

Agenda
Administrative Meeting and Hearing
Pennsylvania Legislative Reapportionment Commission

July 13, 2021
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
North Office Building, Hearing Room 1

Administrative Meeting

1. Call to Order
2. Administrative Resolution Regarding Appointment of Mapping Consultant

Hearing

1. The Receipt and Processing of Census Data. The delivery of federal census data will be delayed significantly this year, and even when that data is received, further processing will be required to make the data useable for the development of reapportionment plans. Testimony on these matters will be offered by individuals who will play key roles in receiving and processing the data.

Panelists:

Brent McClintock - Executive Director of the Legislative Data Processing Center

Jennifer Shultz - Data Services Manager for the Penn State Data Center

2. Procedural Deadlines for the 2022 primary elections. Delays in the delivery of census data will create substantial challenges for the Commission to complete its work in time for the 2022 primary elections to be conducted in a timely fashion within the existing statutory structure. This is particularly true given the Commission's commitment to conduct an open and transparent process and given provisions in the state Constitution setting specific time periods for the filing of citizen objections with the Commission and for the filing of appeals with the state Supreme Court. Panelists will provide an overview of these issues.

Panelist:

Jessica Mathis – Director, Bureau of Elections and Notaries,
Department of State

3. Citizen Perspectives on Redistricting Criteria and Objectives. The Commission will seek information on these topics directly from Pennsylvania citizens through its own website and hearings. However, consideration also should be given to information relating to these matters that already exists. The Pennsylvania Redistricting Reform Commission, created by the Governor, held twelve hearings in different parts of the Commonwealth, collected online comments, and conducted an online survey before completing its August 2019 report. David Thornburgh, Chair of Pennsylvania Redistricting Reform Commission, will offer testimony regarding its findings, as well as perspectives gained through his service as Executive Director of Draw the Lines PA, an initiative that has engaged 7,200 citizen-mappers, who have completed and submitted 1,500 final maps.