#### LEGISLATIVE APPORTIONMENT BOARD

Title 17, Chapter 34A, Vermont Statutes Annotated <a href="https://sos.vermont.gov/apportionment-board/">https://sos.vermont.gov/apportionment-board/</a>

January 5, 2022 9 to 11 AM

### **MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting at Secretary of State's Office, 128 State Street, Montpelier (Telephone Conference Call Participation Available)

Members Present:

Members Present Remotely: Tom Little, Mary Houghton, Ed Adrian, Rob Roper, Jeanne Albert, Tom

Koch, Jeremy Hansen Others Present: Eric Covey

Others Present Remotely: Chris Winters, Mia Kro

Members of the Public Present:

Members of the Public Present Remotely:

#### 1. Call to Order

Chair Tom Little called the meeting to order at 9:03am.

- 2. Review and Approval of 1/3 Minutes (5 Minutes)(all times approx.)
  Tom Koch moved approval of the 01/03/2022 minutes as presented. Jeremy seconded. Minutes approved by unanimous vote.
- 3. Public Comment (per 1 V.S.A. sec. 312(h)) (up to 15 Minutes) None.
- 4. Discuss Minority Report and Rebuttal for Inclusion in Final Report (60 min)

  Tom L. and Ed discussed content and support for the majority rebuttal, with Ed noting that he has discussed support for his edited version with Rob and Jeremy, but not with anyone else, so support for his version has not discussed with a quorum of the Board.

Jeanne and Tom L. discussed the prior votes on what has been approved for inclusion.

Mary moved to include the minority report, the majority rebuttal, and the minority acknowledgement of the rebuttal, in the final report. Rob seconded. On discussion Tom L. questioned whether that motion would indicate support for the content of the majority rebuttal on a yes vote. Ed questioned whether that would be the same for their prior vote, and Tom said that vote was just for inclusion, not an endorsement on content. Tom L. would like the motion to be clear. Jeremy does not think this is unclear, that everyone knows where everyone stands, and that the record is clear. Tom L. suggested the motion be that the board approval inclusion of the revised rebuttal and acknowledgement text, understanding that the vote does not indicate endorsement of the content of either. Mary amended her motion, to moving that the board approve inclusion of the revised majority rebuttal and revised minority acknowledgement, and that a yes vote on this motion does

not indicate endorsement of the content of either text. Rob seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor.

## 5. Set Next Meeting Date; Other Business (5 Minutes)

Tom L. believes they can leave the ability to meet open. Tom, Chris, Jeremy and Eric discussed how minutes could be approved without setting an infinite loop of meetings and minutes to be approved. Jeremy pointed out there is no requirement for meeting minutes to be approved.

Rob moved to approve the meeting minutes for this 1/5/2022 meeting. Mary seconded. The vote to approve was 6-0-1 in favor of approval (Ed Adrian – Yes, Tom Little – Yes, Mary Houghton – Yes, Rob Roper – Yes, Tom Koch – Yes, Jeanne Albert – Yes, Jeremy Hansen – Abstain). Jeremy abstained as he was calling in to the meeting by phone, and thus was not able to read the presentation of the minutes.

# 6. Adjourn The Board adjourned at 9:21am.