

Ohio Redistricting Commission - 9-29-2023

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Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:00:00] I call this meeting the Ohio Redistricting Commission. Order with the clerk. Call the roll.

Clerk [00:00:07] Co-Chair Faber.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:00:07] Yes.

Clerk [00:00:09] Co-Chair Antonio.

Co-Chair Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio [00:00:11] Yes. Here.

Clerk [00:00:11] Leader Russo.

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:00:14] Here.

Clerk [00:00:15] Governor DeWine.

Clerk [00:00:17] Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:00:17] Here.

Clerk [00:00:17] Representative LaRe.

Rep. Jeff LaRe [00:00:20] Here.

Clerk [00:00:21] Senator McColley.

Sen. Rob McColley [00:00:24] Here.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:00:26] With the quorum present, we will meet as a full committee. My first motion is a motion for a rule adoption pursuant to Article 11, Section 1 B2A1 of the Ohio Constitution. The Redistricting Commission may adopt rules for the Commission by a majority vote that includes at least one member from each of the two largest political parties represented in the General Assembly. In accordance with that authority, I hereby move to adopt a rule allowing members of the Commission to participate and vote virtually where a quorum of the Commission is physically present in a location of the hearing. Is there a second?

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:00:58] Second.

Sen. Rob McColley [00:00:59] Seconded by Leader Russo. Any discussion on the rule? Any objection to the rule? Hearing none. I would ask the clerk to call the roll to make it official.

Clerk [00:01:11] Co-Chair Faber?

Sen. Rob McColley [00:01:12] Yes.

Clerk [00:01:13] Co-Chair Antonio?

Co-Chair Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio [00:01:14] Yes.

Clerk [00:01:17] Leader Russo?

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:01:18] Yes.

Clerk [00:01:20] Governor DeWine. Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:01:22] Yes.

[00:01:24] Representative LaRe.

Clerk [00:01:25] Yes.

Clerk [00:01:26] Senator McColley.

Sen. Rob McColley [00:01:27] Yes.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:01:31] Having a majority of the commission, the rule is adopted. Our members are therefore allowed to participate remotely and vote remotely. Adoption of an amendment for the unified bipartisan bipartisan redistricting plan. Leader Russo has a motion regarding an amendment to the unified bipartisan redistricting plan that was unanimously passed on Tuesday. Leader Russo, Would you please explain your motion?

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:01:57] Mr. Chair, I move to amend the General Assembly plan that was adopted by this Commission on Tuesday, September 26, 2023. The amendment relates specifically to boundary modifications involving only Ward 34 Precinct C in Franklin County. Under the adopted plan, Franklin County's Ward 34 Precinct C was inadvertently drawn within the Fifth House District and Third Senate District. The proposed modifications, which reflect the Commission's original intent with Tuesday's adoption of the plan, draw Ward 34 Precinct C, wholly within House District 2 and Senate District 15. Except for these specified boundary modification, the plan remains unchanged from the version adopted by the Commission on Tuesday.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:02:53] Is there a second for Leader Russo's motion?

Rep. Jeff LaRe [00:02:57] Second.

[00:02:57] Seconded by Representative LaRe. Is there discussion on the motion? My understanding, Leader Russo, is that this does nothing to the indexes, does nothing to the representational issues. It just makes a minor tweak, a technical change to correct it, just a boundary issue. And by the way, for a little history, we heard from Ray DiRossi, our resident redistricting historian, that the similar process had to occur in each one of the decade - wasn't redistricting - apportionment board meetings in the past with a technical adjustment. And this is why we mentioned on Tuesday's meeting we may have to come back for technical changes with that. Any other discussion or details on the amendment? No? Leader Russo.

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:03:55] No discussion, Mr. Chair.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:03:57] Thank you. With the amendment. Is there a motion to. We have a motion that's been seconded. What is the will of the committee with regard to the amendment?

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:04:09] Call the roll.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:04:11] No objection. The clerk called the roll on the amendment.

Clerk [00:04:14] Co-Chair Faber.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:04:15] Yes.

Clerk [00:04:16] Co-Chair Antonio.

Co-Chair Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio [00:04:18] Yes.

Clerk [00:04:19] Leader Russo.

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:04:20] Yes.

Clerk [00:04:21] Governor DeWine. Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:04:24] Yes.

Clerk [00:04:24] Representative LaRe.

Rep. Jeff LaRe [00:04:28] Yes.

Clerk [00:04:28] Senator McColley.

Sen. Rob McColley [00:04:30] Yes.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:04:32] Having sufficient votes. The amendment is adopted with the amendment. Is there a motion to adopt the bipartisan redistricting plan as amended as the formal plan of the Commission? Do I have such a motion?

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:04:49] So moved.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:04:50] Moved by Secretary LaRose, seconded by Leader Russo?

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:04:52] Second.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:04:52] Moved and seconded. What's any discussion on the amended redistricting plan becoming the Commission's plan? Hearing no discussion. What's the will of the committee.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:05:09] Call the question.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:05:10] We have a motion to call the question. Any objection? Hearing no objection. The clerk called the rule on the amended bipartisan redistricting plan, becoming the adopted plan of the Commission.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:05:23] Co-Chair Faber.

Clerk [00:05:24] Yes.

Co-Chair Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio [00:05:25] Co-Chair Antonio?

Clerk [00:05:26] Yes.

Clerk [00:05:27] Leader Russo.

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:05:28] Yes.

Clerk [00:05:29] Governor DeWine. Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:05:32] Yes.

Clerk [00:05:33] Representative LaRe.

Rep. Jeff LaRe [00:05:34] Yes.

Clerk [00:05:35] Senator McColley.

Sen. Rob McColley [00:05:37] Yes.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:05:41] The new amended plan is adopted unanimously by the Commission. Any other business to come before the commission? Hearing no further business to come before the Commission. Is there a motion that the commission adjourn and submit the pursuant? I believe, I don't know if we need a motion to submit the maps to the court, to the Secretary of State, I guess is what we do.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:06:09] I don't think we need a motion for that. I think it is the normal procedure. I will give you the motion to adjourn.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:06:17] Is there a second?

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:06:17] Second.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:06:19] Motioned and second clerk will call the roll on adjournment.

Clerk [00:06:22] Co-Chair Faber.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:06:25] Yes.

Clerk [00:06:25] Co-Chair Antonio.

Co-Chair Senate Minority Leader Nickie Antonio [00:06:27] Yes.

Clerk [00:06:28] Leader Russo?

House Minority Leader Allison Russo [00:06:29] Yes.

Clerk [00:06:29] Governor DeWine. Secretary LaRose.

Secretary of State Frank LaRose [00:06:32] Yes.

Clerk [00:06:33] Representative LaRe?

Rep. Jeff LaRe [00:06:34] Yes.

Clerk [00:06:34] And Senator McColley.

Sen. Rob McColley [00:06:37] Yes.

Co-Chair Auditor of State Keith Faber [00:06:42] Six votes of all present. The Commission is hereby adjourned. Our work is concluded. Thank you.