

The Connecticut General Assembly

REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

SENATE

Senator Donald E. Williams, Jr., Co-Chair

Senator John McKinney
Senator Martin M. Looney
Senator Leonard A. Fasano

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HOUSE

Representative Lawrence F. Cafero, Jr., Co-Chair

Representative Christopher G. Donovan
Representative Sandy H. Nafis
Representative Arthur J. O'Neill

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MEETING MINUTES

NOVEMBER 3, 2011

1:30 PM IN HEARING ROOM 1E

Senator Williams called the meeting to order at 1:40 P.M.

The following committee members were present:

Senators: Donald E. Williams, Jr., 29; John McKinney, 28; Martin M. Looney, 11;
Leonard A. Fasano, 34

Representatives: Lawrence F. Cafero, 142; Christopher G. Donovan, 84; Sandy H. Nafis, 27;
Arthur J. O'Neill, 69

Senator Williams stated that this was the first commission meeting and the commission is continuing the former committee's redistricting work. He explained the state constitution required the creation of the commission because the legislature did not pass a Reapportionment plan by September 15th. In October, the governor appointed the committee members to the commission. The Reapportionment Commission's deadline to complete its work is November 30th. Senator Williams stated that there was no suspension of work between the transition of the committee to the commission.

A motion was made by Representative Donovan and seconded by Representative Nafis to nominate Representative Lawrence Cafero as House Co-Chair of the commission. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Senator McKinney and seconded by Senator Fasano to nominate Senator Donald Williams as Senate Co-Chair of the commission. The motion was approved unanimously by a voice vote.

Senator Williams called for a brief recess at 1:45 P.M.

Senator Williams reconvened the meeting at 2:05 P.M.

Representative Cafero said it was the commission's constitutional obligation to choose a 9th member. He stated that the commission historically has looked for a person who is fair, nonpartisan, sensitive, experienced in politics, and a senior statesman. Representative Cafero recommended Kevin Johnston, who served as a state auditor for 18 years and before that was a state representative and senator. Senator Williams concurred with Representative Cafero. Senator Looney stated it was an honor to serve with Kevin Johnston in the House. A motion was made by Representative Cafero and seconded by Representative O'Neill to appoint Kevin Johnston as the 9th commission member. The commission members unanimously agreed on the 9th member by a voice vote.

A motion was made by Representative Donovan and seconded by Representative Nafis to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 2:06 P.M.

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