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**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:00:01] Staff to please call the roll.

**Staff** [00:00:05] Speaker Co-Chair Cupp.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:00:07] Present.

**Staff** [00:00:08] Senator Co-Chair Sykes.

**Co-Chair Sen. Vernon Sykes** [00:00:09] Present.

**Staff** [00:00:10] Governor DeWine.

**Governor Mike DeWine** [00:00:10] Here.

**Staff** [00:00:12] Auditor Faber.

**Auditor Keith Faber** [00:00:12] Here.

**Staff** [00:00:13] President Huffman.

**Senate President Matt Huffman** [00:00:14] Here.

**Staff** [00:00:15] Secretary LaRose.

**Sec. of State Frank LaRose** [00:00:16] Here.

**Staff** [00:00:17] And Leader Russo.

**House Minority Leader Allison Russo** [00:00:17] Here.

**Staff** [00:00:19] Mr. Co-Chair, a quorum is present.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:00:21] We do have a quorum, so we will meet as a full commission. In your folders are the minutes from the previous meeting of the Commission on February 17th, 2022. Is there a motion to accept the minutes?

**Co-Chair Sen. Vernon Sykes** [00:00:42] So moved.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:00:43] It's been moved, and is there a second. The house - moved and seconded. Are there any corrections, additions, deletions or objections to the motion, to the motion to approve the minutes? Hearing none, the minutes are accepted without objection. At this time, this is the, the first meeting of the commission that is undertaking the task of drawing congressional district maps. This is the first time this constitutional provision has been utilized. The General Assembly has passed a congressional district map. The Supreme Court has reviewed the same and found it to be wanting in some constitutional elements. The General Assembly did not have time remaining in order to adopt a congressional district map that could be in effect for the primary election because it would take 90 days for such a bill to go into effect, which would be past the primary date. The Redistricting Commission's map, once approved, can go into effect immediately, so that provided the opportunity to try to maintain our May 3rd primary date. So this is now, as I had mentioned the first time that this provision of the Ohio Constitution has been utilized since it is a new provision. And this is the first time that the redistricting commission has met to consider adopting or drafting and adopting congressional district maps. So I think the Co-Chair and I want to state on the record that we have asked our staffs to begin working together to take a look at drafting a constitutionally compliant congressional district map. There are a number of maps that are available that elements could be pulled for if appropriate. And so we're asking that the process be set in motion. Are there other members that wish to make any comments at this time? All right, the next item then would be scheduling public hearings. The Co-Chairs will be working together to schedule public hearings on congressional districts. We would anticipate doing that in a fairly prompt and expeditious manner and notice from that will be be forthcoming. [indecipherable] Yeah, I think that's good. [indecipherable.]

**Co-Chair Sen. Vernon Sykes** [00:04:04] Mr. Co-Chair, I just want to make a note to, in scheduling of the public hearings, we will be inviting individuals and organizations to submit plans that they've already submitted. So it will be a somewhat limited list of those persons who have submitted full plans to the, to the Commission, to help us address or receive some additional suggestions and recommendations how we can comply with the Constitution. And also since we have a court order, how we can comply with the court order as well. So it will be a limited public hearing to those who have submitted maps.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:04:52] That is correct. Is there any further business to come before the Commission?

**Governor Mike DeWine** [00:05:02] Mr. Chairman?

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:05:05] Governor DeWine.

**Governor Mike DeWine** [00:05:08] Mr. Chairman, thank you, I want to return, if we could, to the issue of legislative district lines and want to repeat what I said at our last session. And that is that we have an obligation to follow the Constitution. We have an obligation to follow the court orders, the two court orders. And finally, we have an obligation to produce a map. This is, I think, a question of following the law, the rule of law, respect for law and I again would want to state that that's where we should head. It's my understanding that we have some progress being made on that, but I think it's, I just want to state again publicly, this is what we we have an obligation to do. We have an obligation to produce a map and we need to do that forthwith.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:06:09] Senator Huffman.

**Senate President Matt Huffman** [00:06:10] I echo the Governor's comments.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:06:16] Any - Auditor favor?

**Auditor Keith Faber** [00:06:18] As do I. I would go further and make a motion that this body reconvene either tomorrow, I believe four o'clock would be a time that we would be available, or Thursday morning, 9:00 a.m. or thereabouts. And I guess my motion would give the Co-Chairs some discretion to check with everybody's calendars and see what we can do, for the purposes of either discussing a map that I believe may be being discussed and/or prepared, or at the alternative, the Roden 3 [?] map.

**Sec. of State Frank LaRose** [00:06:49] I would second the Auditor's motion.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:06:52] All right. Is that limited to a General Assembly map, or are we talking about also a public hearing on the congressional?

**Auditor Keith Faber** [00:07:00] I'm talking about General Assembly maps.

**Co-Chair Sen. Vernon Sykes** [00:07:11] Can we stand at ease?

**At Ease** [00:07:13] [The Commission is at ease]

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:07:18] Auditor Faber, if we might take your motion as a request and we will attempt to schedule a meeting of the commission tomorrow afternoon for a dual purpose to begin hearing on the congressional map, the two hearings that are required, as well as to report on any progress that may be made on a General Assembly district map.

**Auditor Keith Faber** [00:07:43] Can we also- Mr Speaker, and to the other vice chair, I would propose that, because I know that there is some discussions going on on a legislative maps, I would propose that we also schedule a meeting for Thursday. And again, I leave you guys to coordinate calendars because I know all of us have a very busy, busy schedule. Some things can be moved, some things can't. But I would, I just think it's important that we move forward on discussing either A or B or C or D, but I would propose that we schedule those meetings to do that.

**House Minority Leader Allison Russo** [00:08:24] Mr. Chair.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:08:27] Leader Russo.

**House Minority Leader Allison Russo** [00:08:28] Thank you. I would also, there's been mention of discussions, ongoing discussions about potential proposed maps for the state legislative districts. I would note that the minority members of the commission have not so far been involved in if there have been any recent discussions. So I would ask that commissioners make their staff available for us to have those discussions that have not yet taken place, if there are indeed additional legislative maps that the commission would like to put forward either tomorrow or Thursday in regard to the state legislative maps.

**Co-Chair Speaker Bob Cupp** [00:09:09] All right, any further business? If not, the commission will stand adjourned, and we will meet again on Wednesday and Thursday.