

Apportionment Commission
Draft Minutes of Meeting of Thursday, September 23, 2021

The Apportionment Commission met on Thursday, September 23, 2021. The meeting was conducted remotely by Zoom.

1. The meeting was convened at 9:00 am. It was determined that a quorum of the Commission was present. Members of the Commission participating remotely were Senators Jackson, Libby, Davis, & Bennett; Representatives Dunphy, Perry, Brennan, Parry, Kryzak, & Morris; and Citizen or Party Designated Members Josh Tardy, Bev Uhlenhake, Matt Moonen, and Chair Donald Alexander.

2. The Commission reviewed and approved the Draft Minutes of the September 20 Meeting.

3. The Commission reviewed and discussed issues before it relating to the draft descriptions and maps for apportionment of the Maine House of Representatives which had been circulated to the public. Invited by the Commission to join these issues discussions were Julie Flynn, Deputy Secretary of State, Jonathan Bolton, Assistant Attorney General, and Party Caucus representatives including David Emery and Greg Olson.

4. Public Comment. The Commission received and considered written comments regarding draft apportionment plans and maps that had been timely filed in advance of the Commission meeting. The Commission then heard and considered public comments regarding the proposed apportionment plans and maps for the Maine House of Representatives from Michael Turcotte, Will Haywood on behalf of the League of Women Voters, Michele Cole, Jonathan Albrecht, and Luke Siebert. Several of those who commented had also filed written comments.

5. After receiving public comments, the Commission considered the plans, descriptions and maps for the apportionment of the House of Representatives. After discussion of whether to seek a vote on the House apportionment plan at the meeting or on another day, the Commission decided to defer consideration to allow time to reflect on the written and oral comments received.

6. The Commission set the next meeting date for Friday, September 24 at 11:00 am. The meeting will be entirely remote.

7. The Commission adjourned at approximately 11:00 am.