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Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission

Monday, March 1, 2021

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deidre DeJear
David Roederer

Chris Hagenow
Ian Russell

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I. Procedural Business

Call to Order and Adjournment. The meeting of the Temporary Redistricting Advisory Commission was called to order at 2:04 p.m., March 1, 2021, as a videoconference meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:41 p.m.

Approval of Minutes. The minutes from the February 22, 2021, meeting of the commission were approved.

Next Meeting. The commission agreed to schedule the next meeting for Monday, March 8, 2021, at 2:00 p.m. as a videoconference meeting.

II. Discussion of Election of Fifth Member of Commission

Mr. Hagenow and Mr. Roederer each nominated Carmine Boal for the position of the fifth member and chairperson of the commission. Ms. Boal served for 10 years as a Representative in the House of Representatives, 2 years as the head director of boards and commissions under Governor Branstad, and most recently served 6 legislative sessions as the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives. Ms. DeJear nominated Terese Grant and Jazmin Newton-Butt for the position of the fifth member and chairperson of the commission. Ms. Grant is a retired French teacher who currently serves as the President of the Iowa League of Women Voters. Ms. Newton-Butt is an attorney in the Quad Cities area and is the President of the League of Latin American Citizens Council #10, Board Director for the Quad Cities Chamber of Commerce, Deputy State Director of the Iowa League of Latin American Citizens, Commissioner on the Bi-State Regional Commission, Commissioner for the Davenport Affirmative Action Commission, and a member of the Davenport Citizens Advisory Panel and the local chapter of the American Association of University Women. The commissioners agreed to share the contact information of the nominees so the commissioners could contact the nominees for additional information prior to the next meeting.

III. Additional Discussion

The commissioners raised questions about next steps for the commission. The commissioners requested that the Legislative Services Agency provide background information at the next meeting regarding the lawsuit involving the State of Ohio and the United States Census Bureau. The commissioners asked questions about population estimates from the Census Bureau, how legislative redistricting may work if it occurs separately from Congressional redistricting, and what the Legislative Services Agency's redistricting group is doing in preparation for receiving census data. Mr. Cook noted that the Census Bureau does provide population estimates for states, counties, and cities, but that precinct-level estimated data, which is necessary for redistricting, is not provided. Mr. Cook explained that even though there is a statutory requirement to keep legislative districts within the same Congressional district, that requirement is not absolute and may be particularly difficult to follow if Congressional redistricting occurs separately from legislative redistricting. Mr. Cook explained that the Legislative Services Agency is currently updating census geography, working on getting software installed, talking with the Secretary of State's office regarding redistricting at the local level, and continually monitoring for updates from the Census Bureau. Mr. Cook stated that the Census Bureau has indicated that it intends to release overall statewide population totals and Congressional apportionment information by the end of April.

Mr. Cook told the commissioners that after the commission elects the fifth member and chairperson, the next step will be to determine how the commission will hold public hearings. Mr. Cook explained that the Legislative Services Agency will continue to keep the commissioners informed on potential involvement

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from the Iowa Supreme Court. Mr. Cook mentioned that the commission may choose to hold a meeting before the census data becomes available to determine how to hold public hearings and to provide additional information on the commission's role. Mr. Cook explained that a lot of uncertainty remains with how the process will unfold once census data is available due to delays in releasing the data.