

**CITY OF TULSA
ELECTION DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, October 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Hardesty Regional Library**

MINUTES

The Election District Commission held a special public meeting on October 13, 2021, at Hardesty Regional Library, 8316 E. 93rd Street. Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Agenda was posted in the Office of the Tulsa City Clerk on October 7, 2021, at 8:02 a.m.

Members Present

Susan Neal, Chair
Sharon King Davis
John Eagleton
Joe Williams

Staff Present

Rich Brierre	Patrick Boulden
LaDonna Brewer	Sarah Davis
Darita Huckabee	Barbara Gibson

Others Present: Councilor Jeanne Cue, Emma Davis, Councilor Phil Lakin Jr., Matthew McCoy, Lynn Staggs

Call to Order

The Chair, Susan Neal, called the meeting to order.

Introduction of Election District Commission Members

The Chair introduced Commission members Sharon King Davis and John Eagleton.

Summary of Election District Commission Responsibilities and Criteria for Redistricting

The Chair provided a summary of the Election District Commission responsibilities and criteria for redistricting. Mr. Brierre stated that we appreciate everyone being here and the League of Women Voters being here and having gone on record providing a comment recognizing the commission and the criteria that they have established.

Presentation of Alternative Election District Plans

Mr. Brierre stated that the city charter provides that the Election District Commission redistrict the city council districts to make those districts as nearly equal and substantially equal in population. The deviation of the 2020 census population is 25 percent, with district 1 being the smallest district and district 6 being the largest. The districts that are below the optimal population are 1, 4, 5, and 9. The districts that are larger than the optimal number are 2, 6 and

7. The districts that are right on the mark are 8 and 3. He presented the six alternative Election District Plans (Plans I – VI). Plan I has a deviation of 3.2% with 15 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 33,199. Plan II has a deviation of 4.2% with 19 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 38,414. Plan III has a deviation of 4.1% with 20 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 45,082. Plan IV has a deviation of 4.3% with 30 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 61,483. Plan V has a deviation of 3% with 12 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 25, 693. Plan VI has a deviation of 3.30% with 11 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 23,463. Mr. Brierre provided an explanation of how each Council District is configured in each plan and the major differences of each plan displayed.

Public Comments Regarding Alternative Election District Plans

1. Matthew McCoy

Mr. McCoy stated that as an Owen Park resident in precinct 140 we are not aligned with downtown for state and local representation and our problems are more downtown related problems. He expressed a preference that Owen Park remain with District 4 and aligned with Downtown.

2. Lynn Staggs

Ms. Staggs, president League of Women Voters stated that she wanted to see what the process is, how transparent, and how much time people have to give feedback.

[Mr. Williams arrived]

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.