to mention that -- that we
11 are starting to look at different options and seeing what
12 directions we -- we may go.

13 In regards to the budget, staff and I are working
14 with the Finance and Admin Subcommittee to gather
15 information for our expenditures to date. We do not have
16 the actuals for December, as the reporting is delayed
17 about two months, give or take. I'll defer to the
18 subcommittee to discuss budget summary posted under the
19 handouts. But in regards to invoices, staff has been
20 reaching out to contractors and vendors to get any
21 outstanding invoices and reconcile them. Most
22 contractors' contracts are up-to-date. However, there
23 are a couple that are a few months behind. And we're --
24 we've reached out to them and are asking them to provide
25 them as soon as possible.



1 I also want to address TECs, Travel Expense Claims.
2 Staff continues to review the TECs and provide additional
3 feedback for corrections as necessary. As I have shared
4 before, that we try to identify the possible errors ahead
5 of time on yours and our TECs prior to sending them
6 forward for review and processing by external agencies.
7 It goes to two additional agencies beyond us. I have
8 done TECs over the last twenty years, and even mine was
9 recently returned, so it's not easy to do, unfortunately.
10 There are a lot of details that must be checked and
11 corrected; otherwise they get rejected by our external
12 reviewers, and that causes further delays. And
13 typical -- a perfect TEC would take six to eight weeks to
14 go through the entire process with our external --
15 internal and external review process.

16 Moving on to our Post Operation Funds, our
17 projections, that'll be discussed later as part of the
18 Finance and Administration Subcommittee Report as well.
19 We are -- but I also wanted to mention that we originally
20 submitted a request to release post map funds and
21 litigation funds back in November -- November 18th, to be
22 exact, to ensure that we had the funds at the beginning
23 of the year. This week, we received notification from
24 Department of Finance to resubmit the request to release
25 funds for post map operations with some changes; the big



1 change being that not requesting both the post operation
2 funds and the litigation funds at the same time.
3 Litigation funds will be released, should there be a
4 lawsuit filed, and at that point we would request those
5 funds be released. But at this time, the request will be
6 separating out the two different buckets, essentially.

7 I have included budget projections through June 20,
8 22 in the handouts that the subcommittee will discuss,
9 and these are just projections. As for long-term
10 projections, we'll defer to the Long-Term Planning
11 Subcommittee for further discussion on specific
12 activities that the Commission needs to address and what
13 those costs will be. We'll -- we'll evaluate those at
14 that point. At this point, that concludes my report.
15 Are there any questions?

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Would you like to actually settle
17 the February meeting dates here and now?

18 Commissioner Akutagawa?

19 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah, I guess I'll just
20 say -- I guess one, no matter what date we're going to
21 pick, whether it's a Thursday or Friday, I think it's
22 going to end up being not great for somebody. I -- I can
23 already tell you I have standing meetings on Thursdays,
24 so that'll make it really challenging for me. But I
25 guess with that said, are we going to also move to other

1 dates in March and April, or is this going to be like,
2 you know, what we'll continue to do?

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: I think at this point, it's up to
4 the Commission to decide what dates to select that, you
5 know, work for the majority of the Commission. I have
6 not penciled in any specific dates on the March through
7 June calendars.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Fernandez?

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. My
10 comment from last time was having the meetings on the
11 same day every week, so I was kind of hoping like to not
12 have it on this -- like every Thursday or every Friday,
13 like it could be different days of the week, because
14 different activities affect certain dates. So that's --
15 that was my only hope, in terms of switching it around.
16 Thanks.

17 VICE CHAIR YEE: I'm also thinking the February 10th
18 date, I believe that's the deadline for any legal
19 challenges to our maps. And I believe folks have till
20 midnight that day to -- to file such challenges, so I
21 mean a date after that might be useful.

22 Director Hernandez?

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: So depending on the -- the meetings,
24 I also wanted to share that we have a chair rotation plan
25 that we'll be posting shortly. And Commissioner -- Chair

1 Yee can -- can address that, if he'd like.

2 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Sinay?

3 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I agree. And we're never going
4 to find a date that works for everyone. I understand
5 kind of shifting at different dates, but I have found
6 that it's better for my -- for my clients and -- and, you
7 know, to be able -- they -- everybody to know Wednesdays
8 is a nonmeeting day, because I have a Commission meeting.
9 So I do like having it on one day. But as always, I will
10 go -- I support whatever works for the most people.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Any proposals, Commissioner
12 Andersen?

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes. I say let's pull up
14 our calendars, and pick those days in February right now.
15 And I -- you know, I can -- I have to run to the next
16 room to get my calendar, so that's why. But I would -- I
17 would suggest we do that. I appreciate the -- it -- it
18 is, and I say, okay, Tuesdays will work, and I
19 understand, sometimes like, oh, except that Tuesday. So
20 I understand that. So what -- if we all have our
21 February calendars, why don't we do that now? And then I
22 would suggest we do the same ahead of time for March and
23 April so we can avoid as many conflicts as possible. So
24 with that, I'm going to get my calendar.

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: All right.



1 Commissioners Sinay and then Commissioner Turner.

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: But this is more for Director
3 Hernandez. Instead of, you know, publicly going through
4 our calendars right now and taking that time, can we just
5 do a Doodle poll and -- and then let staff choose the
6 dates that most Commissioners can participate in versus
7 doing it in -- right now?

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: I'm definitely open to that.

9 VICE CHAIR YEE: Commissioner Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Vice Chair. I'm --
11 I am certainly open to do a poll. That'll be quick. I
12 was one of the, I think, ones that kind of expressed some
13 discontent at Friday meetings every week. But now that
14 I'm looking, if we start to move them on to other days,
15 I -- I don't think there is. Yeah. So particularly
16 for -- and when we move them, I'm hoping we'll move them
17 further out, because two weeks' notice to move it off of
18 Fridays is kind of close for me.

19 And so, I'm hopeful that whenever we schedule, we're
20 scheduling -- we maybe -- I would say that maybe we stick
21 with Fridays for February since we're just now changing,
22 or at least the first half of February, and then look at
23 whatever we choose to do March. And going forward,
24 whatever day, move them around, keep them the same, but
25 not so close, because we're, I think, just two weeks from



1 February. And I'm not speaking so much about the time
2 requirement for the Commission as I am to our personal
3 calendars and perhaps plans that's already been made --
4 schedules that's already been created.

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

6 I'm also thinking a Doodle poll will help, because
7 we have several Commissioners not on the call right now,
8 so you might catch them as well. So why don't we have a
9 Commission Hernandez go ahead with that, a Doodle poll or
10 some other way of getting available dates, and we'll get
11 those dates set. Let's see. Is there any other
12 discussion of any of the items already mentioned by the
13 executive director. If not, we do have a proposed draft
14 chair rotation. Let's see. Did it make it into the
15 handouts for today, or do you have that?

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Not yet, Chair. I'm getting it.

17 VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh, okay.

18 So the idea was to go to a monthly term through the end
19 of June this year and then to go to a quarterly term
20 thereafter. We actually have all 14 Commissioners up for
21 the I'm going to serve as chair. There is the further
22 variable of our Bagley-Keene exemption from meeting sites
23 not guaranteed past the end of March. So keep that in
24 mind as well.

25 In the rotation, I have Commissioners Vasquez and



1 Sinay up fairly soon, since they're joining or rejoining
2 the rotation. They basically set out folks roughly,
3 roughly in the order that last year ran so that folks,
4 especially who served November, December, don't come up
5 again too much later in the rotation. And if we do this
6 monthly through June and then quarterly afterwards, the
7 whole rotation runs through the end of 2024, if you can
8 think that far ahead. So -- let's see. Is it available
9 to folks or? I don't know how to proceed, unless we can
10 actually look at it.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, if I may, I can share the
12 screen, and you know, we can take a look at that.

13 VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh, sure, yeah. Of course, we can
14 do that.

15 MR. HERNANDEZ: Okay.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Meanwhile, Mr. Fernandez?

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I was just going to say I'm
18 supportive of that plan that you've come up with, and I
19 thank you very much for carrying this on and shouldering
20 this for us --

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- since our inception.

23 VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure. Commissioner Toledo helped
24 early on, yeah.

25 So right now, Commissioner Ahmad through the end of



1 this month and then I'm up for February with Mr. Vasquez
2 and then it just goes on from there. So I'm thinking,
3 you know, the -- the -- the former policy was a policy we
4 voted on, and it is in place, so I'm thinking this
5 actually does need to officially replace that policy. I
6 mean, I would be happy just having a consensus around
7 this. But I'm -- I'm thinking since the former policy
8 was a formal policy approved by vote, then we probably
9 need to vote on this as well.

10 MR. PANE: Chair, I think that's a great idea, if
11 you're -- if you're open to that. But I think that's
12 certainly recommended.

13 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you. Thank you, Chief
14 Counsel.

15 Commissioners Fernandez and then Kennedy and then
16 Sinay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will make a motion to
18 approve this chair rotation schedule.

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

20 Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: My only question is, I mean,
22 did you -- what -- what is changing as far as policy?
23 I -- my sense is that you've developed this in line with
24 the existing policy. I mean, are we -- are we voting to
25 change the frequency of the rotation? Is that the -- is

1 that the issue that we're -- that we're being asked to
2 vote on?

3 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah, that's an excellent question.
4 Length of term was actually not part of the original
5 policy. So -- so that's actually just a -- just a
6 consensus matter as well. I think it's the order that
7 is -- that constitutes the policy, because the order was
8 what we voted on last time. And so we're approving,
9 yeah, this order. I mean the, you know, the question is,
10 do we need further policy refinements in case we need
11 substitutions and so on and so forth? I didn't think
12 that far. We seem to do fine with just having vice
13 chairs and occasional substitutions. Commissioner
14 Toledo?

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: It might be good to just look
16 at what we had in the policy before. If I remember, it
17 was on party gender, and there were a couple of other
18 things that we considered and location. It is -- I'm
19 just curious, are -- are we -- to Commissioner Kennedy's
20 point, are we still following that -- that thought of
21 guidance or are there things like that prevent us from
22 following our previous policy?

23 VICE CHAIR YEE: Right. Good question. The policy
24 did not -- the former policy did not specify those, but
25 the order did set them out. And this new order follows

1 the same principles. So generally preferring mixed
2 gender pairs, although that's not entirely possible
3 always, because we're not evenly split. There are more
4 women than men on this Commission. Always having two
5 different party flavors, yeah, that's all still follow.
6 And so, it's not a strict rotation of party flavors, so
7 that -- that becomes our third rank criteria of that
8 policy the other two. Would the Commissioners prefer if
9 we did spell all those out, those other factors?

10 Commissioner Toledo?

11 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: What I'm hearing is our policy
12 with respect to rotation, not -- not the -- you know,
13 there weren't specific party or gender or other items,
14 so -- so maybe it is just that we -- I -- I'm fine with
15 the -- the orientation we have set out, and I'm fine with
16 the Commissioner -- I'm happy to second Commissioner
17 Fernandez's motion. But I also -- I believe we -- our
18 line feeders are not working, so I don't know if we need
19 to take a break.

20 VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh. Oh, dear.

21 Okay. Commissioner Fernandez?

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you for that. We can
23 take a break right now and see what we can do about that.

24 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's take a break, and



1 everybody be back here in -- let's give us a full fifteen
2 on this. So that'll be -- what is that, 10:05?

3 MR. MANOFF: Is -- is everyone else's volume okay?
4 Can you all hear? It's real -- seems like it's real low.

5 MR. SINGH: Low, it's very low.

6 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

7 MR. MANOFF: What's low? Coming from the room?

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Coming -- coming --

9 VICE CHAIR YEE: No, the volume coming from the room
10 and in general.

11 MR. MANOFF: Oh, in general.

12 VICE CHAIR YEE: Hmm-hm.

13 MR. MANOFF: Oh, that's --

14 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: The only one I heard was
15 Alvaro, I could barely hear. But everyone else I'm
16 hearing. Except, Christian, I hear you very strongly.

17 MR. SINGH: Well, yeah. Now. So Alvaro --

18 MR. MANOFF: You hear me very strongly. Okay, good.

19 Well, we've got that going for us. Let's take a
20 break, and we'll figure out what's going on with the
21 stream, because I'm getting reports of that also, and
22 we'll come -- we'll come back into session here. If
23 everybody could be back, let's say 10 -- let's go 10:20,
24 please.

25 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 9:53 a.m.

1 until 10:20 a.m.)

2 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Kristian.

3 Welcome back. We apologize for the technical
4 problem with the live feed, but we believe it's working
5 now. Again, where we left off, we were in the middle of
6 a discussion of proposed chair rotation going forward.
7 We have a motion on the floor to approve the rotation --
8 proposed rotation, which will have monthly terms through
9 the end of June this year and then quarterly terms
10 thereafter. We'll have all fourteen Commissioners in the
11 rotation. There are always a mixed pair politically,
12 chair and vice chair, and a preference for mixed-gender
13 pairs. So that motion has been made and seconded.
14 Further discussions? Commissioner Toledo and then
15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you, Chair Yee or Vice
17 Chair Yee. I was just thinking, in terms of succession,
18 since we probably should just, as part of -- just include
19 something around succession, and I -- I would just keep
20 it very simple. The -- the next in line would -- if --
21 if there were an issue, then the next in line, and so the
22 vice chair and the person that -- thereafter would --
23 would -- would take over as chair temporarily or -- or
24 whatnot. It would be my proposal, but I have no (audio
25 interference).



1 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. That's a good -- good idea,
2 but I -- I have to double-check to make sure that doesn't
3 lead to same party pairs. It -- I think it could in some
4 cases.

5 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Well, I guess the question
6 would be is that --

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: -- is that something that --
9 yeah, so I -- I -- I'm not as concerned as -- about that,
10 but maybe others might be or for the public. Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Sure.

12 Commissioner Fernandez?

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. Yeah,
14 you could put, like, next in line that it -- that will
15 not conflict with the whatever, you know.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah, that's right. Sure.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: With the parties or
18 something like that. But I did believe -- I think -- I
19 think my thought before break was we were agreeing to
20 not, necessarily like the time frame in terms of every
21 month and then quarterly, but it was more of the order of
22 the individuals as chair and vice chair. Because, you
23 know, we do want the flexibility, as we did in November
24 and December where be kind of changed it to a week at a
25 time, because it turned out, you know, turned out to

1 be --

2 VICE CHAIR YEE: That's true.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- excessive, so.

4 VICE CHAIR YEE: That was true.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I -- I believe what we're
6 approving is the rotation itself, not necessarily the
7 length of term. But I'm fine with, you know, the one
8 month and then quarterly also. Thanks.

9 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay.

10 So I can go ahead and spell these things out in
11 the -- in the final version? Any further discussion?

12 If not, Alvaro, do we have the motion ready for a
13 vote?

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, I think we want to go to
15 public comment first, before we --

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry. Of course.

17 Public comment.

18 I -- Kristian, can we ask for public comment,
19 please?

20 MR. MANOFF: Yes, I can help you with that, chair.
21 Just a moment.

22 VICE CHAIR YEE: And while we're doing that, Alvaro,
23 how about motion to approve the 2020 to '24 Chair
24 Rotation Schedule?

25 (Pause.)



1 VICE CHAIR YEE: We do have Chair Ahmad back. And
2 after we conclude this matter, we'll defer to her to --
3 for the continuation of this meeting.

4 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Chair, I have a quick
5 question first before we -- while we're waiting on public
6 comment.

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: All right. This -- go ahead
8 Kristian first, and then Commissioner Andersen.

9 MR. MANOFF: Okay. Just a moment.

10 In order to maximize transparency and public
11 participation in our process, the Commissioners will be
12 taking public comment by phone. To call in, dial the
13 telephone number provided on the livestream feed. It
14 (877) 853-5247. When prompted, enter the meeting ID
15 number provided on the livestream feed. It is
16 83282190178 for this meeting. When prompted to enter a
17 participant ID, simply press pound.

18 Once you've dialed in, you'll be placed in a queue.
19 To indicate you wish to comment, please press star nine.
20 This will raise your hand for the moderator. When it's
21 your turn to speak, you'll hear a message that says.
22 "The host would like you to talk, press star six to
23 speak." If you'd like to give your name, please state
24 and spell it for the record. You are not required to
25 provide your name to give public comment. Please make



1 sure to meet your computer or livestream audio to prevent
2 any feedback or distortion during your call. Once you're
3 waiting in the queue, be alert for when it is your turn
4 to speak. And again, please turn down the livestream
5 volume.

6 And there is no one in the queue at this time,
7 Chair.

8 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, Kristian.

9 Commissioner Andersen?

10 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah. Thank you, Chair.
11 Yes, just a quick question, because I just want to make
12 sure that, given what the motion says, do we have any
13 flexibility in this, or are we locking ourselves into
14 this exactly?

15 VICE CHAIR YEE: So what I heard is that we are
16 locking ourselves into the intended order, but with some
17 stipulations about flexibility in case of needed
18 substitutions.

19 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: That, yeah, that's what --
20 and -- and do we need to say that, otherwise I'm
21 concerned about this. Should we add that to our -- to
22 the motion is my question.

23 VICE CHAIR YEE: I see. Well, we could add with --
24 with suggested edits, perhaps, to the motion, since that
25 would be a change from the -- what's been posted.



1 MR. PANE: We just would want to make sure the --
2 that Commissioners Fernandez and Toledo are okay with
3 that.

4 VICE CHAIR YEE: Any objections?
5 Commissioner Ahmad?

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Yeah. Thank you. I think it's
7 getting a little too granular at that point, because,
8 just like I did this morning, I was late, so I asked
9 Commissioner Yee to step in as chair. I would assume
10 that that type of practice is okay and to the -- to the
11 discretion of the chair. So I don't think we would
12 need -- I -- I don't think we're necessarily locking
13 ourselves into anything, right. So I think the -- the
14 motion was fine the way it is. I intend to approve it.
15 Thanks.

16 VICE CHAIR YEE: Any other discussion? Okay, let's
17 go forward with the vote then.

18 And no -- no public comment, Kristian?

19 MR. MANOFF: There are no callers at this time,
20 Chair.

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

22 Okay. Let's go ahead with the vote, please.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: Just for clarification, we are going
24 to include with suggested edits; is that correct? I did
25 not hear Commissioner Fernandez or Toledo opine.

1 VICE CHAIR YEE: Any objections to the addition of
2 with suggested edits.

3 Commissioner Turner?

4 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I think I was in
5 agreement with Commissioner Ahmad that it was not
6 necessary for the additional edits. I think we have had
7 the practice of asking others to step in as needed,
8 our -- our vice chair or the next vice chair or previous
9 chair. And I think this allows enough flexibility where
10 I'm not certain you get in trouble. Unless Commissioner
11 Andersen has more about what the concern was, I think
12 this works for me.

13 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you.

14 Commissioners Toledo and then Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm wondering if the -- if the
16 issue is with the word "schedule". Because I think what
17 I heard from Commissioner Fernandez and others was the --
18 we're approving the rotation, but not -- but we want some
19 discretion around the schedule, should we need it. And
20 so, if we're approving the schedule, it could imply that
21 we're approving the exact schedule for the -- the month
22 and -- or the -- the term, the actual, you know, whether
23 it's a month or a term, so maybe it should so we're
24 approving the chair rotation. And -- but -- well, I'm --

25 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay, so striking the word

1 "schedule" then?

2 And then Commissioner Fernandez?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

4 Yes, I agree with Commissioners Turner and Ahmad.

5 It's been at the chair's discretion in terms of if they
6 had to step away. And if -- there's been at times where
7 the vice chair wasn't there as well. So I believe
8 actually you, Chair Yee, filled in a few times when you
9 weren't necessarily the -- the vice chair, the chair.
10 And I think it's -- it really is up to the discretion of
11 the chair to make sure that whoever they ask will not
12 be -- well, I guess, at that point, if you don't have a
13 vice chair, it -- it wouldn't matter. But it would be up
14 to the chair to, you know, ask the vice chair. And if
15 vice chair is available, they could ask another
16 Commissioner.

17 So I don't think -- I think we've been operating
18 fine. I'm not sure why we're thinking about this
19 differently.

20 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah. Yeah.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And we've actually gotten
22 through the -- the more difficult part of our
23 responsibilities fine.

24 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So let's not mess with a



1 good thing.

2 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Yeah, that has indeed
3 happened, you know, usually brief -

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, so --

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: -- usually briefly.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

7 VICE CHAIR YEE: Yeah.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I would just motion to
9 approve that the 2022/2024 Chair Rotation without
10 "schedule". Thank you.

11 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I believe that's what
13 Commissioner Toledo also --

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay, sure. Yes.

15 Any further discussion? Okay, let's go ahead with
16 the vote.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry, Chair. I don't know
18 if you can see my --

19 VICE CHAIR YEE: Oh, I'm sorry.

20 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yeah.

21 VICE CHAIR YEE: I did not see your hand.

22 Commissioner Andersen.

23 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Sorry about that. Yes.

24 Thank you very much, Commissioner Toledo, that was
25 exactly what I was talking about. I was concerned that



1 we were locking ourselves into a specific schedule when
2 we had not been -- that had been rotated a little bit
3 before. But we're -- we're I really like this
4 modification. So I just want to clarify it. Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIR YEE: Okay. Very good.

6 And perhaps for the motion name, we could strike the
7 word "schedule" as well.

8 Okay, the vote, please.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Very well. We'll begin the vote.
10 Commissioner Ahmad?

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes.

12 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Akutagawa.

13 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes.

14 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Andersen?

15 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Yes.

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

18 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Fornaciari?

19 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yes.

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes.

22 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Le Mons.

23 COMMISSIONER LEMONS: Yes.

24 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sadhwani.

25 COMMISSIONER SADHWANI: (No audible response.)

1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Taylor.

4 COMMISSIONER TAYLOR: (No audible response.)

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Toledo.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Yes.

7 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Turner.

8 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yes.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Commissioner Vasquez.

10 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yes.

11 MR. HERNANDEZ: And Commissioner Yee.

12 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes.

13 MR. HERNANDEZ: Motion passes.

14 VICE CHAIR YEE: Thank you, everyone. I'll now turn
15 the meeting over to Chair Ahmad.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Yee for
17 subbing in for me.

18 So we'll continue with Directors' Reports.

19 Alvaro, have we concluded your report?

20 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Great.

22 Moving on to Communications Director's Report.

23 Fredy, are you on?

24 MR. CEJA: I am. Do you -- am I not on?

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, you are.



1 MR. CEJA: Okay. Perfect. Thank you so much.
2 Thank you, Chair. I've posted my report along with two
3 other documents; one being the social media report and
4 the other being an FA2 that we created for your review.
5 We've started the off-boarding for the communications
6 manager. That position will be ending at the end of this
7 month. We will keep the communications coordinator to
8 work on data migration and relinking all documents on our
9 website. I'll explain that a little bit later.

10 We've compiled a media report from January '21
11 through the present; but yesterday when I was working on
12 the dashboard, I -- I somehow erased it on Meltwater. So
13 I've asked them to recreate it for me, and I'll share
14 that report as soon as I have it. We're having internal
15 conversations about options for continued life of our
16 website over the next decade. We will be reporting out
17 those as we narrow down options. We've had one of
18 several meetings, so we'll continue to update you on that
19 issue as we move forward.

20 We're switching over from Google Drive to Microsoft
21 OneDrive, which means that all documents linked on our
22 website using Google Drive will need to be relinked,
23 using a OneDrive link, including videos of meetings from
24 BSSC. This is going to take quite some time, so it's
25 going to keep our team busy; but just want to let you



1 know what we'll be working on for the next few weeks.
2 All advertising contracts have been zeroed out and billed
3 for. Like our executive director mentioned, we are
4 working with Raul to get all those invoices in. They're
5 all in for the contractors that we had under
6 communications.

7 Compiling final reports, and we'll share a master
8 final report once I receive those. We also produce, like
9 I said, questions about new maps document that's on the
10 handout, which is an updated figure for the public with
11 some of the questions that we've commonly heard,
12 including when do new maps go into effect? So we
13 clarified that. Do I have a new representative? What if
14 a representative resigns? Where can I see final maps?
15 Where can I see current maps? Where can I find the final
16 map report? What's deferred and accelerated voters? We
17 actually had a handout from League of Women Voters that
18 explains that. And why is my district drawn the way it
19 was? So those -- those questions have been answered in
20 that document. If you have additional questions you want
21 to see in there, please email them to me. I'll set up
22 this document to go out at the end of this week or -- oh,
23 it's -- it -- it is the end of the week. Next week. I
24 don't know what day I'm living in.

25 As far as interviews are concerned. Since our last



1 meeting, we had five total interviews with Black Voice
2 News, Silicon Valley Voice, CalMatters. We did one with
3 Talking Points Memo and then Silicon Valley Voice again.

4 As far as our website's concerned, we are at 21750
5 contacts. I actually started purging yesterday context
6 in our database. I don't have email addresses, because
7 our primary source of communication is e-blast and
8 emails. Those that are on there without an email address
9 are actually just taking up space and adding to our
10 billing. So I've gone ahead and started to remove those
11 so that we can get a lower bracket of billing with
12 NationBuilder.

13 We had ninety-six thousands views of our web -- of
14 our website during that time period from January 7th till
15 today. Fifty-two thousands were visiting the final maps
16 page and twenty-one thousands were to our home page. And
17 e-blast, we did send out two during that time period.
18 One was letting the public know that we now have a PDFs
19 of our districts. When we uploaded those, that had a
20 thirty percent open rate; so clearly people were
21 interested in that. And then also the other email we
22 sent out regarding a meeting being canceled earlier this
23 month and then updating them about when the actual
24 districts or maps go into effect. And that had a thirty-
25 two percent open rate.



1 Our social media channels did not change much from
2 the last reporting period, I did highlight everything
3 here. We have two thousand seventy-seven likes on
4 Facebook. Instagram has 527 followers. It only went up
5 by two. Our Twitter followers went up by two to 3,228,
6 and our LinkedIn followers went up by three to 380
7 followers, and our YouTube subscribers stayed the same.
8 So a lot of that activity on social media has quieted
9 down. Of course, our advertising on social media also
10 stopped, so that -- that's going to have an effect on
11 that. That's all I have for my report today. We'll take
12 questions or comments.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Fredy. And would you like
14 me to help facilitate questions to you?

15 MR. CEJA: Yes, please, Chair.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay, great.

17 I see Commissioner Fernandez and then Andersen.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

19 Thank you, Fredy. I really did like that email
20 blast you did when we canceled the meeting and informed
21 the public of all of this information that you have on
22 the FAQs. And I wish -- I just wanted to confirm. So
23 thank you for that, Fredy. It was great. And thank you
24 also for the new FAQs. I just want to confirm that that
25 will also be translated into the different languages that

1 we've approved.

2 MR. CEJA: We can certainly do that, yeah. I
3 believe --

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you.

5 MR. CEJA: -- the contract is still in place, right?

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: It is.

7 MR. CEJA: Yeah. Okay, perfect. Yeah, we can do
8 that.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you so much.

10 MR. CEJA: Great suggestion.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Andersen.

12 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you, Chair.

13 Yeah, Fredy, I also agree this fax was very timely
14 and -- and very complete. Thank you. I have two other
15 questions, though. One, are you taking people off -- off
16 our list who do not have emails? How did those people
17 get on our list? Are they people who we reached out to
18 or?

19 MR. CEJA: So people were visiting our website, they
20 added themselves as contacts. And also, the way our
21 system was set up is anyone that used social media was
22 also migrated into our system with the hopes to have them
23 continue being active with our website and then somehow
24 getting their web, their email address. But for some of
25 those that it didn't happen, so they were just taking up



1 slots in our in our database. And we can't communicate
2 with them, because we don't have their email address, so.
3 It's just adding to our billing at this point, so that's
4 why we --

5 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

6 MR. CEJA: -- decided to purge them.

7 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah, I was just wondering if
8 we should be keeping just a document that -- a separate
9 just single document that had those people in case they
10 want to get back in touch with us. But I will certainly
11 leave that to your prerogative. And my next question is,
12 why are we going from Google to Microsoft One, and what
13 is that going to entail for all our previous documents?
14 For all our continued documents too, in terms of are we
15 switching our entire website over?

16 MR. CEJA: Not the website --

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: I mean the --

18 MR. CEJA: -- but the storage mechanism for all
19 those documents. And I -- I don't necessarily have that
20 answer. Maybe our executive director does.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yeah. We are at capacity with the
22 Google Docs. There -- there -- we don't have any more
23 capacity. It's been like that for a little while. And
24 so, it's not as stable as merging over to the Microsoft
25 One. So it will give us some flexibility in a number of



1 different ways, including our email. You know, right now
2 we have been maxed at the number of emails that we can
3 assign, basically. So we've had some of the staff create
4 a separate Google email to -- to make sure that they're
5 able to communicate with us. But that's one piece of it.
6 It does provide a lot more storage than we currently have
7 where we can put all our files in the one place. It is
8 going to require a transition. That's what Fredy was
9 referencing, that we've met to discuss those pieces and
10 how we are going to move forward and communicate that to
11 you all as far as what needs to be done and -- and when
12 it needs to be done. So that -- more to come on that.
13 We -- we started the initial conversations on that piece
14 of it. And if you recall, we have been trying to get the
15 Microsoft on board for a while now. It's finally come to
16 fruition, so.

17 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. So just -- just to
18 follow up on that, that means our current -- our current
19 emails, those are all going to switch to a different
20 system.

21 MR. HERNANDEZ: Should be correct. Correct.

22 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Okay. Thank you.

23 MR. HERNANDEZ: The -- the emails where they're
24 stored is what's going to switch. The email addresses
25 will not switch.



1 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Right. But our -- in terms
2 of --

3 MR. HERNANDEZ: Because it's still ca.gov, so that
4 will stay the same.

5 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Thank you.

6 MR. CEJA: Yeah, we -- yeah, in our meeting
7 yesterday was -- Raul Rove told us that all documents
8 will be automatically transferred over to the new system,
9 and the only reason I brought it up was to let you know
10 what our team will be focusing on for the next few weeks.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Fredy. And just want to
12 jump in out of clarifying. Nothing on our user interface
13 will change, correct? It's all backend storage related
14 items.

15 MR. CEJA: (No audible response.)

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Got it. Thank you.
17 Commissioner Sinay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: My apologies. Do we -- will be
19 creating kind of a long-term plan on just keeping people
20 engaged on our social media pages and such, through, you
21 know, twenty -- 2028/2029 when they start the recruitment
22 for, you know, just, you know, we've -- we've done a good
23 job of engaging folks. And just thinking through kind of
24 what strategy can we do and how, you know, how can we do
25 it. I know in 2010, a lot of that responsibility moved

1 over from staff to -- to Commissioners. But just
2 thinking through how we keep people engaged so that they
3 don't need to start from scratch. Thanks.

4 MR. CEJA: Yeah, I think those are part of the
5 discussions that we're having is also personnel needs for
6 the next ten years and also will be part of your
7 discussions as you look at what the Commission will focus
8 on and what staffing needs we will have. I know the last
9 Commission had a part time person or halftime person on
10 for I don't know how many years, to precisely do that, to
11 continue with e-blast and communication to the public.
12 I -- I -- I can't say what the needs are today, but we
13 can certainly have that conversation and then plan
14 accordingly. But yeah, that would be great to continue
15 mobilizing folks on our social media platforms and
16 definitely on communicating through e-blast and letting
17 them know what's going on.

18 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

19 Commissioner Fernandez.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair.

21 Fredy, I just wanted to confirm or I'm not sure his
22 answer to this, so all of our emails and folders that we
23 have in our Google or Gmail will be transferred to
24 Outlook. I mean, I just want to confirm, or Alvaro you
25 may have an answer to this, so. All of our emails and



1 folders that we have in our Google or Gmail will be
2 transferred to Outlook? I mean I just wanted to confirm,
3 because that's quite a few -- that's a lot of information
4 some of us may have.

5 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And a lot of times that
7 creating those folders.

8 MR. HERNANDEZ: That is my understanding. I don't
9 know the details of how that's going to get done.
10 Corina, our IT person, is going to be looking at how to
11 port that information and make it as seamless as
12 possible. So I will get additional information and share
13 that with all of you as I get that.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions or comments for
15 Fredy? No? Seeing none, we will move right along.

16 Thank you so much, Fredy.

17 To the outreach director, Marcy.

18 MS. KAPLAN: Hi. Good morning, Commissioners. I
19 wanted to provide an update on some items that staff have
20 been working on. And, as noted, the outreach staff have
21 transition to full time tagging to all remaining input in
22 the database, and they will be rolling off on January
23 31st. We've been working with the data team to further
24 streamline this process to make it more efficient for
25 staff to get through. And I'm definitely seeing some big

1 strides over the last few days when we implemented some
2 changes. Additionally, and our outreach manager has been
3 finalizing written performance reviews for all outreach
4 staff, and that will be saved in their state file and
5 also provided to staff. This is really an opportunity to
6 showcase the excellent work that staff have conducted
7 during their tenure with the Commission and to highlight
8 their accomplishments. And Ann has scheduled one-on-one
9 meetings with outreach staff for next week to go over
10 these performance reviews.

11 They also want to highlight that I worked with staff
12 to prepare a summary update to the Language Access
13 Subcommittee, which provides an overview summary of the
14 non-English input received to the Commission, whether
15 this was written, a video submission, or in a meeting
16 with or without a translator. And so there were nearly
17 350 submissions like this. There's a document attached
18 in the handouts for today's meeting actually under my
19 report, because I believe this Language Access
20 Subcommittee was dissolved. So we may need to revisit it
21 in the future if necessary.

22 The document also includes which materials the
23 Commission translated and into what languages, as well as
24 information on language lines that we had provided during
25 meetings and the number of listeners. And I also do want



1 to highlight that capturing the number of listeners on
2 the listening lines was a very tricky process. We were
3 not always provided the numbers from Verizon, our
4 provider, after numerous ongoing attempts to capture this
5 information. So just highlighting that document there,
6 and I'll be working with the subcommittee as needed if we
7 move forward on Lessons Learned to see what -- what else
8 may be helpful or recommendations for 2030 as well.

9 I also wanted to highlight that staff did review
10 questions that came in through our public database per
11 the request from the Commission at the last meeting, and
12 those were provided to Fredy to develop that FAQ document
13 that you had highlighted as well. Also highlighting that
14 I worked with the Outreach and Engagement Subcommittee
15 and posted the -- another handout, which is the public
16 input sorted by county and calculated the activation rate
17 during the various phases of the Commission's efforts.
18 So we thought it would be interesting to look at it
19 broken down by a few time periods. So if you look at
20 that handout, it starts with the population and then the
21 activation rate for the state, as well as then starting
22 with the time period when the Commission conducted public
23 education and COI input meetings; so essentially pre line
24 drawing activities. This was up through September 14.
25 And then next when the Commission started the



1 visualization and line drawing process, up through the
2 approval of draft maps on September 15th to November
3 10th, and then after the draft map approval until final
4 map approval, which was November 11th to December 27th.
5 And then also just provided a total from January 2021 to
6 December twenty-seven.

7 And just as a reminder, this is a recap of the
8 Commission's Strategic Outreach Goal number 1, which was
9 a goal of the activation rate of one per one thousand or
10 point one percent of an area of either neighborhood,
11 city, county, or region. And the information is based on
12 the public input received by the Commission -- mentioned
13 respective counties. So there were definitely numerous
14 inputs submitted to the Commission that mentions multiple
15 counties. So I think that's just really helpful to
16 highlight when you're looking at this information. I
17 also worked with the Outreach and Engagement
18 Subcommittee, as well as Fredy to put together a survey
19 to solicit feedback from the public about the
20 redistricting process, and they're going to be discussing
21 this further in their report.

22 It's also posted in the handouts under I don't
23 remember which number. It's their subcommittee as well
24 as help support the Long-Range Planning Subcommittee to
25 put together the handouts posted, which they'll also be



1 discussing later in their subcommittee report under item
2 3K.

3 And that's it for my report if there's any
4 questions.

5 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much, Marcy.

6 Does anyone have questions or comments for Marcy at
7 this point?

8 Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

9 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

10 Marcy, this report is awesome, and I hope -- and
11 it's inspiring, I should say, which is awesome just how
12 much people got engaged. And I hope we all look at it,
13 because I think it's just fascinating to look, you know,
14 we -- we over exceeded our activation goals almost in
15 every single county, which is really exciting. I still
16 find it really interesting that, you know, San Francisco
17 tends to be the lowest when you think of San Francisco as
18 the most activist, yeah, city, county of activists.
19 But -- but I just wanted to thank you for this, because I
20 think it's really helpful. And I think it's a tool that
21 if we would have had the numbers broken down this way
22 from 2010, it would have helped us feel a little more
23 secure as we were moving through the process of knowing,
24 okay, this is coming up, okay, this is coming up. So
25 great job. Thank you to you and -- and the whole team.

1 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Sinay.

2 Commissioner Turner?

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Chair. Yeah, I
4 wanted to comment on this exact same report. Marcy, this
5 is phenomenal. I feel like it's reflective of we did
6 what we said we would. Right? I think it has an
7 excellent result and love and wish -- and perhaps that
8 one of the Lessons Learned that will actually be able to
9 spend some time to kind of really dig through it and see
10 what all this report can tell us. Because even for some
11 of the ones that have had a little bit of less activation
12 or lower activation rate or engagement rate, could be
13 that they just loved what we did throughout the entire
14 process. I mean there's a -- there's -- there's ways to
15 read everything, and it almost just feels like there
16 should be some narrative associated with it, as far as we
17 experienced it, and this is the result, and so, what are
18 our thoughts? Why do we think this occurred?

19 That could perhaps be helpful. But I think all of
20 the paperwork that came out and handouts, I think this
21 was one that I was really excited to get and see, and
22 particularly how you had broken out pre-engagement after
23 the drafts and the final. I think it's very useful tool
24 for the future. I think it certainly confirms the things
25 that we worked on that we should feel really good about,

1 and I want to just thank you and your team for pulling it
2 together.

3 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Turner.

5 Any other comments or questions for Marcy and her
6 report.

7 Yes, Commissioner Le Mons?

8 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Briefly, I just want to echo
9 excuse me, the pride in that report and the hard work
10 that went into it. I hearken back to the beginning of
11 this process and us really thinking through and -- and
12 grappling with how we wanted to approach engagement and
13 the goals that we set for ourselves. And so, it was
14 great -- you know, being in the nonprofit space
15 oftentimes was hard to come by is evaluation and
16 assessment of goals and objectives that are set out to
17 do. So to have this close the loop and put a very nice
18 bow on, I think, something that was a high priority for
19 this Commission, and to see the results that we got, I
20 read it with great pride. And thank you to the team for
21 pulling it together. And I think we as Commissioners
22 should be -- I know we get accused of patting ourselves
23 on the back too much, at least I've read that in some of
24 the comments, but, oh, well. Thank you.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Le Mons.

1 Any other comments or questions? All right.

2 Seeing none, thank you so much, Marcy, for that
3 report out.

4 We will jump over to our Chief Counsel's Report with
5 Anthony.

6 MR. PANE: Thank you, Chair.

7 And good morning, Commission. Just a brief update
8 for legal updates. As you know, Government Code Section
9 11133 allows state bodies to meet without having to
10 publish the particular location. That was sunsetted for
11 the end of this month, then there was a governor's
12 executive order that came out that extended that sunset
13 date until March 31st. I mention that because currently
14 for the month of January, our agendas will refer to
15 Government Code state statute as that is what is
16 operative. And then starting February 1, it will
17 additionally reference the Executive Order, but I just
18 wanted to highlight that point for all of you. And then
19 with that, I'm happy to answer any questions anyone has.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Anthony. Any questions for
21 our chief counsel?

22 Commissioner Le Mons, is your hand up from before?

23 COMMISSIONER LE MONS: Yes, sorry, Chair.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh, no worries.

25 All right. Seeing none, that actually concludes our



1 Directors' Reports. So with that, I will call for public
2 comment on that agenda item.

3 And, Kristian, let's give folks two minutes per
4 speaker to provide their comments.

5 PUBLIC COMMENT MODERATOR: Sounds good Chair.

6 The Commission will now take public comment on
7 Directors' Reports. To give comment, please call (877)
8 853-5247, and enter meeting ID number 832 8219 0178.
9 Once you've dialed in, please press star nine to enter
10 the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are
11 read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on
12 the livestream landing page.

13 And there are no callers at this time, Chair.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Kristian. Let's just wait
15 a couple of minutes to give folks time to dial in.

16 While we're waiting, Commissioner Fernandez.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Chair. I figure
18 while we're waiting for two minutes, I could talk for
19 maybe not even half of that. But I believe both
20 Communications Director Ceja and Outreach Director Kaplan
21 both mentioned that some of our staff are off -- off-
22 boarding at the (audio interference).

23 So I just wanted to thank them. And I think for
24 communications -- that's probably Cecilia -- so
25 definitely wanted to thank her for all her work. I



1 enjoyed her daily media clips to us which was very
2 helpful and informative, as well as all the other
3 information and social media. So thank you, Cecilia.

4 And then for Marcy, you and your outreach team --
5 absolutely phenomenal, as shown in the report. So I just
6 wanted to make sure that -- just gave a big thank you to
7 everyone. What a great team that you developed and
8 established, and they were just there all the way to the
9 end, and they continue to be with transitioning into the
10 full-time tagging. So thank you, all, very much.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you for those kind words,
12 Commissioner Fernandez. Kristian, do we have any callers
13 in the queue?

14 MR. MANOFF: There are no callers at this time,
15 Chair.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: All right. Seeing that there's no
17 callers, we will move on to the next agenda item. And
18 just a reminder for folks that we will have ample
19 opportunity for folks to call in and provide their public
20 comment on the agenda items that we are discussing today.
21 So with that, we'll move forward to our subcommittee
22 updates. We have four subcommittees who have items to
23 report out. And I'm going to switch the order a little
24 bit from our run-of-show document. So we'll start with
25 Finance and Admin. Then we'll move on to Long-Term

1 Planning. Then jumping into Lessons Learned, and then
2 Outreach and Engagement. And this reordering is really
3 because of the conversations that I've had with our team
4 in planning for today's meeting, and the overlap that we
5 might see between the different report outs. So we can
6 listen to that overlap in a consecutive order.

7 Hopefully, that will be helpful for our conversation
8 regarding subcommittee report outs. So with that, I will
9 pass it over to Finance and Admin.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Oh, do you want to
11 start? Or do you want to --

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Do you want to go? Or do
13 you want me to go?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: How about if we just do it
15 together; how's that?

16 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So I'll just do like a high
18 level of -- the first report is the appropriations, so
19 that is basically the budget authority that we have
20 been -- the Commission has been allotted. And it just
21 breaks it down by the different Budget Acts of 1920 and
22 '21, and it shows the varying amounts. It also shows --
23 we're different from other state agencies where we have
24 to ask permission to have the funds released, so the
25 expenditure authority area -- so these spreadsheets have

1 been posted. That would show what we have requested and
2 what has been approved and what we still have
3 outstanding. So that really just is the budget per se in
4 terms of what's been appropriated to us. Any questions
5 on that?

6 I'll let Commissioner Fornaciari take on the budget
7 one. No.

8 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah, if I --

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh, go ahead. Go ahead.

10 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- could just jump in and
11 make a couple comments. So this is pretty similar to the
12 handout from a few months ago where we talked about the
13 expenditure authority. So what we did is, again, we
14 broke it down into pre-map and post-map dollars. And you
15 can see that the first column under pre-map is what you
16 saw in the last report. Subsequently, we asked for an
17 additional 4.869 million. That was approved, and we have
18 that budget authority. And that budget authority that we
19 have -- we have the authority to spend that money through
20 the end of this fiscal year, through June 30th, 2022.

21 Then, we look at the post-map. The first column is
22 our post-map operational dollars, 1.5 million. We've
23 requested it, but it has not yet been approved. As
24 Alvaro mentioned, the initial budget letter -- or the
25 request for authority letter that we sent in, asked for

1 both the litigation money and the operations money. The
2 Finance Department requested that we just ask for --
3 submit a new letter, just asking for the 1.5 million, and
4 that if, in the case that a lawsuit is filed, then we'll
5 request the 4.3 million for defense. So it's not
6 actually allocated yet, but they said they were going to
7 allocate it, they just needed a new letter. So we expect
8 that to be allocated fairly quickly. So if that kind of
9 helps clarify that. Were there any questions on this
10 document? Okay.

11 Then, with regard to the budget summary -- and this
12 should be similar to documents you've seen in the past,
13 too. So what we've got is different categories of
14 spending, the expenditures to date, the projected
15 additional expenditures, and then the projected total
16 expenditures. And so that column, projected total
17 expenditures, would be the pre-map expenditures. Then,
18 Alvaro's put together a projection in the kind of light
19 orangish column of what we're thinking the spending would
20 look like between now and the end of the fiscal year, and
21 that's 2.2 million. And that's salaries and benefits for
22 staff, Commissioner per diem, videography, interpretation
23 and operational costs. So that includes -- Alvaro, I
24 forget exactly how many meetings is in that?

25 MR. HERNANDEZ: Sixteen.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Sixteen meetings.

2 MR. HERNANDEZ: Business meetings.

3 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. And so I just want
4 to let everyone know that it's about 14,000 dollars per
5 meeting is the average cost. And so I just want to offer
6 that up for us to think about how often we need to have
7 these business meetings and moving forward. We have a --
8 this budget includes sixteen meetings -- if we do two a
9 month, that's twelve and then that would leave four for
10 Lessons Learned. It doesn't include Lessons Learned. I
11 think we'll get more deeply into that conversation when
12 we talk about the plan moving forward and what we want to
13 do there. But just with the sixteen meetings and
14 overhead costs we're at 2.2 million dollars through the
15 end of the fiscal year. And so the next column sums up
16 those two columns and compares it to the total budget
17 that we have. So we have about 2.4 million in
18 flexibility. And the final -- or the second to last
19 column are the contract balances. And you can see that,
20 for instance, the line drawer contract we went over and
21 that's because we added more meetings than we'd
22 originally put in the contract. We got all the invoices
23 there except some travel invoices that we're expecting,
24 so we estimated 75k for those travel contracts. You can
25 see also that we're sort of thinking legal services

1 contracts we will be overspent. But that's really an
2 estimate. At this point, they billed through September,
3 so we don't have our token November-December billing from
4 the legal team. And I'll just tell you, Alicia and I
5 have been bugging Alvaro and Alvaro's been bugging
6 Anthony, and we've been bugging Anthony to bug them to
7 get those invoices in so we know how much we've spent.
8 And so it's not for lack of effort that we don't have
9 those invoices. We just haven't gotten them yet. So
10 just to let you all know that that number could go
11 higher. We had more meetings than we thought, and we had
12 a lot of legal support during those meetings. But
13 overall, I think -- I mean, my takeaway is we're in
14 pretty comfortable shape with the budget we have. We
15 haven't blown through the budget, and I don't think we
16 need to -- I'm hoping we don't have to go back and ask
17 for more. I don't know. Alicia, did you have any
18 other -- anything else you wanted to add?

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No. I think you covered it
20 really well. In terms of the spreadsheet, it is in more
21 detail than you've had in the past, but we also felt it
22 was important to provide that detailed information as we
23 try to tie up the true cost pre-map. Because that
24 information at the end, if you remember the government
25 code section that we're under, we do have to submit a



1 report, I believe, to the Legislature or Finance -- I
2 can't remember specifically, on our costs -- on our pre-
3 map and post-map costs. So we felt it was important to
4 provide more detail this time, and also I thought it was
5 helpful -- maybe it's not helpful -- to kind of show you
6 where all the calculations were. So I kind of lettered
7 every column and those columns that were a plus or minus,
8 I'm hoping that helps you in terms of trying to navigate
9 through this spreadsheet that makes so much sense to me.
10 But of course, we all make sense to the 99.999 percent of
11 the rest of the world. So anyway, I think that probably
12 covers it. So open for questions.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Thank you so much. I will jump
14 in to help you all facilitate questions. So Commissioner
15 Toledo, Sinay, and then Yee.

16 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: Thank you. And thank you for
17 the presentation and for the work on this. Just a quick
18 question for the Committee. In terms of the litigation
19 funds and -- I'm just wondering if it might make sense to
20 request those funds in anticipation of litigation,
21 knowing that it -- and this might be your
22 recommendation -- I might be confused there. And if
23 that's the case that's great, but so requesting those
24 funds, given that it takes a while to draw them down
25 should we need them. And we don't want to be in a

1 situation where we're -- where there's a delay in getting
2 those funds to be able to pay our vendors. So just
3 appreciate that, and just curious if that's the intent or
4 it was otherwise.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER TOLEDO: I'm sorry if I misunderstood.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Great minds think
8 alike, Commissioner Toledo. We had actually requested
9 that. We had requested the funding for the 1.5
10 operational post-map as well as litigation, and
11 Department of Finance requested that we hold off on
12 requests for litigation until we're actually sued, so at
13 that point -- it's a different way to look at it. I'm
14 like you, I wanted to be more pro-active, and I
15 actually -- trying to help out our staff as well, so now
16 we're going to have to do -- per se three different
17 requests. So that was our intention. That's what we
18 submitted in November, and they just got back to us
19 asking that we hold off on our request for the litigation
20 funding.

21 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Fernandez.
22 Commissioner Sinay and then --

23 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: I'm going to jump in here,
24 but --

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Oh.



1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- it certainly does --
2 we'll have the letter ready to go for -- and pull the
3 trigger immediately once litigation comes in if it does.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you for that. Commissioner
5 Sinay?

6 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Sorry. I've re-set up my
7 computer and it makes it hard to move around. Thank you
8 for this, and I'm going to ask a naive question. So
9 we've got --I love the alphabet on the top. It really
10 did help, so thank you, Alicia, that does help. And let
11 me just for clarity, H is from the prior report -- for
12 the prior side the amount of money we had? Is that where
13 we get H?

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Column H -- is that what
15 you're referring to, Commissioner Sinay?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So column H would be --
18 you're adding your pre-map expenditures of column F,
19 which is projected total expenditures, and you're adding
20 the projected post-map of column G.

21 COMMISSIONER SINAY: So I get it. It's that column.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Okay. Thank you so much. I
24 get it now -- I saw it. So we have gone over in a few
25 areas, and we're still not sure how far we've gone over.

1 Where are we getting that money from to cover those
2 costs?

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So actually, if you
4 wanted to do a -- most of the money is coming from our
5 salaries and benefits because we were delayed in filling
6 quite a few of our positions. So we do have a -- I guess
7 if you would call it flexibility -- in that area that
8 we're able to cover some of the additional costs that
9 went over in terms -- unfortunately, like the line drawer
10 contract and the legal services and also videographer
11 contracts -- they have language in there that we can
12 extend the amount so we don't actually have to go back
13 out to our -- for RFP on those -- for those contracts.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I think initially back
15 in March, was it, I believe, we sent in a budget request
16 based on some assumptions we had at that time that didn't
17 come to -- didn't completely come to fruition. Right.
18 We had a million dollars in there for IT support because
19 we thought we were going to have a contract for IT
20 support. And there were some other additional monies
21 that we assumed we were going to need but we didn't. And
22 we made some assumptions on the number of meetings we
23 were going to have. And the number of meetings went up,
24 but those other items that we needed, went down. I
25 think, so overall, we're going to be -- it looks like



1 we're going to be under our initially projected budget
2 even though we went over in some areas because we're
3 under in other areas.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah, and one more thing
5 that -- Alvaro, thank you for reminding me -- is when had
6 our -- when we did our -- the BCP, or Budget augmentation
7 back in March, as Neal -- Commissioner Fornaciari -- was
8 referring to -- we also went with the assumption that we
9 would have map completion in January and that was pushed
10 up. So there's --

11 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- reality versus where we
13 projected.

14 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Right. And so what we're
15 working on, too, just to let you all know for a future
16 meeting -- Commissioner Fernandez talked about this
17 report that we have to put together. And part of that
18 report is going to be kind of a timeline of the decisions
19 that were made and the assumptions that were made and how
20 those assumptions changed over time, so to help tell the
21 entire story of how we got to where we are.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Commissioner Yee?

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Chair. Thank you,
24 subcommittee for this excellent report. Very helpful. I
25 just wanted to add a little more detail on the legal

1 services contracts. So this is Strumwasser & Woocher,
2 and they have been a little slow from the beginning in
3 getting us their invoices, but when they come they are
4 very admirably detailed, and this includes all the work
5 by Mr. Becker and Ms. Gall. so Anthony has been
6 forwarding them the detailed invoices to the Legal
7 Affairs Committee for review and they certainly look fine
8 when they finally do come in. But yeah, three, four
9 months behind, it is a problem for everyone, including
10 them getting their money. But they are in good shape
11 when they do come, so.

12 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you for that insight,
13 Commissioner Yee. Commissioner Sinay?

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thank you.

15 CHAIR AHMAD: Is your hand up again?

16 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yep.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay.

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: It's a follow-up to my last
19 question. So will we be look -- will we be receiving a
20 new budget now that we have -- we had approved the budget
21 as it was, and now we have some flexibility to move
22 things around. Will that budget come to us with the
23 things that have been moved around to approve as well?

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'll respond to that, if
25 that's okay. So we will also be having a Lessons Learned



1 discussion. So based on that discussion, we will go back
2 and request costing information. And so with that we
3 will probably more than likely move some of the funding
4 around to reflect where our future costs hopefully will
5 be. Thank you. And then, I just wanted to point out one
6 more thing: the summary that we gave you -- it's
7 actually a summary -- as most of you would know, there
8 was quite a bit of scrubbing and research that went into
9 putting this together, and I did want to thank staff for
10 that. I don't want to be -- forget to thank them for all
11 of the work that they put into it, and going back from
12 the beginning to try to get all the numbers as accurate
13 as possible for you. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Alicia, I'm not sure I
15 understood your response, so I apologize for -- oh,
16 sorry, Commissioner Fernandez -- for asking again. So
17 right now we have a budget that we approved, we've gone
18 over, but we don't need to present a new budget to
19 reallocate the -- like you all were talking about, the
20 staff budget --

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

22 COMMISSIONER SINAY: -- moving some money from staff
23 and other places so that the budget is equal? My
24 experience in the nonprofit is that the Board need -- you
25 need to present a new budget to approve being able to



1 make those moves -- that staff can't make those moves
2 without the approval. And I don't know what it's --
3 where our realm is here, and so that's why I'm asking.
4 And I hope that makes sense.

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. So based on our
6 conversation later, we'll take that information and have
7 more cost-budgeting information that will be brought
8 forward to the full Commission. Yeah, we can't make this
9 decision -- staff can't make this decision in a vacuum.
10 It will all be brought forward for approval. Thanks.

11 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Andersen?
12 Thank you for waiting.

13 COMMISSIONER ANDERSEN: Oh, thank you, Chair. Yeah.
14 I just wanted to say a little bit more about in the line
15 drawing -- sort of thinking about the report that we have
16 to do for -- and that Financial has to do. There are
17 actual specific things we wrote into the contract to
18 facilitate us in this report, and the line drawers have
19 been kind of trying to set up in terms of their budget in
20 terms of how they were submitting things. It would help
21 us kind of separate out for 2030 which is the difference
22 between what were the exceptions that occurred in the way
23 we had to work this time, through the pandemic, the
24 census delay, things like that -- that can be itemized
25 because, as you know, we're hearing people go, oh, well,

1 the 2010 Commission did duh, duh, duh. And so the 2020,
2 oh, my God. But they're completely different
3 circumstances. And so we need to -- in terms of our
4 Lessons Learned item -- and consider why things were
5 different and what could they expect in 2030. And so the
6 line drawing contract was sort of written that way in the
7 billing. And I'm hoping that that, indeed, we are able
8 to actually easily -- much more easily capture that
9 because of the accounting. And I just wanted to kind of
10 bring that up. Those are items that this report that
11 they're kind of talking about -- the Finance
12 Administration group -- has been doing a lot of work.
13 Thank you very much. Really appreciate that. Thank you.

14 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Andersen.
15 Alvaro?

16 MR. HERNANDEZ: Yes. I was going to acknowledge
17 that the information related to COVID or census delays,
18 things of that nature, are required -- the Legislature
19 and Department of Finance have indicated that needs to be
20 identified in our final report. So we have been doing
21 our best to track some of the information. And keep in
22 mind that the Commission started in COVID. And so much
23 of what was done was done with COVID implications or
24 impacts, I should say -- not implications, but impacts.
25 The census delay also -- that's all part of it. So we're

1 going to do our best to identify what was actually beyond
2 what a normal Commission would do versus what this
3 Commission did, given all the circumstances. Thank you.

4 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Are there any
5 other questions or comments for our Finance and Admin
6 subcommittee at this time? All right. Commissioner
7 Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Chair. I was not
9 entirely sure of where to raise this, but I'll go ahead
10 and raise it now. My reading of the relevant portion of
11 the government code is that the governor is required to
12 make adequate office and meeting space available for the
13 operation of the Commission. It doesn't, in my reading,
14 have a time limit on it. So my reading of it is that the
15 governor needs to make adequate office space available to
16 us throughout our term of office. We obviously don't
17 need as much -- or we obviously will not need as much
18 office space as we currently have. But since this does
19 have budgetary implications, I thought I'd raise it now
20 even though it may be relevant for some of our other
21 discussions as well. Thank you.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes. Commissioner Fernandez?

23 COMMISSIONER: Thank you, Chair. I just wanted to
24 respond to that. You are absolutely correct,
25 Commissioner Kennedy, but we also don't have any cost



1 associated with the facilities, which is great. I'd like
2 to have a zero mortgage; that'd be wonderful. And that
3 is something -- that is something that we are looking
4 toward or going to be working towards and making sure
5 that we understand exactly what that means and
6 communicating that to whoever we need to communicate in
7 terms of how long our needs for office space will be.
8 But thank you for brining that up.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: Any other questions or comments for
10 Finance and Admin? Seeing none, we will move on to Long-
11 term Planning. You have the floor, Long-term Planning.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Just a quick second.
13 Sorry about that. I need to -- oh, here she is. Here
14 she is. I needed to let Commissioner Akutagawa know that
15 we were on as well. I guess I'll start it and
16 Commissioner Akutagawa does an amazing job of continuing
17 it. There was two items posted -- so what we did is we
18 compiled information that was forwarded from the
19 Commissioners in terms of some of the short-term and
20 long-term activities, and we compiled it into two
21 different lists. The first list that is titled
22 Activities Associated with our Redistricting Efforts --
23 those are activities that we felt that were within the
24 scope and realm of our responsibilities or could be.
25 And then, the second list is a list of activities

1 that were forwarded to us that we felt the Commission
2 would have to make a decision as to whether or not that
3 was within the scope and whether or not we were going to
4 spend state -- or go forward to request state fundings
5 for some of these activities. So I'm wondering if --
6 Commissioner Akutagawa, do you think we should just go
7 through the first list first? And what we did is we also
8 numbered them to make it easier when we have our
9 discussions. And also what we tried to identify is was
10 it an activity for the current year? Which would be the
11 end of -- until June 30th of this year of 2022 -- or
12 short-term for next fiscal year, or some of those midterm
13 years or longer term in terms of, like, more associated
14 with, like, the census and redistricting efforts starting
15 up again with the state auditor.

16 There was something else I was going to say as well.
17 And we also felt, as much as possible, because we do have
18 some funding for this year -- if we could tackle as much
19 of this as possible this year -- because again, what will
20 happen, based on our discussion today, we will then go
21 back to our staff and have them come forward with some
22 costing information on the activities. And we also want
23 to identify the time frames and who will be involved and
24 meetings and all this other wonderful stuff. And we want
25 to make sure that we do identify the correct fiscal year

1 so that if and when we do go forward with a budget change
2 proposal -- and that's what they're called -- for state
3 agencies they submit budget change proposals requesting
4 funding for future years -- additional funding for future
5 years. So with that -- what do you think, Commissioner
6 Akutagawa?

7 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I was also just going to
8 add in terms of front-ending a lot of the activities as
9 much as we can within this year and next year -- we're
10 also concerned that once we get past next year, there's
11 going to be less interest in supporting additional
12 activities until it gets closer to the next Commission
13 time. And so you'll see that that's also part of the
14 reason why we're trying to move things in and load up as
15 much as we can so that we could get a lot of it done.

16 A couple other things too, there's also things
17 that -- I guess I'll just call it unfinished business.
18 For example, like the federal incarcerated individuals
19 issue, and we want to try to -- we know that that's going
20 to take a little bit of a longer time than I think we
21 wanted it to and that it's going to be the same situation
22 for the next Commission. So we're hoping that we could
23 try to wrap that up by coming to a hopefully a positive
24 and successful resolution. And so that's something that
25 we didn't categorize under something, but that's kind of

1 like under the unfinished business along with, like, the
2 Lessons Learned kind of category there, so.

3 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So should we just go
4 through the first -- oh. Should we share -- do you guys
5 want to share the document? Marcy, can you share it for
6 us? You're good at that stuff. And I also did want to
7 thank Marcy. She did a great job of helping us
8 brainstorm this as well and putting it all together, so
9 thank you so much for doing that for us.

10 MS. KAPLAN: Are we going to want to, like, edit in
11 the document, or should I just pull up the PDF?

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I think just the
13 document that we have posted, and then we can --

14 MS. KAPLAN: Okay.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- go back and do the
16 editing.

17 MS. KAPLAN: Sorry.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that'll probably be the
19 quickest --

20 MS. KAPLAN: Which one are we starting with? So I
21 can open --

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Let's start with the one --
23 Activities Associated with California Redistricting
24 Efforts. The longer one -- the one that has seventeen
25 items on it.

1 MS. KAPLAN: Okay. All right. Okay. Here we go.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And again, as we go through
3 this -- I mean, obviously, this is for the full
4 Commission to participate, so please participate -- we
5 want to make sure that, one, we agree that this is
6 something that -- activity that we believe is within our
7 scope, within our realm and that we've identified the
8 correct fiscal years in terms of what our needs are going
9 to be. Or yeah. And staffing.

10 Commissioner Sinay?

11 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just a quick question. I was
12 caught off guard that names were put on the
13 recommendations, because in the past, it was always
14 Senate to staff so that the actual committee doing it
15 does not have the names, because it's supposed to -- to
16 make sure that we're not doing serial meetings and all
17 that. It's supposed to be neutral. And so I was really
18 caught off guard to see the names on here. So if you
19 could just say why we kind of changed the way we did
20 things. Thanks.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Sure. And there were no
22 serial meetings. All of the comments went through our
23 chief counsel and then he forwarded them to us. And the
24 reason that we put the names there is because we wanted
25 to know who forwarded it and then the discussion items

1 from them in terms of what they were thinking and if we
2 have further questions in terms of what they submitted.
3 They could provide the detail, because I'm pretty sure I
4 wouldn't be able to remember who submitted what. Short-
5 term memory, I guess, I should put on there. So thank
6 you for that question. So for the first one is the
7 Finish the Lessons Learned that Commissioner Kennedy and
8 Chair Ahmad have both been championing that effort since
9 our inception. And so what they have estimated is ten
10 days for each Commissioner, and I will -- correct me if
11 I'm wrong, Commissioner Kennedy and Chair Ahmad -- that
12 is for our brainstorming and meeting to come up with the
13 Lessons Learned documents and information. And then an
14 additional twenty days for subcommittee report drafting
15 and action items. And what that means -- it's not seven
16 days for each Commissioner, but it's just for the
17 subcommittee work. Commissioner Kennedy, did you want to
18 add anything to that? And it looks like the goal would
19 be to have that done by the end of this fiscal year. So
20 I'm going to turn it over to Commissioner Kennedy.

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
22 Fernandez. Yes. I mean, the ten days per Commissioner,
23 I'm thinking that if we continue along the lines of
24 splitting it into two events -- and we may split it into
25 more depending on people's schedules -- but when I first



1 started looking at the draft outline and trying to put
2 the outline items into an agenda for it, it looked like
3 without time for public comment, the items, not including
4 litigation, would take a minimum of five days. So if we
5 add in time for public participation in the Lessons
6 Learned effort, I think we're talking seven to eight days
7 for that. And then litigation we could probably do in
8 one or two days, including public participation. So
9 that's where the estimate of ten days per Commissioner
10 came from.

11 And then the report writing is going to involve an
12 enormous amount of synthesis and writing and revising and
13 so forth. So that was the additional twenty days that I
14 was looking at for each of the two subcommittee members
15 to come up with a draft report. I did not include time
16 during regular business meetings for considering the
17 report. I just figured that would be --

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- included in regular
20 business meetings.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. Okay.
22 So that actually makes it a lot clearer in terms of being
23 able to cost that information out. So thank you. So it
24 was twenty days for each of the two subcommittee members.
25 So got it. Any other questions regarding that first one?

1 And then Commissioner Kennedy, the goal was to have it
2 done by the end of this fiscal year? Okay. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. I mean, as I'd
4 mentioned a couple of meetings back, memories start to
5 fade and any time you're doing this sort of exercise, you
6 very much want to tap people's memories well before the
7 six-month mark because things just start to fade and you
8 lose a lot of very useful detail if you go out any longer
9 than that. So yes, I would very much like to see this
10 completed by the end of June.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Thank you.
12 So we'll move on to the second one, which, as
13 Commissioner Akutagawa had already talked about, this is
14 a holdover or something that Commissioners Kennedy and
15 Turner continue to work, hopefully with the Federal
16 Bureau of Prisons, to have an agreement or some sort of
17 memorandum of understanding or whatever may be. So that
18 when the 2030 redistricting efforts start, there will be
19 an agreement by the Federal Bureau of Prisons to provide
20 the last residency information for California individuals
21 incarcerated in the federal facilities. Commissioner
22 Kennedy, do you have any more information on that in
23 terms of the time frames and like, your and Commissioner
24 Turner's -- oh, my gosh -- time?

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you for the question.

1 I don't want to be in a rush on this. I believe I did
2 mention at a previous meeting that I have done some
3 research and found that there are other states that have
4 provisions in their laws requiring them to reallocate
5 individuals in federal custody. So I want to do some
6 outreach to those states and get some more information
7 about how they handle it, and then we can -- Commissioner
8 Turner and I will continue to follow up. I think that at
9 this point, we're talking less about follow-up with the
10 Bureau of Prisons, unless we do discover that those other
11 states already have agreements in place with the Federal
12 Bureau of Prisons. In which case, we will try to put in
13 place something analogous. But otherwise, it may still
14 be at the policy level, and that would involve working
15 with Senator Padilla's staff, who have expressed a
16 willingness to work with us to see if we can make this
17 happen for the 2030 Commission. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So in terms of the
19 time frame at least, are you thinking this fiscal year or
20 next fiscal year? I mean, I know it's hard to say
21 because with the federal -- if you're trying to work with
22 the federal government, you just never know. But I'm
23 just trying to see if we marked the correct boxes in
24 terms of when we feel -- and of course, next year we
25 will -- it's not like once you've decided you're done.



1 Sorry, you can't go back. We can always readdress the
2 different activities that we have here.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. I think that marking
4 both columns -- the current year and next fiscal year --
5 I think that's reasonable.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you.
7 Commissioner Sinay?

8 COMMISSIONER SINAY: One of the things that in
9 setting goals, especially when it comes to advocacy, that
10 I've learned and implemented with my clients, is
11 sometimes thinking about when do we need to lead, when do
12 we need to support, and when can we follow? Meaning,
13 when do we have to take the brunt of the effort? When
14 can someone else lead it and we support it? And when do
15 we just pay attention? And the reason I bring this up is
16 I think there's a lot of people who are working on this
17 issue and we may want to talk to them and just figure out
18 what -- we need a strategy around prisoner
19 gerrymandering, both at the state and at the federal
20 level.

21 I also wanted to remind us that we weren't done with
22 the state issue with prisoner gerrymandering. We wanted
23 to make sure that it was written into our -- kind of our
24 mandate, so every ten years the Commission didn't have to
25 vote if they were going to or not going to do -- how they

1 were going to handle individuals who are incarcerated.
2 We wanted to kind of make that that was just the way that
3 business was done. So I don't know if -- that probably
4 will come up in the Lessons Learned, but I just didn't
5 want to lose that piece. And on this people -- well,
6 I'll just leave it there. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thanks. Following up on
9 Commissioner Sinay's comment, I think the most important
10 element of this in that regard is the redistricting
11 timeline. I mean, if reallocation takes a month, that
12 needs to be factored into the timeline for future
13 Commissions. I mean, it wasn't really for us, but we
14 would certainly want to advocate that it be taken into
15 full consideration in the timeline for future
16 Commissions. Thanks.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And I think we
18 have that discussion for the next spreadsheet. So that
19 was very good. Okay. So then, we'll go on to the budget
20 area, and I think Commissioner Akutagawa's going to --
21 we're going to swap.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. Yeah. And as
23 Commissioner Fernandez just mentioned, on the prison
24 gerrymandering, as well as the timeline, it is something
25 that we -- it is on the next document that is for

1 conversation. So we made these grouping just for the
2 sake of being able to read through everything a little
3 bit more easily. You'll see that we have five different
4 areas of which the fifth one has -- there's several
5 subsets to it. I call them -- they're similar but
6 they're still different enough that I didn't want to have
7 it lost and so -- but it just seemed overwhelming to have
8 so many, so we grouped them in this way.

9 So the first one is obviously for our activities is
10 to get our next fiscal year budget ask together, and so
11 you'll see that it's an immediate activity that we'll
12 need to finish up before the end of this fiscal year and
13 actually within the next I think, few weeks, we'll have
14 to do that. The outyear plan is what I believe we're
15 doing now, but we just wanted to acknowledge that this
16 was feedback that was received, and then just determining
17 what we're going to be doing following that.

18 After that, we talked about meeting cadence. And we
19 started talking a little bit about it this morning, but I
20 think it would be just helpful for us to just start
21 thinking about what is going to be our meeting cadence.
22 How often are we going to plan to meet beyond next fiscal
23 year, most likely what are the -- what's the format that
24 we'll be able to utilize and obviously, these are also
25 interconnected with some of the other areas that we're



1 going to be proposing, like legislative changes. For
2 example, around Bagley-Keene, hopefully so that we can
3 continue to have the option to meet virtually. If there
4 is known litigation, obviously -- these are more the
5 questions. If there's litigation, I mean, obviously, the
6 need for more meetings and other costs and other things
7 related to it will be much different. And so we tried to
8 put a lens of what are going to be the budget
9 implications based on these different activities and
10 meeting cadence and format is going to have. There's
11 definitely going to be budget implications that we'll
12 need to think about.

13 The next one after that -- and this came up as well,
14 too -- is what are our long-term staffing needs beyond
15 fiscal year 2023? And also the question is where are
16 they going to be housed? Because that's also going to
17 have a budget implication. We're going to have to -- we
18 can't have them working out of their home. We'll need to
19 have them housed somewhere. And I do believe that we're
20 going to need at least one staff person, an
21 administrative person to help just move things along. I
22 think us as a Commission trying to work through all of
23 the state processes may become a hot mess potentially, if
24 I can say it like that. And I wouldn't want to put it
25 all on Commissioner Fernandez to do it because she'd



1 probably be the best person understanding state
2 processes. So those are our other considerations that I
3 think we'll need to think about beyond not just this year
4 and the next fiscal year, but even beyond that as well,
5 too.

6 And then the last one is the one that we received
7 multiple comments on. I think there's interest amongst
8 Commissioners around -- so what is going to be done to
9 ensure the maintenance of various systems -- not just
10 website, but NationBuilder -- if we're going to maintain
11 that. The Airtable database. Again, going back to
12 having an administrative person, like administrative
13 specialist to help ensure that our systems are
14 maintained. We got feedback around making some kind of
15 plan and being able to ensure that there's resources to
16 ensure the longevity of our website as well as all the
17 documents. And then also questions and concerns about
18 what do we do about the videos? Where we're going to
19 have it so that it is going to be available for the next
20 Commission as well, too. I know that I recall that we
21 heard from different individuals stating that they wanted
22 to go back and see some of the 2010 videos and there was
23 I think, some challenges with some of that. So we want
24 to just make sure that while it's still fresh, we get
25 these all squared away so that the next Commission also



1 will not be trying to figure out and probably cursing us
2 because we didn't take care of it while we could. So
3 I'll stop here on the budget-related items. See if
4 there's any questions. I see Commissioner Fernandez?

5 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I just wanted to -- out of
6 the items in the budget-related, we do need some feedback
7 on number five, the meeting cadence. Because in order
8 for us to come back with some sort of costing
9 information, that's something we would need. And at this
10 point, it's with the assumption that there is no
11 litigation. I mean, it's -- that may not be the case,
12 but there's something -- we need to start somewhere. And
13 again, this document and the budget information is fluid,
14 so of course, if these change as we move along we would
15 have to update our costing information as well. So we
16 would like to get some feedback from the Commissioners in
17 terms of the meeting cadence, not only for this fiscal
18 year, but then for the following years. And probably,
19 like, specifically from the 2022 to the 2028. Because
20 then in 2028, '29 might have more meetings based on our
21 collaboration, possibly with the census or depends on the
22 next list, so. If you respond to this, if you'd please
23 keep that in mind. Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And just real quick. I
25 think this may have been said, but I'll repeat it again.



1 What we were told and what I understand is that it's
2 better if we come out with not only the next fiscal year
3 budget request, but also give the Legislature an idea of
4 what our anticipated cost for the entirety of our next, I
5 guess, remaining eight years is going to be. So that's
6 also why you're seeing some of these questions being
7 moved up a little bit earlier than what we may have
8 initially thought. And so these questions do become
9 important in terms of being able to, I think, set the
10 expectation for where there's going to be cost and also
11 potentially -- I don't want to say advocacy, but I think
12 at least giving essentially a heads-up so that we also
13 know whether or not they're going to be receptive to the
14 request that we're going to be making in the later years.
15 I see Commissioner Kennedy hands up?

16 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yes. Thank you. Just to say
17 that in the context of the website subcommittee, I had
18 been in contact with an archivist in the secretary of
19 state's office who is putting me in touch with people who
20 handle archiving of California government documents and
21 information. I've just sent him a reminder. I had sent
22 him a reminder the day after we approved the maps, saying
23 that we wanted to sit down and discuss with him or
24 whoever, things like, how do we ensure ongoing access to
25 the 2010 website, the 2020 website, the Airtable data, et

1 cetera. So I'm looking to hear back from him and am
2 happy to continue working on that.

3 I also wanted to say in relation to some of this,
4 that I've been in touch with the state auditor's office
5 to ensure that we get them involved in the Lessons
6 Learned process, at least on those items related to the
7 setup -- the recruitment and setup of the Commission. Of
8 course, we do know that the state auditor, Elaine Howle,
9 retired at the end of last year. The office promised
10 that one of the top items on the briefing scheduled for
11 the new auditor would be the redistricting and the role
12 of CSA in setting up and supporting the Redistricting
13 Commission. So I am looking forward to hearing back from
14 them on whether they need our involvement in briefing the
15 new state auditor at some point. But the idea is that
16 the state auditor's office would be involved in the
17 Lessons Learned exercise, particularly in those items
18 related to their role in recruitment and support. Thank
19 you.

20 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Kennedy. I'm
21 just going to jump in. We are up against our mandatory
22 break. We will take lunch from now until 12:45. And
23 then I anticipate us rejoining after lunch in closed
24 session under the personnel-related issues item at 12:45.
25 Hopefully, I'll schedule, Kristian, a half-an-hour for



1 closed session, and let you know if we need additional
2 time. So with that, enjoy your lunch, everyone, and I
3 will see you in closed session at 12:45.

4 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 11:50 a.m.
5 until 1:21 p.m.)

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Welcome back from lunch, and then from
7 closed session, everyone. I just want to report out that
8 the Commission did take action in closed session. The
9 Commission approved a five-percent salary increase for
10 the outreach director. With that, let's jump back in to
11 where we left off in open session with the Long-term
12 Planning Subcommittee.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay, so. Let me go back
14 to my (indiscernible, simultaneous speech) --

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I could jump -- yeah, I
16 could jump in.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Thanks.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I know that -- we left off,
19 there was some -- I forgot who it was -- I think it was
20 either Commissioner Turner or Commissioner Yee, I think
21 that had their hand up before we went to the break. And
22 we were on the budget-related areas.

23 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you, Commissioner
24 Akutagawa. And I promise, if it's me that was too many
25 hours ago. Even being --

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: You'll take advantage.
2 Might as well.

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: I'm good. I'll have to wait
4 and see what the conversation is again.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Okay.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And I think part of it,
7 too, is if I remember correctly -- you're right. I'm
8 with you, Commissioner Turner. It was more than an hour
9 ago. You shouldn't expect me to remember what I said. I
10 think part of it is we do want to identify or have
11 feedback from the Commissioners in terms of meeting
12 cadence. If there is -- if we don't have litigation,
13 what that will look like. Not necessarily this fiscal
14 year, but for the outgoing year. So if we could get some
15 feedback on that so that we can come back with some
16 costing and budget figures for everyone that would be
17 very helpful. Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Commissioner Kennedy?

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. I went on to the
20 2010 Commission's website the other day, looking at their
21 meeting schedule for the outyears. I don't know whether
22 others have had a chance to do that, and keeping in mind
23 that they did have some litigation. They did have the
24 Ash grant from Harvard. Basically, if we get past the
25 bulk of the litigation phase, there were two meetings in

1 2012, two meetings in 2013 -- two, four, six -- eight
2 meetings in 2014, two scheduled meetings in 2015, one of
3 which had to be canceled due to lack of quorum. Two
4 meetings in 2016, six meetings in 2017, three scheduled
5 meetings in 2018, one of which was canceled, and two
6 meetings in 2019. And then I know that they had a
7 meeting shortly before the first eight were selected. I
8 think it was in was in June of 2020. So it looks like
9 for general purposes, they got by with two meetings a
10 year, and there were a couple years with more meetings,
11 but that was because of either litigation or the Ash
12 grant. Thank you.

13 CHAIR AHMAD: I can jump in to help you all
14 facilitate.

15 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. Sorry about that. I
16 was just writing up a note.

17 CHAIR AHMAD: I wasn't sure.

18 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I see Commissioner
19 Fornaciari. And one other thing that as you're all
20 looking at this, too, we try to put the examples of what
21 would be -- what would be included. Like, for example,
22 in some of the recurring or ongoing costs -- if there's
23 anything else that you feel was missed or you have a
24 question on, then please feel free to also ask that, too.
25 Commissioner Fornaciari?

1 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I think that -- I
2 did the same thing as Commissioner Kennedy -- looked at
3 the last Commission. They met twice a year in the middle
4 part. If we don't have anything significant going on I
5 don't see that we need to meet more than that. I think,
6 though, once we figure out what our -- what we feel like
7 our contribution needs to be, what we feel like our level
8 of engagement needs to be in, say '29 and '30. I would
9 guess that they met in -- whenever it was, '19 or '20, to
10 talk about the supreme court brief probably. I mean, but
11 we had been talking about trying to ramp things back up
12 with Outreach and Engagement and what that's going to
13 look like down the road.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. And thank you for
15 that, Commissioner Fornaciari. I think what I realized,
16 too, is that while we're asking those questions, we may
17 not have an immediate answer, like, right this second. I
18 think some of it is also going to be contingent upon the
19 other document that we have, which are the to-be-
20 discussed by all of us, to whether or not, A, it's
21 something that we as a Commission should do, as in, is it
22 within our scope and within our purview and/or is it
23 something that, as a Commission, like the previous
24 Commission, we may want to try to search for some grant
25 funding on maybe one or two particular areas that we want

1 to maybe put our efforts behind with the help of outside
2 funding, which could then also impact other -- these
3 other questions that we have as well, too.

4 Anyone else have questions on the -- thank you.
5 Commissioner Fornaciari?

6 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: So I have a question for
7 Anthony. If we get outside funding and we need to do
8 whatever the funding is for, I guess I assume it's a
9 Commission meeting at that point, right? Or are we just
10 fourteen private -- some subset of fourteen private
11 citizens doing something kind of outside of the
12 Commission's scope?

13 MR. PANE: Truthfully, I think we'd have to really
14 look at that because we get the funding -- we're supposed
15 to be getting funding from the Legislature as a state
16 entity, so I -- we would have to look and see if we get
17 funding from elsewhere if we could still sort of piece
18 this together and do all that.

19 I think that's a lot of -- that would be very
20 unorthodox, so we would really have to look and see if
21 there's any logistical or legal issues with that. So I
22 don't have a clear answer for you right now, and that's a
23 big sort of hypothetical, and frankly, I don't know that
24 that's been done in state government. We'd have to look
25 and see what the details are with it.

1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: I think we were kind of
2 thinking along the lines of what the previous 2010
3 Commission did. They got some kind of grant. I guess
4 I'm not -- to be honest, I'm not one hundred percent sure
5 how that worked out, and I think Commissioner Fornaciari
6 brings up a great point. Commissioner Fernandez?

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. And Commissioner
8 Fornaciari, he kind of led into this piece of this. If
9 you receive outside grant funding and it's not
10 necessarily within the scope of what our redistricting
11 responsibilities are, then we also have to -- the next
12 question is then does the -- if we have a grant, is the
13 state going to pay our per diem, which would seem
14 inappropriate because it's outside of our scope.

15 So I think it's this whole other conversation of you
16 can get a grant, but what is that grant going to include
17 and how much of that, if any of that activity, should
18 actually be paid for by state funds or be funded by the
19 governor's budget after whatever it's called. So it's
20 kind of like a convoluted conversation, I think, and it's
21 probably going to be a case-by-case basis.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: And I think those were some
23 of the same questions that we had on the -- we need to
24 discuss it with everybody because there's some grey areas
25 on some of the suggestions. And maybe we're taking too

1 narrow of a look at it, but we were trying to be, I
2 think, responsible and make sure that we stayed within
3 our purview, too. So I think, Anthony, that's where also
4 your counsel is going to be needed as well, too.

5 Alicia, I'm not seeing any additional suggestions at
6 this time, and I'm suspecting that this is probably going
7 to continue on as a conversation once everybody has a
8 chance to digest this. I'm going to turn this over to
9 you if you want to do the legislative-related.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Sure. That sounds
11 great. And I think we have enough, at least for now, to
12 come up with some information on the budget side of it
13 for -- in terms of meetings.

14 And so the legislative-related, that's going to be a
15 difficult one maybe for us to really try to narrow it
16 down right now because I believe this is going to be part
17 of the Lessons Learned with Commissioners Kennedy and
18 Ahmad.

19 So with that, if there's specific areas that
20 Commissioners are interested in in terms of proposing
21 legislation, then I think now would be a good time,
22 possibly, to discuss it just so that we can see how much
23 time possibly could be involved.

24 So I'm trying to look at it -- Commissioner
25 Akutagawa and I are trying to look at it on the budget

1 side of it in terms of if it's ten different government
2 code areas that we want to amend or we want to add, then
3 what will that effort look like as well as not only that,
4 you also have to find a legislature that willing to
5 sponsor the language. So that's another piece of it.

6 So at this point, we didn't know the specific areas.
7 And I don't know if maybe we just have it as a
8 placeholder knowing that we're going to do something and
9 then maybe just try to guesstimate what that might look
10 like. That definitely is not -- it will have to go --
11 roll over to the next fiscal year because we won't have
12 all the information and the budget cycle is almost, like,
13 a year long.

14 So hopefully, we should get everything in and
15 someone sponsoring that language in the next fiscal year.
16 So unless anyone has comments on it, we'll maybe just try
17 to guess, but I do see Commissioner Yee has his hand up,
18 so maybe he can help us on this.

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure. Well, it's already been
20 mentioned the need to try to add a month to the mapping
21 deadline to take account of the reallocation process and
22 how long it takes. There was also an idea that come up
23 I'll just mention. I'm not sure yet how I feel about it,
24 but the way the Commission is constituted. So five from
25 the largest registration party, five from the second

1 largest.

2 But there may come a point in the near future where
3 no party preference is actually larger than the second
4 largest. And this came up in one of the panels I was on.
5 Shouldn't that be a - possibly a legitimate category for
6 the second largest, no party preference because otherwise
7 they never, ever have a shot at the five seats. So it's
8 just something worth discussing, I think.

9 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. That's
10 helpful. Commissioner Kennedy?

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. Decline to state,
12 previously no party preference, have outnumbered
13 Republicans for several years or many years, so I think
14 we're well past that point. I mean, personally, my
15 preference would be that we make it five, five, and five.
16 I can certainly say from experience as one of the first
17 eight that having a five, five, and five would have made
18 the -- I think the selection process of the final cohort
19 easier.

20 I think we could have addressed more desires had we
21 had that additional flexibility. So I'm very much in
22 agreement with Commissioner Yee that I think that would
23 be a good topic for us to engage on, and hopefully, we
24 would be able to reach agreement and advocate
25 effectively. Thank you.



1 CHAIR AHMAD: Great. Thank you. Commissioner
2 Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I think I read
4 something about this in -- what I had read is that no
5 party preference was not yet greater than Republicans
6 yet. However, the article that I had read did surmise
7 that by the time the next redistricting cycle comes
8 around that, based on trends, no party preference will
9 become the second largest, and therefore, I believe it's
10 already automatically written into the statute for the
11 redistricting Commission then the no party preference
12 would become then the five seats, and then Republican's
13 would become four seats. That was my understanding, but
14 we could --

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

16 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: -- check into that as well,
17 too.

18 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. I think you're right
19 in terms of how the language reads. Whoever is second
20 gets five and whoever's third, I guess -- or other
21 neither one is then third gets the four.

22 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: But I would support the
23 five, five, and five, too.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Um-hum. Yeah.
25 Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: I would disagree with that
2 reading. I think the reference is to the largest
3 political party and the second largest political party.
4 Decline to state is not a political party, and so I think
5 the five for the Democratic Party, five for the
6 Republican Party is pretty solidly in there. I don't
7 foresee that we would have much chance of success in
8 changing that. I do see a road to success in making it
9 five, five, and five. That's where I am. Thanks.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. And so that's --
11 I'll had that to the list. Obviously, it'll be further
12 discussion, but at some point, we will probably have a
13 subcommittee maybe that will come out of Lessons Learned
14 that will talk -- that will work on these legislative
15 potential updates and then come forward to the full
16 Commission. But I think we can add some sort of budget
17 information for that line item.

18 And then item number 19 is -- that one came from me
19 because we all saw how frustrating it was to work through
20 the RFP process and the length of time it took. And
21 because we're only here -- normally, we would only be
22 here for a year, so by the time you get started initially
23 on a process, you're halfway done. And my recommendation
24 in terms of trying to either change the language --

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: What number?



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm sorry. It's number 9.

2 So it's --

3 COMMISSIONER TURNER: 9.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- exclusion from the
5 California State Procurement and Contracting Regulations,
6 right now we do have the exclusion for hiring personnel.
7 We don't have to go through the process, but I would like
8 to see language similar to what the census doesn't have
9 to adhere to the State Procurement and Contracting, it's
10 my understanding, and it would be great to be able to
11 issue grants, and we weren't able to do that this year.

12 So anyway, that was something that would require
13 probably legislative action on that piece of it. Are
14 there any comments or anything else associated with
15 number 9? Okay. Then we'll move on to -- ope.
16 Commissioner Vazquez?

17 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. Sorry if I missed this
18 discussion or this part of the discussion but was
19 wondering in terms of legislative-related goals, I do
20 think it would be important to at least have on there so
21 we don't lose sight of Bagley-Keene and accessibility for
22 Commissioners and the public to virtual Commission
23 business.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Actually, I think I'll --

1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: And that's in the next
2 area.

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. It's the segue.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah. But that's great.

5 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Perfect.

6 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: So now I'm going to had it
7 back to Commissioner Akutagawa.

8 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yes. So thank you
9 Commissioner Vazquez for teeing us up for that. We did
10 look at whether or not we should fold it in under
11 legislative-related, but we thought it would be important
12 to call it out separately partly because there is a
13 committee with you and Commissioner Kennedy and also
14 because specifically the Bagley-Keene reforms or fixes.

15 For example, it was brought up about supporting the
16 Little Hoover Commissioner, but we did feel that that --
17 that thus was reflected from an access-related kind of
18 activity or to-do, and so we grouped it under that but it
19 does connect to the legislative. So as we've said
20 earlier, I mean, there's a lot of interconnections
21 between different areas where it falls under more than
22 one category.

23 And so with that, under the access-related, I do
24 want to just identify that we have two particular ones
25 that we wanted to raise up for the Commission to work on

1 over this next -- remaining fiscal year and the next
2 fiscal year. And one is to identify and implement the
3 best practices for disability access to maps and
4 visualizations. That one is already in process with
5 Commissioner Vazquez and Commissioner Kennedy. We are
6 happy that we were able to do that, but I think we want
7 to make sure that we continue to be on the forefront of
8 making sure that it's as accessible to all Californians
9 as possible.

10 And then the second part is really looking at
11 working with the Legislature to be able to reform the
12 Bagley-Keene legislation so that it can support access
13 and accessibility for people who have different
14 abilities, for example, including Commissioners who may
15 or may not be able to travel to a central location. And
16 as we found, we expect that the technology is going to
17 change, but we want to make sure that we're not too far
18 behind. And Zoom was very much, I think, a welcome tool
19 for all of us, not only during the pandemic, but it also
20 ensured that Commissioner Vazquez was able to continue to
21 participate, too.

22 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Sinay?

23 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Just on accessibility and Zoom
24 and all that, I think it also is an equalizer for those
25 who can't afford to travel because, honestly, we've



1 talked about this. We're all several thousand in the
2 hole waiting to get paid back, and not everybody can do
3 that. And hopefully, no one right now is doing it in
4 debt and paying interest on that debt because they put it
5 on a credit card.

6 I mean, so I think that's another piece of this. We
7 haven't talked about compensation and -- but maybe that
8 also goes with Commissioner Fernandez was saying about
9 how we need to be in another system just for
10 reimbursements and all that as well. If it's really
11 about making this -- being able to serve on this
12 Commission accessible to all, there needs to be some
13 changes as well.

14 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you, Commissioner
15 Sinay. And I think you also brought up a good reminder
16 is that it's not only an equalizer for us as
17 Commissioners but also for all of the Californians who
18 were able to participate because they didn't have to show
19 up to a physical meeting location. And so it was, I
20 think, reflected in the inputs that we received
21 throughout the state.

22 So Commissioner Kennedy?

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Just a reminder
24 that after I spoke to the statewide voting accessibility
25 advisory committee meeting last year, I reported back



1 that there was someone in on the Zoom call who said that
2 she was blind but -- and had been interested in applying
3 for the Commission and didn't. And I encouraged her to
4 consider it again for the 2030 Commission. So I really
5 do want us to do whatever we can.

6 I think the visual -- the audio captioning of the
7 maps is certainly a significant step in that direction.
8 I've encouraged Fredy to really publicize that, even look
9 at drafting a feature piece that we could shop around to
10 publications that might be interested in the topic. But
11 I really want to encourage us to -- to make sure that the
12 Commission or Commission work is accessible, and from the
13 inside, not just the outside. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Great. Thank you.
15 Commissioner Fernandez.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I'm not sure to raise my
17 hand or not as part of the (indiscernible) committee, but
18 I just wanted to make sure -- so for those two items, 10
19 and 11, we noted in terms of impact or budget
20 implications would be for this fiscal year as well as
21 next fiscal year. If anyone feels differently, I think
22 right now when the topic is still fresh, I think it's a
23 good time to work on these efforts. So if anyone feels
24 that it's beyond that, then just please let us know so
25 that we make sure that we do take that into

1 consideration.

2 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. Great.

3 Commissioner Fernandez, I'm turning it back over to you.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Okay. So this next
5 one, number 12, so the next three areas are operations,
6 administrative-related. That should not require -- the
7 first one might be a little bit more sensitive, but we've
8 all struggled with the state auditor's office in terms of
9 what we thought was fully functional versus what they
10 believe was fully functional, and that language is
11 actually in the government code section, so we could
12 either address it one of two ways.

13 We could either try to work with the state auditor
14 in terms of what we feel is fully functional, or we could
15 actually try to change that in our legislative changes
16 where we actually define what we believe fully functional
17 is so that -- I believe most of us, if not all, would
18 agree having a little bit more support -- and I don't
19 even want to say a little bit more support.

20 When we were first -- eighteen were first appointed,
21 it -- in terms of we had two half-time retired
22 annuitants, and it would have definitely been helpful to
23 all of us to get us started. Almost like we had the
24 training wheels on for a long time, and it would have
25 been helpful to have that support. Commissioner Kennedy?

1 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Yes. I've been
2 advocating on this since the very beginning. To me, what
3 we need to look at is the implementing regulations, which
4 is where most of the definitions are. And I've spoken
5 with chief counsel about this on one or more occasions.
6 We need to find out who would be able to put -- to insert
7 something into the implementing regulations. It's not
8 necessarily -- it doesn't necessarily require legislative
9 action to insert something into implementing regulations.

10 But California Code of Regulations Title 2,
11 Administration Division 10, California State Auditor's
12 Office, Chapter 1, Redistricting, Subchapter 1 is
13 definitions, and Section 60856 talks about administrative
14 support for the first eight members. So this section of
15 the CCR basically is from the perspective of the
16 auditor's office and to guide the auditor's office.

17 There are apparently no implementing regulations
18 beyond the selection process, which I find to be a huge
19 gap. We've encountered it at multiple points along the
20 way, clarifying what the definition of a day is for
21 purposes of some of the deadlines that we were dealing
22 with and so forth. So I think there's a broader question
23 of how do we build out the regulatory framework that sits
24 below the legal framework, the laws that have to be
25 passed by the Legislature. Thank you.



1 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Commissioner
2 Vazquez?

3 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: Yeah. I am not opposed to
4 going the administrative regulatory route. However, I
5 will say that I think I see a case to be made for
6 pursuing both legislative and building out our own
7 regulations.

8 My concern with not pursuing legislation around some
9 of these key, very -- in my opinion, squishy definitions
10 is that we potentially leave room for future Commissions
11 or future state auditors to have wildly different
12 definitions, and then it's sort up to our individual
13 counsels to work it out between them. And I just -- I
14 think we would position future Commissions in a stronger
15 way if we pursued legislative updates to some of these
16 terms.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you.
18 Commissioner Yee?

19 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yeah. The three areas I'm
20 recalling that really could have used the most attention,
21 one was technical support with the website. That was a
22 real hinderance to us early on for many months. Second
23 was getting paid. I remember the per diem payments
24 didn't start until well into 2021.

25 And the third was that whole matter of the auditor's



1 office preemptively trying to be helpful by posting job
2 descriptions for , I think, executive director, chief
3 counsel, and was it communications director, and we
4 ourselves had very mixed feelings about that. Some of us
5 thought it was great. Some of us thought that as
6 terrible because we didn't write those. But some
7 clarity, some direction perhaps on which was to go for
8 the next Commission whether the auditor's office should
9 try to do that again or not.

10 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Great. Those are
11 great. And I do remember another one that Commissioner
12 Kennedy had brought up and that had to do with a lack of
13 communications or being able to do any sort of public
14 releases because we didn't have a communications person.
15 And I believe it became very apparent that we wanted to
16 respond when the first eight there were no Latinos. So I
17 don't know if, Commissioner Kennedy, you wanted to talk
18 about that one also.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: If I could briefly. It
20 wasn't so much the issue of lack of staff. It was we
21 were advised that the first eight could not issue a
22 statement because the Commission as not complete with
23 fourteen members. We definitely would have been out with
24 a statement, even if we didn't have staff, but we were
25 told that because there were only eight of us, we

1 couldn't make a statement. And so yes, I'd very much
2 like to resolve that for the 2030 Commission if we could.
3 Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Good. Thank you for
5 clarifying that. Commissioner Turner?

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you for that.
7 Thank you. And Commissioner Kennedy, I think the way it
8 was just so structured in the way that it was worded,
9 that our only duty, our only -- the only thing we could
10 do was to hire to balance of the Commissioners, which did
11 make it too restrictive to be able to do things that just
12 would have been -- would have been -- I was going to say
13 common sense to be able to just put out something,
14 respond, but it just tied our hands too much.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. I'm trying to make
16 sure I capture everything. Okay. Anything else on that?
17 Okay. Oh. Commissioner Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. I mean, and I think
19 one of the things that was kind of a struggle, and I
20 don't know if this falls into this, but they were -- at
21 the beginning, they wanted to put everything on that one
22 PR firm that was charging an arm and a leg and wasn't
23 doing very much versus using some -- their PR -- yeah,
24 using the state auditor's PR person or something, and
25 that might be along the same lines. But they thought

1 that we had a solution, but it really didn't work for us.

2 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. And
3 Commissioner Akutagawa?

4 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I'm just going to
5 jump on this communications bandwagon here. I think one
6 of the things that I did find that I thought was
7 interesting, and this connects to what I think
8 Commissioner Turner and Commissioner Kennedy mentioned.

9 They weren't able to respond about the first eight,
10 but what I thought was interesting is that I don't recall
11 that there was any kind of statement or press release
12 when the entire fourteen was seated, and I think that
13 would have been -- even though it might have been late,
14 it would have been a way to really celebrate how --
15 ultimately, we were able to -- that a diverse slate of
16 Commissioners was seated, and I think that that was a
17 missed opportunity.

18 And I'm not saying that it's the state auditor's
19 fault, but I think those are the kind of disconnects that
20 maybe were missed opportunities, and if we could try to
21 set it up for the next time, that would be, again,
22 another piece from the communication side that hopefully
23 we can strengthen.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you.
25 Commissioner Turner?



1 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. Thank you. I thought
2 there was a communication that went out for the full
3 fourteen.

4 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: There was. I think we lost
5 it, though.

6 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Yeah. But I wanted to say and
7 I was kind of hesitant because I was not -- I was trying
8 to remember every time Commissioner Kennedy says we need
9 to have a conversation before too much time passes, and
10 I'm like, yep, he's talking about me. That's right. We
11 need to.

12 So there was also -- speaking about the state
13 auditor, there was some relationship or connection with
14 statewide database that I think, for me, caused some
15 levels of discomfort or lack of clarity as far as
16 decisions that felt like was either made or decisions
17 that was maybe ongoing still that felt like it rubbed up
18 against a little bit of what the Commission should be
19 doing as opposed to decisions that were made by the state
20 auditor with statewide database.

21 So I think I would like some more clarity or
22 conversation around what exactly is that relationship and
23 how that can be either some light shown there or we get
24 really clear on where those lines or responsibility are.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Great. Thank you. I just



1 have to be a little flashback right now, Commissioner
2 Turner, our very first meeting of the 14th. I'm so happy
3 we have the hand raise because I remember you having the
4 Post-It that had everybody's names. So anyway, I just
5 wanted to do a little flashback as to why didn't we use
6 this hand feature so long ago?

7 Sorry. I tend to digress a few times, but you know,
8 times are -- things come up. Okay. Anything else on
9 that, on number 12, which is work with the state auditor,
10 and which will encompass more than just fully functional.
11 Commissioner Akutagawa?

12 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I just wanted to
13 also note that the point about the statewide database, we
14 do have that on the to-be-discussed portion about our
15 relationship with them and getting some clarity there,
16 too. So thank you for bringing that up, too.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you. So the
18 next two, number 13 and number 14, Commissioner Akutagawa
19 and I talked about it, and it's probably something that
20 we would probably just attach to the Lessons Learned
21 document, and that would be to develop and revise our
22 specs for our executive team, and then also any other
23 specs that we have, like, for the rest of the
24 communications team and outreach team, and then also
25 share with them -- either develop or revise our request

1 for proposal specs on the different RFPs like legal
2 counsel, litigation, VRA.

3 We just feel that this would be helpful to the next
4 Commission because, again, they can choose to use it, not
5 use it, but at least -- had we known what we know now, we
6 probably would have rewritten those RFPs or we would have
7 maybe changed some of those job specs. So that'll be an
8 effort, but again, that would probably coincide with
9 Lessons Learned.

10 Commissioner Kennedy? Commissioner Kennedy, are you
11 there? Okay. I'll wait for him to come back. If no
12 other comments, then I'm going to pass it on to
13 Commissioner Akutagawa for the future years.

14 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. So what we --
15 so this document here, and I know we've been saying it a
16 lot, these are the things that we feel we do need to do.
17 There are some things in the future years that we feel
18 that we should be doing, we need to do, and that also
19 fall within the scope or purview of what at least -- for
20 Commissioner Fernandez and I thought are within the
21 purview and the scope of the redistricting Commission.

22 So number 15, 16, and 17, you'll see that those are
23 much further out, closer to the time when we begin the
24 transition to the next Commission. But we received quite
25 a bit of suggestions from multiple Commissioners around

1 not only supporting -- excuse me -- not only supporting
2 with the recruitment process for the next redistricting
3 Commission but also finding a way to engage,
4 collaborate -- I'm not sure what the correct wording
5 would be, but we use engage -- so that then there's more
6 of a smoother transition.

7 Because I know that -- I think we've had -- we had,
8 as a Commission, conversations about ow it would have
9 been nice if we were able to have done some -- maybe some
10 coordinative work with the census teams, especially as we
11 go out into outreach at the very beginning so that
12 there's more of a transition from the census teams to us
13 as we do our outreach to start getting the words -- the
14 word out about communities of interest.

15 And so you'll see that, again, on these, they're
16 related but they're slightly different, and so I wanted
17 to -- we wanted to make sure that we captured all of
18 these. 15 and 16 are more related to the recruitment of
19 the next Commission, and number 17 is really ways in
20 which we can work with the next census teams.

21 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

22 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. So two things.
23 One, on that specific point, that raises the question of
24 whether we should discuss, consider, recommend a change
25 in the start date of the term. My recollection is that

1 the legal framework says that the Commission should be
2 formed no later than August 15th in a year ending in
3 zero. I don't recall whether there's a no earlier than.
4 And so we might want to look at moving that date back to
5 at least January of a year ending in zero.

6 That also -- I mean, it could even go earlier. I
7 mean, there have been some mentions occasionally of,
8 well, would it make more sense to facilitate that
9 engagement with census planning and messaging if the
10 terms went from years ending in eight to the following
11 year ending in eight, ten years later, or nine, something
12 along those lines.

13 That also brings up the bigger question of at a
14 certain point, in some way, we are going to want to
15 engage with partner -- community partners and legislators
16 in more than just a this is our process, you're welcome
17 to call in with your comments and suggestions. I'd like
18 us to find channels and means to really work
19 substantively with both legislators and community
20 partners on some of these big questions, issues that we
21 may settle on before the 2030 Commission takes office.
22 Thanks.

23 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Thank you. Commissioner
24 Fernandez?

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. And Commissioner



1 Kennedy brings up a great point, and I just wanted to, I
2 guess, remind everyone if there -- if the Commission does
3 such a proposal where they would want to start -- or they
4 would recommend that the next Commission, the 2030
5 Commission start earlier, we'd have to work closely with
6 the state auditor because all those dates in there
7 because that would obviously impact their recruitment
8 efforts and outreach efforts as well. But so thank you
9 for that.

10 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Any other comments? If
11 not, we do thank you for your comments and engagement on
12 this part. And I think we're taking up a lot of time,
13 but we do have the next portion, which is the topics that
14 we felt fall in a grey area. They're not clear-cut
15 within the purview of the current Commission as it is
16 formed right now.

17 I think some of the legislative changes that we are
18 considering and are -- will be discussing could
19 potentially change some of these, but we wanted to
20 reflect all of the suggestions that we got, and perhaps
21 just at least identify are any outright yeses, outright
22 noes, if any are maybes.

23 You'll see one -- item number 5, which is technical
24 assistance to newly created independent redistricting
25 Commissions with a written guide. We put a note that it

1 could possibly actually come in the form of our Lessons
2 Learned document that could be shared with other
3 independent redistricting Commissions. And so that may
4 not require additional work beyond what the Lessons
5 Learned document is going to be.

6 Commissioner Fernandez, I think I'm going to just
7 turn this over to you to present. And I see that --

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Oh. Okay.

9 CHAIR AHMAD: -- Commissioner Sinay had her hand up,
10 too.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. So I'll just add a
12 little bit more of what Commissioner Akutagawa said is at
13 the end of the day, we've done what we were set to do in
14 terms of what our mission, what our goal was. And what
15 we were concerned with is to ensure that we don't do any
16 sort of scope creep and we don't jeopardize anything for
17 the 2030 Commission where we try to do more than what
18 really is what the realm of our responsibilities are as
19 the 2020 Commission to draw the maps, to do the
20 redistricting for the State of California.

21 So with that, we will go with the -- the first one
22 that came in, number one, was the continuing advocacy
23 through independent redistricting and there were a couple
24 areas in there. One was nationally, and nationally why
25 independent redistricting is critical, and I think this

1 is where the last Commission, I believe, received a
2 grant, something in this area. I'm not sure.
3 Commissioner Yee.

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Yes. Thank you. Yes, they did,
5 although I still have not heard clearly what they're
6 doing with their grant. So if anyone has that
7 information and can point us to that, that would be
8 great.

9 Yeah. Number 1 is connected with number 11. So
10 Commissioner Sinay and I had the idea of what if got some
11 kind of gathering together of as many different states'
12 independent redistricting Commissions as we could and
13 just compare notes and encourage each other and maybe
14 compile something that would be helpful to advocate for
15 independent redistricting elsewhere.

16 And so we actually got in touch with Common Cause,
17 and our friend Jonathan Mehta Stein as well as Helen
18 Hutchison from League of Women Voters and floated the
19 idea, and they're actually very exciting. And we
20 actually have a meeting set up for next week. This was
21 something we think they would take the lead on. They
22 also got our friend Kathy Feng, the godmother of our
23 Commission, on board as well.

24 And so the question would be the question we were
25 discussing. So if we were to get involved, would it just

1 be as independent citizens who happened to be
2 Commissioners or would it be some kind of official effort
3 by the Commission, and if so, what could we contribute,
4 if anything, staff time in support of Commissioner time,
5 whatever.

6 Yeah. That's a meeting we're going to have, and
7 we'd love to come to them with some sense from this
8 Commission about how they feel about the idea. I am
9 noticing for number 11, so now we picked up a no vote
10 already. I'm not sure exactly where that came from.

11 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, no. The no vote was
12 because of the information that we received, it read that
13 with -- that you two were -- with the understanding that
14 that would be separate, it wouldn't be part of the
15 Commission. That's why I noted it, the no --

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh. Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- on there.

18 COMMISSIONER YEE: I thought that was something to
19 be discussed, but.

20 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Well, no. In the email, it
21 was there for just informational purposes. It wasn't
22 as -- but I wanted to go ahead and add it.

23 COMMISSIONER YEE: Sure.

24 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yeah.

25 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay.



1 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Then we'll go --

2 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think it was -- what we wrote
3 was that there would be -- we don't think CRC would have
4 to pay for it since it was a budget question. So I don't
5 know if the no means it's no problem because it's not a
6 budget issue.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Yes. That's very
9 exciting. Even before my bingo ball dropped, I was
10 talking with a former colleague in Maryland who was also
11 applying to be on a local redistricting Commission in
12 Maryland and we started talking about the idea of a
13 national association of redistricting Commissioners or
14 redistricting advocates. So I would certainly be
15 interested in seeing that move forward, would love to be
16 involved in that.

17 As for the Ash grant, Ash Center grant that the 2010
18 Commission got, my understanding is that they did use it
19 to cover travel costs to other states when they were
20 invited to speak about the experience of the California
21 Citizens Redistricting Commission and the advantages of
22 citizen redistricting Commissions.

23 My one lingering question is that at the time
24 that -- at least the time that the first eight took over,
25 those funds had not been completely expended, and rather



1 than passing them over to us, the 2010 Commission somehow
2 found a way to continue with the -- with that funding for
3 the 2010 Commission as a former body rather than passing
4 the funds onto the 2020 Commission to complete. So I --
5 for whatever, that's my understanding of how things
6 worked out. Thanks.

7 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Communications
8 Director Ceja?

9 MR. CEJA: Yes. Thank you so much. In addition to
10 promoting and advocating for independent redistricting
11 nationwide, I would also suggest that we look at locally
12 here in California at counties and cities. That seems to
13 be an area that still needs attention here in California.
14 Even though we have a model at the statewide level, the
15 local level is not -- that's not the case.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. And I put
17 myself in the queue. Personally, I do not believe this
18 falls within the scope of the redistricting Commission.
19 I feel that this is advocacy group, and if anyone is
20 interested in pursuing that, it would be done as part of
21 their individual advocacy groups, which is -- I'm doing
22 that, but on my own because I do feel it's out of the
23 realm of what we were directed to do and responsible for.
24 Commissioner Sinay.

25 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I think I tend to agree with



1 you, but I just wanted to hear a little bit more on how
2 your -- a little bit more about what you're thinking. I
3 mean, is -- to me, when it comes to nonprofits, there's
4 this thick wall between advocacy and nonprofits. It's
5 stronger, it's built harder than it needs to be.

6 But is it your thinking is these are things we would
7 do without charging our time to the Commission, without
8 having staff time, but we could use our Commission title?
9 Just a little bit more -- I just wanted to understand a
10 little bit more where your thinking was versus just
11 saying it's not.

12 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Right. In terms of what I
13 was looking at it is there's nowhere in the legislation,
14 nowhere in the mandates, nowhere does it talk about us
15 being an advocate for redistricting. So in terms of me,
16 personally, if I wanted to do this, I would reach out and
17 be involved as much as I can -- and I'm still a
18 Commissioner.

19 I wouldn't be using -- I wouldn't be charging my
20 time. I wouldn't be charging my travel. I wouldn't be
21 using staff to help with any of the, maybe, work or
22 whatever was needed, but I'm -- we're still
23 Commissioners. We're still Commissioners and that can't
24 be taken away until the 2030 Commission is seated. So
25 that's how I see it. It's on my dime, my time, but we're

1 still a Commissioner. That's how I see it. Commissioner
2 Akutagawa?

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: Yeah. I would agree with
4 what Commissioner Fernandez just said. Commissioner
5 Sinay, I think you made an interesting distinction. I
6 think we were thinking that we would not -- we should not
7 use state resources, staff resources. However the use of
8 our title as a Commissioner, I think, would be
9 appropriate if we choose to go and do something more
10 because we're invited but also if, I guess, if we --
11 let's say we get a grant and we're out there, we want to
12 help promote this. That's one thing.

13 I think I wanted to also make a distinction that I
14 want to be sensitive to the fact that we don't want to go
15 out and tell people, hey, you should follow our example
16 because who's to say that others may think we were really
17 the model. But I think if we're invited and people want
18 to have a discussion with us, I think that that is
19 something that would make sense, and maybe that's the --
20 kind of the grey area where if that's the case, if we're
21 being invited, is that something that should be supported
22 through our state funds.

23 I think that that could be up for discussion and
24 distinction as to, like, if, let's say, somebody comes
25 and asks two or three of us to come and speak on a panel

1 somewhere else to talk about why independent
2 redistricting is good. That's different from us going to
3 another state saying, hey, we think you should do
4 independent redistricting and here's how to do it because
5 this is what we did. I think that that's a -- that can
6 be slippery slope and I don't know if we're really the
7 ones that should be saying that.

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
9 Turner?

10 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Um-hum. Thank you. Yeah, I
11 think I'm coming from a totally different perspective. I
12 think that -- I think we created something phenomenal and
13 beyond just the maps itself. I mean, the -- and even we
14 had structure, we had rules, we had guidelines, but there
15 was something -- I want to say for lack of a better
16 word -- I'll say magical, even, about the way that we
17 were able to interact and discuss and show respect and
18 hear and listen and give-and-take.

19 And I think that when we all signed up -- or for
20 sure, when I signed up or agreed to be and was sworn in
21 as a Commissioner, part of it was to ensure that we did
22 the best we could so that independent Commissioning --
23 Commission -- the work of the inhibition -- the work of
24 the independent Commission would continue. It's
25 something that I believe in. I believe it's the right

1 thing to do, and I think we have a lot of evidence that
2 it did work and it can work, and we have a lot of
3 instances throughout our nation where it is not working,
4 where there are some hiccups and what have you.

5 So now if I were to go and promote myself, if we as
6 individual members were to go and promote ourselves
7 because we didn't have anything else to do to just pick
8 up a whole bunch of gigs and want someone else to pay for
9 it, that's one thing. But as we're being sought out, I
10 think it's a responsibility that we have, and I don't
11 feel that in that responsibility that there should not be
12 a way to pick it up.

13 I would expect to charge the CRC or funding from the
14 CRC or a grant or somewhere else. I don't think -- I
15 think it different than a casual conversation that I was
16 having or at a ladies luncheon or something that I was
17 attending and they asked questions, and yes, I'm a
18 Commissioner. Let me tell you about it and why you
19 should participate.

20 I feel like this is something different, and I think
21 it is of value to our entire nation based on what we were
22 able to do. Every Commission that comes in afterwards
23 will be independent. They will need to figure out their
24 own way, their own mojo for making it work, but to be
25 able to invite this body in, our Commission in, to be

1 able to say, so what was your take on it, and any one of
2 us can only speak from our own personal perspective, but
3 for the -- for you, what made a difference. And to be
4 able to convene with others at the table like individuals
5 that served on other Commissions that perhaps also had
6 success or perhaps got stuck in some places, to be able
7 to just talk that through.

8 I was very intrigued by this as an idea of a
9 convening, and to me, it feels like it is the work. We
10 labored hard to ensure that our maps were accepted, that
11 they were successful because we believed in the process.
12 And to me, the process is broader than just the delivery
13 of a product. It's trying to ensure that we continue
14 with the whole thought process of independent
15 redistricting, and I think it's a great way to do that by
16 just convening and talking about what was as well as the
17 beautiful report that we'll leave behind. Just my
18 thoughts. Thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
20 Vazquez?

21 COMMISSIONER VAZQUEZ: I agree with everything that
22 Commissioner Turner just mentioned. And so I'll add that
23 I think -- in very concrete terms, I think when we as --
24 when we speak as a whole Commission, we should be looking
25 to build the profile of the Commission and the -- sort of



1 build -- inspire confidence in the public as to what we
2 have produced and the way that we produced it.

3 And so I think by engaging in efforts to educate the
4 broader public -- educate and inform the broader public,
5 policy makers, community organizers, et cetera, across
6 the U.S., I actually think one of the concrete
7 deliverables that the Commission as whole gets is a
8 stronger sense of confidence from our community members
9 in California in the work that we have done because
10 other -- as other states and as other localities adopt
11 independent redistricting, that ratifies the work that
12 we're doing in California for independent redistricting.
13 So for me, I see a broader sort of public education value
14 in it, but I also see some concrete benefits for this
15 Commission and the work that we have done to date.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Thank you. Commissioner
17 Sinay?

18 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Thanks. First of all, this
19 was -- a lot of this that says I -- we were just
20 brainstorming. We got together and we had already set up
21 a meeting to kind of talk about some of this stuff just
22 based on both of our experiences and just stuff and
23 dreaming big. So it wasn't that necessarily we would do
24 it. It was just us brainstorming and then going -- then
25 sending it in like we were asked to by the subcommittee.

1 But I think I'm a firm -- I mean, I kind of disagree
2 that when we were put on this Commission, it wasn't to
3 advocate because I think the whole purpose of this
4 movement -- redistricting and independent redistricting
5 Commissions is a movement, and so I just feel that
6 that -- being put on that -- sharing or wanting to let --
7 share, what-not, it doesn't matter which way it goes.

8 In this case, Commissioner Yee and I did approach
9 Common Cause and others to say, hey, is this something
10 nationally you all would be interested in, and they said
11 yes, versus them coming to us and say, would you be
12 interested in this? I don't think that -- I think that
13 we have stories to tell. All of us have stories to tell,
14 and you can't always wait -- sometimes people don't know
15 the stories you have to tell. As Commissioner Turner was
16 saying, not everyone realizes that there is a huge story
17 that we got the finish line together and we agreed. I
18 mean, that's -- and why and how, especially during COVID.

19 The other piece I just wanted to be clear is that
20 there is a lot we can do. On that one on technical
21 assistance where it says Lessons Learned document, we
22 don't know what the Lessons Learned document's going to
23 look like. Lessons Learned is -- could be backwards,
24 what -- backwards-facing or -- depending on who your
25 audience is, how something is written.

1 And so this was more in general technical assistance
2 both to the state and national level, any independent
3 redistricting Commission that comes who wants --
4 Commissioner Fornaciari went to New Mexico and shared
5 with them at the very beginning of this process. But
6 it's about what questions to ask, and I'm going to go
7 back to that.

8 As a consultant, there's nothing I hate more than
9 someone who tells you how to do it, they already know.
10 Bu where the value comes in is someone knows how to help
11 you think through what are the questions you need to ask
12 to create your own, what works for you. And that's
13 different than Lessons Learned or any of that.

14 When you're hiring an executive director, do you
15 want an administrator versus -- there's just certain
16 questions to pull out, and that was more where that
17 technical assistance piece was coming in, a written guide
18 with the questions to ask. And then if people need --
19 just all those things.

20 So I just wanted to clarify that we still are using
21 Lessons Learned very broadly when last meeting we said
22 there's the piece of looking back and then there's a
23 piece of looking forward, and they may or may not be the
24 same.

25 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Okay. Thank you. I'm



1 going to pass it onto Commissioner Akutagawa for a
2 minute.

3 COMMISSIONER AKUTAGAWA: All right. So I just to
4 be -- I know that we've essentially, I think, really
5 talked about number 1 and 11. I just want to be
6 conscious that we do have more, however, we do -- I know
7 that we have several other committee reports that do need
8 to be made, and so I'd like to ask or suggest, if
9 everyone is comfortable, unless you think we can get
10 through the remainder pretty quickly or if there's any in
11 particular anybody wants to really speak about together
12 now, I'd like to suggest that -- I'd like to ask all of
13 the Commissioners to review both documents, and if there
14 is anything else that you did not have a chance to weigh
15 in on or if there's anything in particular about this
16 particular that we're showing, which is for
17 consideration, would love to get your thoughts,
18 agreement, disagreement. Do you think it's a yes? Do
19 you think it's a no?

20 If you could give us that then -- and if you're
21 comfortable with delegating to the Commission -- or the
22 committee, Commissioner Fernandez and I to then move
23 things forward so that we could get things budgeted, we
24 can continue talking about some of these things, but in
25 particular, we're also conscious that we're trying to get



1 the budget going. And we're at 2:26, so I just want to
2 also just be mindful of the time that I think others will
3 need, too. So just wanted to bring this up and see what
4 the will of the Commission and also the will of the
5 Chair.

6 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Akutagawa. I
7 would second your recommendation where folks can please
8 communicate with the subcommittee through staff off-line
9 with any additional recommendations or suggestions you
10 may have. As it was mentioned, this document is a
11 living, breathing document. There will be changes. Of
12 course there's budgetary implication once we get to that.
13 So there's a lot of time to make those suggested changes.
14 Commissioner Fernandez.

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Yes. Thank you, Chair.
16 And yeah. I agree with doing it this way. And if you do
17 submit feedback, and we'll probably do that through our
18 chief counsel, many of the items on this page are vague
19 in terms of trying to determine what does -- what's that
20 going to look like? What will the resources be? So if
21 there's any way to also provide information in terms of
22 what that might look like so that we can get some costing
23 information, that would be super helpful.

24 Again, this information, it'll be used to develop a
25 costing information, and whatever as we agree to as a



1 Commission would then become a budget proposal that would
2 be submitted to the Department of Finance and the
3 legislature. And again, just because we submit something
4 to them doesn't mean it'll be approved. My experience in
5 the past has been you submit something and you're hoping
6 you'll get half of what you asked for. And again, they
7 have a chance to look at it with their eyes and determine
8 whether or not it's appropriate or not. So just think of
9 it with that lens.

10 Okay. So I'll follow up with our chief counsel, and
11 then we'll send something out to everyone. And if
12 everyone could forward their comments to us maybe by
13 next -- what do you think, Linda -- maybe Tuesday, end of
14 Tuesday? That should be enough time? Okay. End of
15 Tuesday. Thank you, everyone, for the discussion.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you to the subcommittee for a
17 very thorough discussion and a very good outline of what
18 we are to expect in the future. With that, we will move
19 on to Lessons Learned subcommittee. That's myself and
20 Commissioner Kennedy.

21 At the start of our report, I wanted to ask and
22 announce that I would like to retire from Lessons Learned
23 subcommittee. I have some other competing interests in
24 my day job that I have to tend to. So if there are any
25 other Commissioners who would join Commissioner Kennedy

1 on this effort, please do speak now if you are interested
2 and we can make some switch-arounds.

3 Commissioner Sinay, you have your hand up.

4 COMMISSIONER SINAY: Yeah. Are we sticking
5 different parties and different geographic areas, if
6 possible?

7 CHAIR AHMAD: I think sticking to different parties
8 probably sounds appropriate given that's been our
9 practice. So we're looking for someone who does not
10 currently identify as a Democrat. Currently, right?
11 It's a spectrum. Who knows?

12 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Really?

13 CHAIR AHMAD: Yes, Commissioner Sinay.

14 COMMISSIONER SINAY: I would like to nominate
15 Commissioner Yee.

16 CHAIR AHMAD: Are there any other volunteers before
17 we ask Commissioner Yee about nominations? Commissioner
18 Fernandez.

19 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: I will second that
20 nomination.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Oh my goodness.

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Yee, speech, speech,
23 speech.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: I am interested and willing.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Okay. Great. With the wave of the

1 magic wand, I will switch myself out and bring in
2 Commissioner Yee. So the Lessons Learned committee is
3 now Commissioner Yee and Commissioner Kennedy.
4 Commissioner Yee, just letting you know, Commissioner
5 Kennedy has done majority of the lift to date. He has
6 organized all of the thoughts that folks have brought up
7 through the last year and a half and is a great partner
8 to work on this effort with.

9 So with that, I will turn it over to you,
10 Commissioner Kennedy.

11 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Ahmad, and I would say that you've played a more active
13 and important role in organizing all of the input than
14 you give yourself credit for and I want to thank you for
15 that. You've also been a great partner and particularly
16 in sharing your energy in wanting to see this move
17 forward successfully. So I really want to express my
18 appreciation for that.

19 At this point, I think the one thing that I would
20 like to take a little bit of time on is to get any
21 further input on the outline that was distributed in
22 advance of the January 7th meeting. Colleagues have had
23 more of an opportunity to review that outline. I've
24 taken a few notes from that meeting when it was first
25 introduced, but if colleagues have any other thoughts.



1 Beyond that, I think the only other thing is to ask
2 Executive Director Hernandez if he has given any further
3 thought to potential dates, particularly now that we have
4 the governor's executive order extending the exemptions
5 from some of the Bagley-Keene requirements. Is this
6 something that we want to schedule for March at some
7 point, or late February, and just whether he's given any
8 further thought to that.

9 MR. HERNANDEZ: Chair, if I may respond? Okay. I
10 have given it some consideration, and if you recall on
11 the March time frame, I've added some additional days,
12 four days, but we can move some of the days, add some
13 days. That as kind of my thought is have it sometime in
14 March.

15 Now, that given that we have the executive order,
16 I'm thinking it would be mostly remote, so location
17 wouldn't be a consideration at this point. Makes it a
18 lot easier in that sense. But specific dates, no.
19 Obviously, we were discussing -- and a Doodle thing,
20 whatever you call it. I don't what that it is. The
21 Doodle was sent out by Ravi inquiring on what dates are
22 available for you in February. I believe we will do
23 something very similar for that as a possibility.

24 But again, I'd like to ask how many consecutive days
25 are we looking at, or are we looking at spreading the

1 days, two and two or something like that? If you have
2 any thought on that, that would be great.

3 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: As I mentioned earlier, I
4 think at least for the prelitigation items on the
5 outline, we'd be looking at five days without adequate
6 time for public input. So I think we'd be looking at
7 least seven or eight days total if we wanted ample time
8 for public input on these topics. And we have had a
9 discussion, and I know that there are colleagues who
10 would prefer to break this up into smaller chunks. I'm
11 fine with that as long as we get it done by the end of
12 June. Commissioner Fernandez.

13 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: No, I was just going to --
14 in terms of if it is five days in March, I really need to
15 have that scheduled soon because I've got other things
16 I'm trying to schedule as well, and I'm sure that's
17 probably with most of the Commissioners. Trying to find
18 five days is going to be challenging. But thank you.

19 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I'll work with Ravi to
20 put out an inquiry to folks as to their availability and
21 preferences for dates in late February and through the
22 end of March. On the actual outline itself, are there
23 any comments or suggestions that folks want to put on the
24 table at this point?

25 As I had mentioned earlier, the idea would be to

1 take the various points in the outline and start
2 developing actual discussion questions for most or even
3 each of those points in the outline so that it's not just
4 a single word or phrase, there are actual questions for
5 us to discuss, and I can get with Commissioner Yee and we
6 can start working on that. Commissioner Fornaciari.

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Oh yes. That was my
8 question. I mean, how are we going to move this thing
9 forward? So is the committee going to be developing
10 those discussion questions for each of the topic areas,
11 or do you want other Commissioners to help with that,
12 or -- so the committee's going to do it is your plan.

13 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: That would be my idea. I
14 mean, we can -- I would be happy to bring these back, but
15 I don't see it as the best use of the full Commission's
16 time to try to do it in plenary.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. I wasn't thinking
18 of that, but I just thinking if you wanted to assign
19 different topic areas to different folks, I'm willing to
20 help out. So if you --

21 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay.

22 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: -- you guys feel like you
23 have too much going on, let me know. I'd be happy to
24 work on some of it, too.

25 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. And I had also

1 mentioned that one framework that I've used successfully
2 in these exercises is modifying a SWOT diagram and
3 starting out with strengths, weaknesses, and then talking
4 about innovation. So what has changed since the 2010
5 process, and then recommendations, what should change
6 going forward for the 2030 process. Commissioner
7 Fernandez?

8 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Actually, I was just going
9 to agree with Commissioner Fornaciari, if you want to
10 break it up because some of these fall into subcommittees
11 that we've had. Because this is going to be a huge task
12 for you and Commissioner Yee, so thank you so much for
13 doing that, and if there's any way that we can help a
14 little bit --

15 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Great.

16 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: -- so willing to help.

17 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: No, I think the idea of
18 engaging the subcommittees is a good one, so Commissioner
19 Yee and I will speak and then we'll be back to folks by
20 the time of the next meeting. Okay. Sheriff, thank you.
21 Again --

22 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: -- thank you for your service
24 alongside on this subcommittee. I will miss you and I
25 hope to continue to benefit from your energy from where



1 you are sitting.

2 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you so much, Commissioner
3 Kennedy. And thank you, Commissioner Yee, for filling in
4 and taking on this new leadership role. As we've always
5 with Lessons Learned, keep them coming. Or I guess not
6 anymore. Please don't keep them coming anymore. I'm
7 just kidding.

8 We do have break at 2:50. I want to see if we can
9 try to wrap up our remaining agenda item, which is the
10 Outreach and Engagement subcommittee wanted to bring
11 forward a survey tool for discussion, and then we also
12 have to take public comment for the agenda item. And
13 that is all that is left on our agenda for today.

14 So I will pass it over to Outreach and Engagement to
15 please review your item that you want to bring forward
16 for discussion.

17 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. So we got with
18 Marcy and Fredy, talked about a survey, wanted to get a
19 survey out there as soon as we can. I mean, this has
20 come up in previous meetings, but we wanted to get a
21 survey out there and get some -- close the loop with the
22 public, get Lessons Learned and feedback from the public
23 on how things went, what we can do to improve the
24 process.

25 We want to keep it really simple, so it's just a few

1 questions. It would be a designed of -- on the Airtable
2 platform, and folks could -- some of them are drop-down
3 questions like what county do you live in is a drop-down
4 box kind of thing. Otherwise, they can provide feedback.

5 And we would send this out to the -- to our contact
6 list to get that feedback. And the idea would be we
7 would like to send it out by Monday and have it due, I
8 think, we said the 2nd. Is that what we said, Marcy?
9 Okay. And so we'd send out an email on Monday and then a
10 reminder on the 1st, I guess, and then -- so we could
11 gather feedback together and take a look at that and have
12 that be ready for a Lessons Learned exercise.

13 So that was the thinking. I don't know if Fredy or
14 Marcy or Patricia, if I'm using first names at this
15 point, has anything to add. Director Kaplan?

16 MS. KAPLAN: Thank you. I just wanted to add that
17 we -- the questions will not be required, so anyone
18 filling it out can be anonymous. And so just wanted to
19 highlight that as well.

20 COMMISSIONER SINAY: And I think the only thing I
21 would add is that we're looking for input both from
22 individuals who participated as themselves as well as
23 organizations. So this -- they can let us know which
24 they are.

25 What we're really looking -- as Commissioner



1 Fornaciari said, we're trying to kind of close the loop
2 on public input and public engagement and making sure
3 that we get their thoughts on what we did well and what
4 can be better in 2030. Those are really the two
5 questions. What worked in 2020 and what could work
6 better for 2030?

7 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Commissioner Kennedy?

8 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Thank you. Just wanted to
9 check with you and find out, you want comments now live
10 or did you want written comments on the questionnaire?
11 What's going to work better for you?

12 COMMISSIONER FORNACIARI: Yeah. Either way. You
13 can go now.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Okay. I understand the
15 desire to keep it simple. I think, though, that we can
16 get some useful information by adding a few things to it.
17 First of all, I would take question 10 and put that
18 before question 7. So how did you hear about it before
19 asking how did you participate in it.

20 And then on the how did you hear about it, are you
21 asking or is the intent to find out how they first heard
22 about it or how they heard about it on an ongoing basis,
23 or both. Both of those could be useful bits of
24 information, how you first heard about it and how you
25 followed it on an ongoing basis. And if you are asking

1 about when you first heard about it, I think it would be
2 very useful to find out when they first heard about it
3 because some people only heard about it very late in the
4 process. Some people heard about it very early in the
5 process. So those are a couple of things on that
6 question.

7 On 7, provided public input. Again, I think it
8 would be useful to get an idea whether people only
9 participated late in the process or participated early on
10 and in the middle and at the end, whatever mix of phases
11 they participated in. So maybe splitting out the --
12 particularly the provided public input by phases could
13 generate some really useful information. And watched or
14 listened Commission meeting, we might ask them how many.
15 They can be ranges. We don't need exact numbers, but it
16 seems like that would be useful information for us. And
17 finally, asking about people's use of the access centers,
18 I think, would be helpful.

19 Another question, since I believe Commissioner
20 Fernandez was -- or maybe I'm getting confused. If we
21 are going to -- no, I guess that was on the FAQs. But if
22 we're going to do this in multiple languages, also we
23 might want to inquire whether people availed themselves
24 of the language support, and if not, why not. Thank you.

25 CHAIR AHMAD: Commissioner Fornaciari and Sinay, do

1 you want me to assist in facilitating questions,
2 conversations, or are you all taking it? Okay. I saw
3 Marcy's hand up.

4 MS. KAPLAN: I was just wanting to get a little more
5 info on some of your feedback. Thank you. We do
6 actually have this information, so I'm not sure if it's
7 more trying to get a sense of -- trying to figure out why
8 they engaged at a certain point, but we do have the stats
9 on how many people listened to the Commission meetings.
10 We do have the stats on how much input we got at any time
11 period also. So I'm just thinking through how we want to
12 frame these questions if there's something else that
13 you're hoping to get out of that as well.

14 COMMISSIONER KENNEDY: Yeah. I mean, the stats are
15 very useful, but they don't tie to specific individuals
16 and answers to actual -- to other actual questions. So
17 if we're doing a survey or a questionnaire, it's useful
18 to be able to tie particular answers to particular
19 demographics, et cetera. Speaking of demographics, now
20 in survey research, we generally ask things like age and
21 gender also. You might, you might not, but those are
22 typical demographic questions in survey research.
23 Thanks.

24 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you. Commissioner Turner.

25 COMMISSIONER TURNER: Thank you. I no longer had it



1 up, but what I was thinking, Chair, and for those that's
2 working on the survey, when I looked at it in just
3 preparation for this meeting, there's a question there
4 that says, for sure, is there anything else you want to
5 tell us.

6 That could cover it, but I was looking to see if
7 there was a way we could word a question that said what
8 do you -- either what did you learn through the
9 experience of participation or was there something that
10 you now know that would have been helpful with the
11 process. Something along those lines, which I feel like
12 has a slight different -- there's a slight distinction in
13 just saying is there anything else you want to tell us
14 about.

15 I'm curious in knowing what was problematic about
16 their participation? What was hard? What were the ah-
17 has that they had? If I knew this ahead of time, I could
18 have. So questions that might get at that.

19 CHAIR AHMAD: Thank you, Commissioner Turner. And
20 we are right up against our mandatory fifteen-minute
21 break, so we will go ahead and take that. Just an FYI
22 for everyone, Chris on our team is here filling in for
23 Anthony for the duration of the meeting. And after we
24 return from break, Commissioner Yee will be subbing in
25 for me. So let's take our fifteen-minute break and



1 return at 3:05.

2 (Whereupon, a recess was held from 2:49 p.m.
3 until 3:05 p.m.)

4 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you, Kristian. Welcome
5 back. We continue with our business meeting for the
6 California Citizens Redistricting Commission. We are
7 currently discussing a draft outreach survey and
8 receiving comments on it.

9 After this, we'll be asking for any agenda items for
10 out next meeting, which is scheduled for the 28th. It
11 may or may not happen depending on whether there is
12 business. And then taking public comment. So for the
13 outreach survey, further discussion? Commissioner
14 Fernandez, is that you? You are?

15 COMMISSIONER FERNANDEZ: Wow. That was good time.
16 I think my phone must be off or something. I'm just
17 always a minute behind, so I apologize for that. And I'm
18 trying to remember what I was going to -- oh. Thank you
19 for the survey. That'll be great information.

20 I did just want to echo what Commissioner Kennedy
21 said in terms of, like, if they gave a time frame of
22 where they heard it because that would also help us in
23 terms of with Lessons Learned of maybe some of the more
24 effective outreach strategies that we used. So I just
25 wanted to echo that, and I think that was it. Thank you.



1 COMMISSIONER YEE: Thank you. Any other feedback on
2 the outreach survey? Okay. Thank you to the Outreach
3 and Engagement team for your work on this, and we look
4 forward to hearing the responses we get back.

5 Okay. That completes agenda item 3, but why don't
6 we go ahead and combine 3 and 5. And are there agenda
7 items anyone has for our next meeting currently scheduled
8 for the 28th but not set in stone? That would be the
9 last meeting for Chair Ahmad for this round. Nothing
10 that can't wait till February? Everyone's shaking their
11 heads vigorously.

12 Okay. Well, we'll keep an ear to ground just in
13 case anything comes up. But if not, please stay tuned in
14 case we do, in fact, cancel that meeting. Okay. Is that
15 any other business for today before we go to public
16 comment?

17 MR. STEVENS: Commissioner Yee, this is Chris
18 Stevens, you may want to take public comment on the
19 actual agenda item before you go to general public
20 comment.

21 COMMISSIONER YEE: Could we take both together?

22 MR. STEVENS: I would separate it just to -- out of
23 an abundance of caution.

24 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Let's go ahead then.
25 Kristian, if we could take public comment on agenda item

1 number 3, committee and subcommittee updates.

2 MR. MANOFF: You got it. The Commission will now
3 take public comment on agenda item 3, subcommittee
4 updates. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247 and
5 enter meeting ID number 83282190178 for this meeting.
6 Once you've dialed in, please press star nine to enter
7 the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are
8 read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on
9 the livestream landing page. And there are no callers in
10 the queue at this time, Chair.

11 COMMISSIONER YEE: Very good. We'll wait a minute.
12 Okay. Very good. We'll wait a minute, and if there are
13 no comments, we'll go straight to general public comment.

14 MR. MANOFF: Very good, Chair. And those
15 instructions are complete on the livestream.

16 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Why don't we go ahead and
17 go to general public comment then.

18 MR. MANOFF: The Commission will now take general
19 public comment for items not on the agenda or items on
20 the agenda. To give comment, please call 877-853-5247
21 and enter meeting ID number 83282190178 for this meeting.
22 Once you've dialed in, please press start nine to enter
23 the comment queue. The full call-in instructions are
24 read at the beginning of the meeting and are provided on
25 the livestream landing page. And there are no callers I



1 the queue for general public comment, Chair.

2 COMMISSIONER YEE: We've suddenly gotten so
3 unpopular. Just as a reminder, everyone, the Doodle poll
4 has gone out for our February meeting dates, so please
5 fill that in.

6 MR. MANOFF: And those instructions are complete on
7 the livestream, Chair, and there are no comment -- no
8 callers at this time.

9 COMMISSIONER YEE: Okay. Very good. Well, if
10 there's no other business, I will see you either next
11 Friday or next in February. So thank you, everyone, for
12 your attention to business today. I call this meeting
13 adjourned.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 1st day of February, 2021.



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