



ARKANSAS BOARD OF APPORTIONMENT

June 07, 2021 Meeting Minutes

The Arkansas Board of Apportionment convened on Monday, June 07, 2021, in room 151 and 149 of the Arkansas State Capitol in Little Rock, Arkansas. Public notice of this meeting was provided to media on Monday, June 07, 2021, and posted on the Board's calendar of events at: <http://arkansasredistricting.org/events-calendar/>.

Arkansas PBS streamed the meeting on its ARCAN platform. A recording of the meeting can be accessed at the following link: https://www.myarkansaspbs.org/arcan/events/archived_events_folder/arkansas_board_of_a_pportionment_meeting. A transcript of the meeting will be prepared by Cris Braswell, a court reporter with Bushman Court Reporting.

The Board's Chairman, Governor Asa Hutchinson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. All three members of the Board were in attendance, which includes Attorney General Leslie Rutledge and Secretary of State John Thurston.

Governor Asa Hutchinson began the second meeting by introducing the members of the Board, explained the meeting's agenda, and asked the members of the Board to review the minutes that have been presented to the last Board of Apportionment. Governor Hutchinson then thanked Bushman Court Reporting for the work done in preparing the meeting minutes and moved to a motion after an opportunity to review. Attorney General Rutledge seconded the motion.

Governor Hutchinson ensured Board members agreed on the approval of the presented minutes and noted that there were two letters presented at the previous Board of Apportionment meeting. First, the approval of the letter to the Arkansas Supreme Court. Governor Hutchinson noted that the letter to the Supreme Court outlined the timeframe that would be required for the Board to work on the Census Data.

Governor Hutchinson addressed the second letter to The Honorable Secretary Gina Raimondo of the Department of Commerce. The letter urged the Department of Commerce to accelerate the review of the Census Data and its delivery to each state to peruse redistricting responsibilities.

Governor Hutchinson stated that the third item on the agenda was to discuss and evaluate the candidate for the redistricting coordinator. Governor Hutchinson stated because it is a personnel matter, it was appropriate to be handled in an Executive Session and would report the outcome after the session.

Governor Hutchinson made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of considering the Redistricting Coordinator. Secretary John Thurston moved to accept the Executive Session. Attorney General Rutledge Seconded the motion. The Board unanimously consented to go into Executive Session. The Board went into Executive Session at 4:27 p.m.

Governor Hutchinson called the meeting back to order and stated the Board interviewed former Chief Justice Betty Dickey for the position of Redistricting Coordinator. Governor Hutchinson proceeded to yield the floor for further motions by fellow Board members.

Attorney General Rutledge moved that the Board of Apportionment hire Chief Justice Betty Dickey to become the Redistricting Coordinator for the Board of Apportionment for \$10,000 a month for the term of the redistricting process. Attorney General Rutledge also moved that the Board enter a job description for the Redistricting Coordinator for the Board of Apportionment as exhibit 1.

Governor Hutchinson received the motion and proceeded to ask for a second motion from fellow Board members. Secretary John Thurston seconded the motion. Governor Hutchinson stated that the motion carries by the Board of Apportionment.

Governor Hutchinson called for a round of applause to Chief Justice Betty Dickey for taking on the responsibility of Redistricting Coordinator and noted her credentials would assist her in the role. Governor Hutchinson noted that public meetings are required, as noted by the Attorney General, regarding the job duties and responsibilities of the coordinator.

Governor Hutchinson noted that Chief Justice Betty Dickey will be starting her position as Redistricting Coordinator on June 15, 2021. Governor Hutchinson then stated that it would be her responsibility to work with the Board's respective staff, organize the staff that she needs, and acquire an office location.

With no more business to attend to, Governor Asa Hutchinson adjourned the meeting at 4:41 PM.