

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
DALLAS CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES
TUESDAY, MARCH 01, 2011**

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CITY SECRETARY
DALLAS, TEXAS

Commission Members Present:

Dr. Ruth Morgan, Chair
Hollis Brashear, Vice Chair
Gary Griffith
Donna Halstead
Mary Hasan
Elizabeth Jones
Jon Brooks Love
Daniel "Corky" Sherman
Tom Wood
John Loza
Domingo Garcia
Mark Hord
Billy Ratcliff
Stanley Mays
John Lozano

Commission Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Yasmin Tolliver, Redistricting Manager
Barbara McAninch, Asst. City Attorney
Peter Bratt, Redistricting Coordinator
Daisy Torres, Redistricting Coordinator
Arlicia Herron, Office Assistant

Members of the Public Present: 3

Media Present: 0

6:01 P.M. Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Ruth Morgan.

1. Opening Remarks
 - Dr. Ruth Morgan, Chair, informed the commission that Commissioner Hollis Brashear has resigned as Vice Chair effective at the end of the meeting. She had asked Commissioner Billy Ratcliff to act as Vice Chair for the meeting if Commissioner Brasher was not able to attend. Commissioner Billy Ratcliff accepted the Chair's suggestion, but Commissioner Brasher did attend, so the acting vice chair appointment was not necessary.
2. Approval of February 22, 2011 Minutes
 - Motion: Commissioner Tom Wood moved to approve the Tuesday, February 22, 2011 Minutes.
 - Seconded: Commissioner Donna Halstead

I move to delete the third sentence in the introductory paragraph beginning with the following guidelines will be applied.

- Seconded: Commissioner Tom Wood
 - Motion withdrawn from floor by Commissioner Donna Halstead with approval of Commissioner Tom Wood.

- Motion: Commissioner Mark Hord

I move to adopt the introductory paragraph to read as it was originally drafted by counsel. The sentence should read, “The guidelines will be applied in the order listed unless to do so will violate federal law.

1. Population equality
2. Contiguity and compactness
3. Minority Representation
4. Incumbents
5. Communities of Interest
6. Cores of Existing Districts

- Seconded: Commissioner Gary Griffith

- Ayes: 6
- Nays: 9
- Motion Failed: 6-9

- Motion: Commissioner Donna Halstead

I move to amend the sentence that starts with the following guidelines, to read as follows: “The following guidelines will be applied as required by the US Constitution and the Voting Rights Act. Then list 1. Population equality 2. Minority Representation 3. Contiguity Compactness. Other guidelines to be applied may include 4. Incumbents, 5. Communities of interest and 6. Core of existing districts.

- Commissioner John Lozano added a friendly amendment to change (may be applied) to (shall be applied). It was accepted by Commissioner Donna Halstead and Commissioner Stanley Mays.
- Commissioner Domingo Garcia added a friendly amendment to include state laws to the third sentence. It was accepted by Commissioner Donna Halstead and Commissioner Stanley Mays.

- Seconded: Commissioner Stanley Mays
- Ayes: 15
- Nays: 0
- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner Donna Halstead

I move to incorporate the first two sentences under Guideline One Population Equality.

- Seconded: Commissioner Billy Ratcliff
 - Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner John Loza

I move to approve the explanatory factor of Guideline Two Minority Representation.

- Seconded: Commissioner John Lozano

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner Tom Wood

I move to approve the first sentence under Guideline Three Contiguity and Compactness

- Seconded: Commissioner Elizabeth Jones

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner Jon Love

I move for approval of the second sentence, third sentence, and the six bullets under Guideline Three Contiguity and Compactness.

- Seconded: Commissioner Stanley Mays

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner John Loza

I move for approval of the paragraph under Guideline Four Incumbent.

- Seconded: Commissioner Stanley Mays

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner John Lozano

I move to approve the first sentence under Guideline Five Communities of Interest.

- Seconded: Commissioner Mark Hord

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

- Motion Passed: 15-0 (unanimously)

- Motion: Commissioner Tom Wood

I move to approve the remainder of the paragraph under Guideline Five Communities of Interest.

- Seconded: Commissioner Stanley Mays

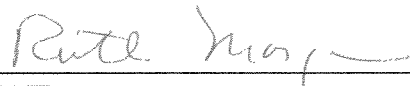
- Speaker guidelines read by Dr. Morgan, Chair.
- Public speaker Teddy Hawkins commented on remarks made by Commissioner Domingo Garcia regarding the Pleasant Grove area of Dallas, compactness, and disenfranchising the Hispanic vote.

6. Additional Questions/Final Remarks

- Commissioner Hollis Brashear announced he will not serve as vice chair, but will stay on as commissioner.

7. Adjournment

Dr. Morgan, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM



CHAIR



COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

Note: For detailed information on meeting refer to the tape retained on file in the Redistricting Office.