

MINUTES
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY GROUP

March 30, 2011
Room 144-S—Statehouse

Members Present

Senator Steve Morris, Chairperson
Representative Mike O'Neal, Vice-chairperson
Senator Anthony Hensley
Senator John Vratil
Representative Paul Davis
Representative Arlen Siegfried

Staff Present

Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Craig Callahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department
Dorothy Noblit, Kansas Legislative Research Department

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Steve Morris at 1:00 p.m. Corey Carnahan, Kansas Legislative Research Department, stated there were three decision points on which the Advisory Group needed to take action.

Decision Point 1 – How many town hall meetings should be held?

Representative O'Neal and Senator Vratil expressed concern regarding the expense for the town hall meetings. Senator Vratil suggested the Advisory Group discuss the *per diem* reimbursements and expenses associated with attendance at the town hall meetings.

Senator Vratil moved to recommend that 1) the expenses be reimbursed for the Chairperson, Vice-chairperson, and Ranking Minority Members of the House and Senate Redistricting Committee; 2) the expenses for one meeting be reimbursed for any redistricting Committee members attending; and 3) the expenses incurred by other legislators in attendance who are not members of the House or Senate Redistricting Committee be paid by the legislators. Representative Paul Davis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Senator Morris suggested 12 town hall meetings be held. Senator Vratil moved to recommend holding 12 town hall meetings over 10 days. Senator Hensley seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Decision Point 2 – In what locations should the town hall meetings be held?

Proposed locations for the town hall meetings were discussed (Attachment 1).

Representative Davis commented that the city of Lawrence should be considered to be in both the second and third Congressional district, should any criticism be heard regarding an insufficient number of town hall meetings for the second district.

Decision Point 3 – Should the expenses for the town hall meetings be a part of the FY 2011 budget, or the FY 2012 budget?

Senator Morris suggested that the town hall meeting expenses be a part of the FY 2012 budget. The members of the Redistricting Advisory Group agreed.

Senator Morris asked when the redistricting committees would meet. Mr. Carnahan explained that the Senate Redistricting Committee would be meeting in April.

Mr. Carnahan stated that he will work on scheduling the town hall locations for July 2011.

Senator Morris suggested that the town hall meetings be scheduled over July and August with an allowance for September should more than two months be necessary.

The Redistricting Advisory Group meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Prepared by Dorothy Noblit
Edited by Corey Carnahan

Approved by the Advisory Group on:

July 1, 2011

(Date)

- **Proposed Town Hall Meeting Locations by Congressional District**
 - CD01: Salina, Great Bend, Hutchinson, and Garden City
 - CD02: Manhattan, and Parsons
 - CD03: Overland Park and Kansas City, and Lawrence
 - CD04: Wichita and Newton, and Independence
- **Attending each meeting would be the chairpersons, vice-chairpersons, and ranking minority members of both the House and Senate redistricting committees.**
- **All other members of the committees would be allowed to attend one meeting near their district.**
- **Legislators who are not members of either committee would be compensated for attending one meeting near their district.**