

Redistricting Board Minutes (Tuesday, September 21, 2021)

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Members present

Richard Johnson, Chair

Dr. Patricia Richardson

Paul Thompson

Lance Johnson

John Houser, County Attorney

Sharon Ferris, Support Staff

Absent: Matthew Burgan

1. CALL TO ORDER

Richard Johnson, Chairman, called the meeting of the Redistricting Board to order at 5:30 pm in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center, Leonardtown, MD.

2. ROLL CALL**A. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

I move to approve the agenda.

Motion by Dr. Patricia Richardson, second by Paul Thompson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

I move to approve the minutes of September 14, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Paul Thompson, second by Lance Johnson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

3. OLD BUSINESS**A. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Population & Districts Visualization Map**

Present: Eric Benson, GISP, GIS & Addressing Supervisor

Mr. Benson displayed the spreadsheet prepared by Richard Johnson that contained the original data provided to the Board. Mr. Johnson explained how his spreadsheet works and noted that in his analysis there is an imbalance between District 2 and District 4 of approximately 5,000 people. Each Board member presented the first version of their map and explained their rationale for the changes.

B. INFORMATION SHARING

Election Polling places and the impact it would have on citizens if districts were changed was discussed. Ms. Atkins noted Election Polling places stay in place, the only change would be who represents them. Additional data requested included a chart or table showing total population and the number of registered voters over 18 by precinct. Also discussed was the ability to layer the individual maps and what data you would be able to see. Mr. Benson will add the data requested and layer the maps.

C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Public Hearings

I move to approve a 5th Public Hearing on November 23, 2021.

Motion by Lance Johnson, second by Dr. Patricia Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

4. NEW BUSINESS

None.

5. ADJOURN

A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the meeting.

Motion by Paul Thompson, second by Lance Johnson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Richard Johnson, Dr. Patricia Richardson, Paul Thompson, Lance Johnson

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Redistricting Board on 9/28/21.

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Richard Johnson, Chair