

## **MINUTES**

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING**

May 23, 2001

Wichita State University

Hughes Metropolitan Complex

#### **Members Present**

Senator David Corbin  
Senator Anthony Hensley  
Senator Janis Lee  
Senator Ruth Teichman  
Representative Tom Klein  
Representative Doug Mays  
Representative Mike O'Neal  
Representative Peggy Palmer  
Representative Janice Pauls  
Representative Tony Powell

#### **Other Legislators in Attendance**

Senator Les Donovan  
Senator U. L. "Rip" Gooch  
Senator Derek Schmidt  
Senator Greta Goodwin  
Representative Richard Alldritt  
Representative Willa DeCastro  
Representative John Edmonds  
Representative Geraldine Flaharty  
Representative Ruby Gilbert  
Representative Bonnie Huy  
Representative Judith Loganbill  
Representative Bill Mason  
Representative Carlos Mayans  
Representative Don Myers  
Representative Jo Ann Pottorff  
Representative Joe Shriver  
Representative Dale Swenson

## **Conferees**

Janet Harrah, Director, Center for Economic Development & Business Research,  
Wichita State University  
Dan Woydziak, Mayor of the City of Rosehill  
Lonnie Myklebust, Sherwood Glen Neighborhood Association  
Lee Knich, Chairman Sedgwick County Democratic Party  
Susan Ledbetter, Wichita AFL-CIO  
Jason Dilts, Wichita Young Democrats  
Judge Charles Hart, Self  
Reverend Wanda McDaniels  
Dennis L. Bush, Mayor of Andover

## **Others Attending—see guest list**

## **Staff Attending**

Mary Galligan, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Kathie Sparks, Kansas Legislative Research Department  
Cindy O'Neal, Committee Secretary

Chairman Michael R. O'Neal called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. He explained the redistricting process and introduced Mary Galligan who gave a Power Point Presentation ([Attachment 1](#)).

Janet Harrah, gave a slide presentation which focused on Kansas school district demographics ([Attachment 2](#)), 4<sup>th</sup> District Demographics which related to population growth ([Attachment 3](#)), and Wichita Demographics as it relates to the minority population ([Attachment 4](#)).

Senator Anthony Hensley and Representative Troy Findley provided the attendees with a proposed Congressional map for the 4th District ([Attachment 5](#)), along with a proposed Congressional map for the state ([Attachment 5](#)). Senator Hensley proceeded to give a Power Point Presentation explaining his proposed maps ([Attachment 6](#)).

Dan Woydziak is interested in Butler County being represented by one Senator and would like it to remain that way. He does not want part of Butler County to be swallowed up by Sedgwick County because he maintains that Butler County's needs are more rural than Sedgwick County's urban issues.

Lonnie Myklebust stated that he is impressed by the representation his neighborhood has received from both House and Senate representatives, but would like the Redistricting

Committees to consider having the district represented by one Senator instead of dividing his neighborhood in two (Attachment 7).

Lee Knich, Chair of the Sedgwick County Democratic Party, commented that the redistricting process should be respectful of cultural, ethnic and racial heritage, while not relying upon partisan politics (Attachment 8).

Susan Ledbetter addressed the House and Senate districts, maintaining that they should continue to reflect diversity. She was specifically concerned with change in representation in Senate Districts 25, 28, and 29 and House Districts 84, 88, 89, 92, 95, 96, and 98. She feels that the elected representatives have served these districts well and would hope that the boundaries would not be changed (Attachment 9).

Jason Dilts does not believe that it is right that when student numbers are readjusted that those from out of state are not counted in their home state. He believes that by not counting all students, the state is violating the doctrine of one person, one vote (Attachment 10).

Judge Charles Hart, a member of an *ad hoc* committee to address their concerns about highways, water resources, education, anticipated population growth, economic development, and to propose that whole communities be represented by legislative districts instead of the current practice of several representatives having a piece of a community. The map that was presented showed the different communities that are split and represented by different representatives (Attachment 11).

Reverend Wanda McDaniels has concerns as to whether minorities will be equally represented after the redistricting process (Attachment 12).

Dennis L. Bush commented that they have two representatives and are concerned as to whether their voice is being heard in Topeka. He hoped that the redistricting process would allow for only one representative.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

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