

## **Redistricting Board Minutes (Tuesday, September 14, 2021)**

Generated by Sharon Ferris on Wednesday, September 15, 2021

### **Members present**

Richard Johnson, Chair

Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair

Dr. Patricia Richardson

Paul Thompson

Lance Johnson

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

Diane Gleissner, Staff Support

Sharon Ferris, Staff Support

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Richard Johnson, Chair, 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, as presented.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

#### **B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

I move to approve the Minutes of August 31, 2021, as presented.

Motion by Matthew Burgan, second by Dr. Patricia Richardson.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

### **3. OLD BUSINESS**

#### **A. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Population & Districts Visualization Map**

**Present:** Eric Benson, GISP, GIS & Addressing Supervisor

Mr. Benson noted he had updated the map with the latest census data which added jails and hospital facilities and new voter registration data from the Board of Election. He also reviewed how to navigate the map and answered questions from Board members.

#### **B. INFORMATION SHARING**

**Present:** Richard Johnson, Chair

Items discussed were the margin of error in the data being presented to them; if district adjustments are warranted based on the data provided to them; which of the three databases provided is most appropriate to use (total population, total population over 18; or total registered voters). There was consensus that district adjustments do need to be made.

#### **4. NEW BUSINESS**

##### **A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Redistricting Board Public Hearings**

Present: John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

The Redistricting Board is required by law to hold public hearings in each of the 4 districts to present their Plan and receive public testimony. Public hearings are scheduled for November 8, 2021 (Valley Lee Fire Dept.); November 10, 2021 (Commissioners Meeting Room); November 16, 2021 (Charlotte Hall Library); and, November 18, 2021 (Lexington Park Library). All hearings will start at 6:00 pm. The Commissioners Meeting Room is the only location that has call in capability for citizens who prefer not to attend in person due to COVID. Mr. Houser suggested scheduling a 5th public hearing for November 23, 2021 (Commissioners Meeting Room) to provide one more opportunity for citizens to voice their opinion. The Board will decide on holding a 5th hearing at their September 21, 2021, meeting.

Members of the Board requested Board of Election personnel attend their next meeting.

#### **5. ADJOURN**

##### **A. MOTION TO ADJOURN**

I move to adjourn the meeting.

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

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

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

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Redistricting Board on September 21, 2021.

RJ

Richard Johnson, President