

**CITY OF TULSA
ELECTION DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, October 14, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Zarrow (West) Regional Library**

MINUTES

The Election District Commission held a special public meeting on October 14, 2021, at Zarrow (West) Regional Library, 2224 West 51st 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 8:06 a.m.

Members Present

Susan Neal, Chair
Sharon King Davis
Rick Westcott
Joe Williams

Staff Present

Rich Brierre Patrick Boulden
LaDonna Brewer Darita Huckabee

Others Present: Scott Asbjornon, Councilor Jeanne Cue

Call to Order

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

Introduction of Election District Commission Members

The chair introduced Election District Commissioners Sharon King Davis and Joe Williams.

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. She introduced Rich Brierre, Executive Director of INCOG and staff and well as Pat Boulden who is the director of the Tulsa City Council office.

[Rick Westcott arrived]

Presentation of Alternative Election District Plans

Rich Brierre stated that the census results were available to us in mid-August and what we found is that the city population did grow significantly more than the census bureau estimated. The existing council district population 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 3.0% 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. Discussion ensued and Mr. Brierre answered questions.

Public Comments Regarding Alternative Election District Plans

The Chair asked for public comments.

1. **Scott Asbjornson**

Mr. Asbjornson asked about the north side of the river in one council district and maybe moves but is in either council district 1 or 2. He questioned if it is better to split the area between two councilors. Right now, the area is split, and would it get better service if it was in one district, like in plan III where the Sand Springs line is all in one district.

2. **Councilor Jeannie Cue**

Councilor Jeannie Cue, who represents Council District 2, stated that she feels that Eugene Field should stay in District 2.

The Chair announced that we have one more public meeting Monday night at Rudisill Regional Library.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.