

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
MEETING MINUTES  
DALLAS CITY HALL, ROOM 6ES  
SATURDAY, AUGUST 20, 2011**

Commission Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

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

Commission Members Absent:

None

Members of the Public Present: 13

Media Present: 0

**6:02 P.M.** Meeting called to order by Chair, Dr. Ruth Morgan. A quorum was present.

1. Opening Remarks  
The Chair reminded commissioners and the audience that no cell phones were to be used during the meeting.
2. Approval of August 16, 2011 Minutes
  - Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved to approve the August 16, 2011 Minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays.
    - Ayes: 15
    - Nays: 0The motion passed unanimously.
3. Staff Updates
  - a) August 23, 2011 Meeting
    - Project Manager Yasmin Tolliver stated that Tuesday August 23, 2011 will be the last Redistricting Commission meeting. Staff will provide the precinct information for the commission as an overlay on the final

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map. Commissioners will receive another packet prior to this meeting that will contain the public testimony received at the public forum and via email, mail, and fax.

- The Tuesday August 23, 2011 meeting will begin at 6pm and will be in the City Council Chambers.
  - Chair Morgan outlined the process for the evening to expedite the Commission's work. The Commission will discuss public testimony received at the Public Forum and do minor changes to the plans. At the next meeting on Tuesday August 23, the Commission will vote on the final plan to be submitted to the mayor. After the Commission has voted on a final map, there will still be a chance to make minor changes if the Commission sees issues, such as split parks.
4. Commission Discussion of August 20, 2011 Public Forum Testimony
    - a) Plan 3 (full plan id: wPlan03c)
    - b) Plan 5 (full plan id: cPlan05b)
    - c) Plan 16 (full plan id: cPlan16b)
  5. General Commission Discussion
    - None
  6. Commission Discussion Regarding Selection of Final Plan(s) for Consideration
    - Motion: Commissioner Loza moved that the Commission to vote on a plan of preference before making changes to any plans. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Love. After discussion from the Commission, the motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Loza and the second, Commissioner Love.
    - Motion: Commissioner Lozano moved to eliminate one of the three maps. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Love. After discussion from the Commission, the motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Lozano and the seconder, Commissioner Love.
    - The Chair suggested a preference vote to move from 3 plans to 2 plans if that was the will of the Commission.
    - Motion: Commissioner Loza moved that the Commission list the plans in order of preference. The top two plans with the most first preference votes will be selected as the plans that will move forward for consideration for the final plan at the Tuesday August 23 meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano. Commissioner Brashear objected to the motion because he did not agree with a preferential vote on the plans at this time.

A roll call vote was taken on the Motion:

Commissioner Garcia voted Yes  
Commissioner Loza voted Yes  
Commissioner Sherman voted No  
Commissioner Ratcliff voted Yes  
Commissioner Brashear voted No  
Commissioner Lozano voted Yes  
Commissioner Mays voted Yes  
Commissioner Hasan voted Yes  
Commissioner Griffith voted No  
Commissioner Halstead voted No  
Commissioner Hord voted Yes  
Commissioner Wood voted Yes  
Commissioner Jones voted No  
Commissioner Love voted Yes  
Commissioner Morgan voted No

The motion passed: 9-6

- Chair Morgan recommended that only the first choice of each Commissioner be read out loud, since the two plans with the most first preference votes will be moved forward. Commissioner Garcia expressed concerned about only reading the first vote. Commissioner Loza suggested that the Chair to go ahead and read the commission's vote for the first preference, but that, second and third choice for the three maps be reflected in the Minutes for the record.

Commissioner Brashear voted for Plan 5, Plan 3, and Plan 16.  
Commissioner Garcia voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Griffith voted for Plan 5, Plan 16, and Plan 3.  
Commissioner Halstead voted for Plan 5, Plan 3, and Plan 16.  
Commissioner Hasan voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Hord voted for Plan 5, Plan 16, and Plan 3.  
Commissioner Jones voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Love voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Loza voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Lozano voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Mays voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Morgan voted for Plan 3, Plan 5, and Plan 16.  
Commissioner Ratcliff voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Sherman voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.  
Commissioner Wood voted for Plan 16, Plan 3, and Plan 5.

There were 10 first place votes for Plan 16, 4 first place votes for Plan 5 and 1 first place vote for Plan 3. Plans 16 and 5 will be the final plans considered at the Tuesday, August 23, 2011 Meeting.

- Motion: Commissioner Brashear moved to reverse the order of plan discussion. Plan 16 will be discussed first and then Plan 5 will be discussed second. The motion was seconded Commissioner Jones.
  - Ayes: 15
  - Nays: 0
 The motion passed unanimously.

7. Commission Discussion and Consideration on Giving Directions to Staff on Modifying Final Plan(s) in Consideration

cPlan16b

- Demographer Lindsay Kramer discussed the changes submitted to Plan 16 at the August 16, 2011 commission meeting. There were changes between Districts 9 and 14 as proposed by Commissioner Griffith. There were changes between Districts 10 and 11 as proposed by Commissioner Halstead. There were also changes between Districts 1 and 3 as proposed by Commissioner Garcia. These changes were added into the plan shown at the Public Forum as Plan 16 (cPlan16b). Incidentally, all three of the plans submitted to the public forum (Plan 3, Plan 5, and Plan 16) decreased the number of split voter precincts in the City of Dallas when compared to the current city map that splits 91 precincts. City Staff worked on the street edges to see if there was any population assigned to those areas. In Plan 16, one block along Bruton Road had a population of 628 people that was assigned to District 7. In reviewing satellite photos, it clearly belongs in District 5. That change will put cPlan16b outside the range of acceptable population deviation in its current configuration. The deviation would be 10.64%, and it would need to be adjusted to bring it into compliance before moving forward.
- Motion: Commissioner Ratcliff stated that he wanted to switch the Piedmont area as discussed in the public forum and asked Denver Pierce, the hired outside GIS technician, to list the street boundaries of the neighborhood. Mr. Pierce defined the Piedmont neighborhood as bordered by Bruton Road, Scyene Road, and Buckner Blvd (Route 12). Commissioner Ratcliff moved to place this area into District 7 from District 5. Commissioner Ratcliff also moved a portion of District 8 bordered by Elam Road, Ledbetter Road (Route 12), and Jim Miller Road into District 7. The motion was deferred as Commissioner Sherman offered information on two crime watch groups to Commissioner Ratcliff to be added to Commissioner Ratcliff's motion. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays. After Commission discussion, due to the balancing that was needed to accomplish the change, the motion was withdrawn by Commissioner Ratcliff with the agreement of the seconder, Commissioner Mays.
- Motion: Commissioner Halstead moved that the Highland Meadows Neighborhood bordered by Hackney Road, Northwest Highway, Jupiter Road

and McCree Road currently in District 9 be moved into District 10. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano.

○ Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: Commissioner Brashear moved that the area bordered by Love Freeway (Highway 67), Red Bird Lane, Camp Wisdom Road and Polk Street currently in District 3 be placed into District 4. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sherman. Commissioner Brashear stated that he made this motion because there was no connection between the Red Bird Neighborhood and District 3, which includes the Far North Oak Cliff neighborhoods of Kessler Park, Stevens Park, and Winnetka Park. A raised hand vote was taken.

○ Ayes: 8

Nays: 7

The motion passed (Commissioners Garcia, Hasan, Love, Loza, Lozano, Mays and Ratcliff voted against motion).

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved that the Greenway Parks area currently in District 6 bounded by Inwood Road, Mockingbird Lane, the Dallas/Park Cities City Limits, and Lovers Lane be moved into District 13 and that the area bounded by Mockingbird Lane, Inwood Road, Lovers Lane and Lemmon Avenue currently in District 6 be moved into District 2. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza.

○ Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: Commissioner Loza moved that the North Park/Love Field area bounded by Midway Road on the west, Lovers Lane on the north, Inwood Road on the east and Mockingbird Lane on the south, currently in District 6 be moved into District 2. Also, that the Arlington Park area bounded by Mockingbird Lane, Westmoreland Road, Interstate 35 and Inwood Road currently in District 6 be moved into District 2. In addition, the area north of Bachman Lake currently in District 2 bordered by Webb Chapel Extension and Denton Drive be moved into District 6. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mays.

○ Ayes: 15

Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Griffith took over presiding duties of the meeting for the Chair as she took a brief break. Due to a delay as Commissioner Ratcliff worked on an extensive proposal for Districts 7 and 5, Commissioner Griffith called for a five minute break at 8:57pm. Chair Morgan resumed chairing the commission at 9:07pm.

- Motion: Commissioner Griffith moved that the University Meadows neighborhood bordered by Lovers Lane, the Dart RR line, Skillman Street and Abrams Road be moved from District 14 into District 9. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Sherman.

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

- Motion: Commissioner Garcia moved to preclude any further modifications on Plan 16 at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lozano.

- Ayes: 13

- Nays: 2

The motion passed (Commissioner Griffith and Commissioner Hord voted against motion).

#### cPlan05b

Commissioner Brashear opened a discussion about Beckley Club Estates, Ferguson Road neighborhoods and Cedar Oaks. Commissioner Brashear wanted to know how to incorporate changes to Plan 5 when the majority has chosen Plan 16. The Chair was unsure how to answer the question. Commissioner Griffith stated that Plan 16 now incorporates the 3 changes that he needed, but they are already in Plan 5, so he has no changes to Plan 5. Commissioner Hasan mentioned trying to get Highland Hills back into District 8 and asked the Commission for advice. Commissioner Halstead attempted to assist Commissioner Hasan to find a balancing move for such a change, but was not able to do so. There was further discussion by Commissioners Halstead, Hasan and Brashear regarding various neighborhoods, but no motions were made.

Commissioner Ratcliff again attempted a motion to change the borders of Districts 5 and 7 in cPlan16b, but withdrew his motion.

Returning to consideration of Plan 5, Commissioner Halstead asked about area in northeast Dallas between Hackney Road and Dallas city limits and whether it could be placed into District 10, but no motion was made. Commissioner Halstead asked about potentially moving Buckner Terrace in Plan 5, but the population was too large to fit within the acceptable deviation range, and no motion was made.


- Motion: Commissioner Ratcliff moved to preclude any further modifications on Plan 5 at tonight's meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Loza.

- Ayes: 15

- Nays: 0

The motion passed unanimously.

8. Additional Questions/Final Remarks
  - There were no additional questions or final remarks.
9. Adjournment
  - a) The meeting adjourned at 10:34 pm.

  
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CHAIR

  
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COMMISSION ADMINISTRATOR

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**Note:** For detailed information on meeting refer to the video tape of the meeting posted on the Redistricting website.