MISSOURI SENATE APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

Minutes Sunday February 19, 2012 State Capitol Building – Senate Lounge

Meeting started at approximately 1:10 a.m.

Commissioners Present: Nicole Colbert-Botchway, Jean Paul Bradshaw II, Steve Ehlmann, Marc Ellinger, Doug Harpool, Nick Myers, and Lowell Pearson.

Commissioners Present via Conference Call: Todd Patterson, and Trent Skaggs.

The commission members introduced themselves and Chairman Harpool explained a bit about the process and need for lines to be agreed upon, quickly.

The Commission then heard testimony from the following witnesses:

Leonard J. Steinman II - Jefferson City – Expressed concerns that if the process was not completed quickly it could cause his filing for the gubernatorial race to be disqualified because of Secretary of State timing requirements. Commissioner Harpool made assurances that the Commission was working as quickly as possible to develop a plan.

State Senator Brian Munzlinger – Williams Town - Referenced the plan "Harpool 2-18-2012." He had concerns with the size of his district and asked the Commission to consider the compactness of districts when drawing plans. Commissioner Harpool explained, somewhat tongue-in-cheek, that the previous Senate Redistricting Commission had proposed a number of alternative scenarios for redistricting the area along the Iowa border and that none of them had made people happy.

With no other witnesses coming forth, public testimony was called to close.

Chairman Harpool announced the upcoming Senate Apportionment Commission meetings.

The commission adjourned at approximately 1:30 pm.

Note: A complete and official transcript of this meeting's proceedings will be available and posted on the State Redistricting website as soon as it is available.