

Redistricting Board (Tuesday, August 10, 2021)

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Members present

Richard Johnson

Matthew Burgan

Dr Patricia Richardson

Paul Thompson

Lance Johnson (Via Zoom)

David Weiskopf, County Attorney

Diane Gleissner, Support Staff

Sharon Ferris, Support Staff

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. AGENDA**

I move to accept 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 3, 2021, as presented (or amended).

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

None

4. NEW BUSINESS**A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - 2013 Redistricting Plan and Maps**

Present: John Houser, Assistant County Attorney

The 2013 Redistricting Board considered two primary sources of data to use during their deliberations. They considered using 2010 Census data or the April 2013 Voter Registration data from the St. Mary's County Board of

Elections. The Board decided using Voter Registration data was more up-to-date and easier to decipher than using the Census data due to the multiple variables associated with that data. The final plan from the Board was to move both voting precincts 03-006 and 06-003 from Commissioner District 2 to Commissioners District 4. The 2021 Redistricting Board has the flexibility to determine the type of data they want to use as they are not required to use the same data source the 2013 Board used.

B. ST. MARY'S COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS - Voting Information

Present: Wendy Adkins, Director, St. Mary's County Board of Elections
Tae Frere, Elections Program Supervisor

The following information was provided.

- 2012 District Voter Counts Report
- 2012 Voting History Statistics Report
- 2021 District Voter Counts Report
- 2020 Voting History Statistics Report
- St. Mary's County, County Commissioner, Board of Education and Legislative Districts

C. DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY - Population & Districts Visualization Map

Present: Eric Benson, GISP, GIS& Addressing Supervisor, Department of Information Technology

Mr. Benson displayed a map populated with previous Census data. Within each Census Block you can drill down to population, registered voters, housing units, district, precinct and commissioner district. Once the 2020 Census data is received, the new data will be uploaded and the Board can have access to all data required during their deliberations.

5. ADJOURN

A. MOTION TO ADJOURN

I move to adjourn the meeting.

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

The meeting adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Minutes approved by the Redistricting Board on August 31, 2021.

RJ

Richard Johnson, President