

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021**

PRESENT: Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
Lisa Sales, At-Large (*arrived 6:29 p.m.*)
William Bouie, At-Large
Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District
Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
Bryon Garner, Lee District
Alis Wang, Mason District
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Samuel Walker, Sully District
George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation Representative
Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative
Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative
Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community Representative
Gerald "Gerry" Hyland, Mount Vernon District (*arrived 6:15 p.m.*)
Scott Price, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Representative (*arrived 6:41 p.m.*)

ABSENT: Paul Liberty, Springfield District
Saif Rahman Arab American Community Representative
Silvia Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative

REMOTE: James Bierman, Dranesville District

ATTACHMENTS:

- A. Demographics of Fairfax County Redistricting Advisory Commission Presentation
- B. 2021 Redistricting Schedule
- C. Redistricting Online Demo Presentation
- D. 2011 Report of the Advisory Citizens Committee on the 2011 Reapportionment of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia

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Chairman Paul Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 232 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Chairman Berry noted that the July 27, 2021, minutes approval was not included in the agenda. He asked if a committee member would make a motion to amend the agenda. Representative Becerra MOVED TO AMEND TONIGHT'S AGENDA TO INCLUDE THE JULY 27, 2021, MINUTES APPROVAL.

Representative Walker seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 13-0. Representatives Hyland, Sales, and Price were not present for the vote. Representatives Patton, Rahman, and Liberty were absent from the meeting.

Representative Becerra then MOVED TO APPROVE THE JULY 27, 2021, MINUTES.

Representative Walker seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 13-0. Representatives Hyland, Sales, and Price were not present for the vote. Representatives Patton, Rahman, and Liberty were absent from the meeting.

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The following representatives attended the meeting in person, in Conference Room 232 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

- Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
- Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
- Lisa Sales, At-Large
- William Bouie, At-Large
- Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District
- Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
- Bryon Garner, Lee District
- Alis Wang, Mason District
- Gerald “Gerry” Hyland, Mount Vernon District
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Chairman Berry announced there was a remote participant and requested the remote participant state for the record his location and reason for participating remotely:

- James Bierman, Dranesville District Representative, stated he was participating from Jackson WY; his second remote attendance due to being on a family vacation (personal matter).

Representative Bouie MOVED THAT FOR EACH MEMBER PARTICIPATING REMOTELY, THE REMOTE PARTICIPANT'S VOICE WAS CLEAR, AUDIBLE AND AT AN APPROPRIATE VOLUME FOR THE MEETING ROOM AND THAT THEIR REMOTE PARTICIPATION COMPORTS WITH THE POLICY.

Representative Becerra seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 13-0. Representatives Hyland, Sales, and Price were not present for the vote. Representatives Patton, Rahman, and Liberty were absent from the meeting.

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Committee member introduction.

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Fatima Khaja, representing the Demographics Division of the Department of Management and Budget, gave a presentation on the Demographics of Fairfax County, a copy of which is included in Attachment A. The following topics were covered:

- An overview of Fairfax County's demographic characteristics;
- A comparison of 2011 and 2020 population density;
- Race and ethnicity from 1850-2017 in Fairfax County;
- Population changes in Fairfax County;
- Total population change in Fairfax County by census tract;
- Fastest and slowest growing population ethnicity groups;
- Overview of economic characteristics;
- Overview of poverty;
- Housing characteristics; and
- Future forecast for Fairfax County.

There was a discussion between Ms. Khaja and multiple Representatives on the following:

- Sources used for growth projection;
- Composition of precincts by group for population estimates; and
- Types of demographic information provided by census data.

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Martin Desjardins, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, presented the 2021 Redistricting Schedule, a copy of which can be found in Attachment B. The following topics were covered:

- Historic nature of the Redistricting Committee;
- Delays in receiving census information due to the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Summary of the committee's schedule and important dates;
- Public outreach; and
- Public hearing process and notice requirements.

There was a discussion between Mr. Desjardins and several Representatives over the following topics:

- Public outreach details;
- Adjustments for prison population;
- Ways committee members could assist with public outreach; and
- Creation of a Facebook event for August 17 public input session.

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The Committee went into recess at 7:25 p.m. and returned at 7:40 p.m.

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Committee member introduction.

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Sandra Woiak, Geospatial Services Manager, GIS Division, Department of Information Technology, presented a Redistricting Online demonstration, a copy of which is included in Attachment C. The following topics were discussed with committee members:

- Mapping Software (Esri);
- Access to site and creating an account;
- Demonstration of Esri software;
- Clarification on district lines, census block lines, and precinct lines; and
- Extra training during daytime hours, if needed.

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Chairman Berry referenced the Report of the Advisory Citizens Committee on the 2011 Reapportionment of the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, Virginia, a copy of which is included in Attachment D, to discuss with committee members the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee Report. There was a discussion on the following topics:

- Explanation of the 2011 Reapportionment Report layout and details;
- Collaboration with other committee members on plans encouraged;
- Redesign of the 2021 report;
- Creation of the Ordinance to redistrict and how it relates to submitted plan;

- Possible costs associated with redistricting changes; and
- Providing a proposed timeline with internal deadlines for committee members.

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Chairman Berry announced that the 2021 Redistricting Advisory Committee's next meetings were scheduled for August 17, public input session, and August 26, software training. A discussion ensued between committee members on the number of meetings to be held weekly in September and days to avoid. The following meetings were scheduled by the committee to be held at 6:00 p.m.:

- Wednesday, September 1, 2021;
- Thursday, September 9, 2021;
- Monday, September 13, 2021;
- Tuesday, September 14, 2021; and
- Friday, September 17, 2021 (tentative)

At the conclusion of the meeting, Chairman Berry asked for a member to move to adjourn the meeting.

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Representative Becerra MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AS OF 8:29 p.m.

The motion was seconded by Representative Thompson which carried by a vote of 17-0. Representatives Patton, Rahman, and Liberty were absent from the meeting.