

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2021**

PRESENT: Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair (arr. 6:02 pm)
Lisa Sales, At-Large
William Bouie, At-Large
Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District
James Bierman, Dranesville District
Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
Bryon Garner, Lee District
Alis Wang, Mason District
Gerald “Gerry” Hyland, Mount Vernon District
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Paul Liberty, Springfield District (arr. 6:08 pm)
Samuel Walker, Sully District
Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative
Silvia Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative
Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative
Scott Price, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Representative
George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation Representative

ABSENT: Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community Representative
Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative

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Chairman Paul Berry called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in Computer Labs 366.8 and 368.7 of Suite 364 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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The following Representatives attended the meeting in-person, in Computer Labs 366.8 and 368.7 of Suite 364 of the Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia 22035.

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Chairman Berry presented the meeting’s agenda and stated that Vice-Chair Campblin wanted to amend the meeting’s agenda to include a discussion on public outreach and asked if the Committee had a motion to support Vice-Chair Campblin’s request.

Representative Sales MOVED TO AMEND THE MEETING’S AGENDA TO INCLUDE A 10 MINUTE DISCUSSION ON PUBLIC OUTREACH AT 6:20 P.M.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 16-0. Representatives Campblin and Liberty were not present during the vote. Representatives Castillo and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

Representative Becerra asked if at 7:25 p.m. the straw poll could be added to the agenda. Chairman Berry shared that this could be part of the discussion at 7:25 p.m. and no motion would be necessary to add it to the agenda.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING’S AGENDA AS AMENDED.

Representative Hyland seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 17-0. Representative Liberty was not present during the vote. Representatives Castillo and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry announced there were no remote participants for the meeting.

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Chairman Berry announced the next agenda item, approval of the Minutes from the Redistricting Advisory Committee's fifth meeting, held on September 9, 2021, and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021, MINUTES.

Representative Chew seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 17-0. Representative Liberty was not present during the vote. Representatives Castillo and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry opened the floor for public comment.

Jack Kiraly, a resident in the Providence District, shared his thoughts with the Committee on Renaming Districts. He shared that the Committee should recommend renaming the Lee District and the Sully District.

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Chairman Berry introduced the next topic, as added earlier onto the Committee's agenda, a discussion on public outreach.

Vice-Chair Campblin started the discussion and shared that the Committee should explore extending the amount of time the public would have to submit their maps and that the public's access and knowledge of the Committee's tools, materials, and works need to be optimized.

Discussion then ensued on extending the deadline for public submission of maps. Chairman Berry shared that the Board of Supervisors would be voting on September 14, 2021, on an extension to the public's map submission deadline, and that under the proposed change the public would have an extension to the previously suggested deadline of September 17, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. to September 19, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. and that the Redistricting Committee would have until September 28, 2021, to submit their maps, evaluate the maps from the members of the public, and submit their report to staff.

Following discussion between various Representatives, Vice-Chair Campblin MOVED TO RECOMMEND TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AN EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC OUTREACH PERIOD FOR MAP SUBMISSIONS TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2021.

Representative Rahman seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 12-5-1. Representatives Chew, Garner, Wang, Liberty, and Chairman Berry voted in opposition of the motion. Representative Price abstained from the vote. Representatives Castillo and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Berry further clarified a correction to a statement he made at the September 9, 2021 meeting regarding the number of public maps that were received by the 2011 Redistricting Advisory Committee. He shared that there were 3 public submissions, not 200, and that all 3 maps appeared in the 2011

Committee's report. He further stated that all maps submitted by members of the public should, by that precedent, be included in the Committee's report.

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Chairman Berry announced that the next topic on the Committee's agenda would be the discussion on "Renaming Districts".

Chairman Berry suggested that the Committee make a recommendation somewhere in the Committee's final report for the Board of Supervisors to undertake a public renaming period. He further shared that the Committee's recommendation would be nebulous and not district specific.

Representative Liberty suggested that the Confederate Names Task Force, which is currently meeting to review the names of Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway, could be made broader to look at renaming of all other County aspects.

Representative Chew suggested that the names of precincts also be evaluated.

With a general consensus from the Committee on this matter, Chairman Berry shared that he would be writing a letter for the beginning of the Committee's report, where he will add a subsection about the renaming of districts. The letter and the final report will be presented to the full Committee for approval.

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Chairman Berry moved onto the next topic on the agenda "School Board structure recommendation".

Chairman Berry shared that while the Committee's focus has majorly been on impacts to the Board of Supervisors, the Committee's work focuses on the School Board as well. He stated that the School Board currently has a composition that includes three At-Large positions, and that the School Board used to be appointed. He suggested that the Committee could suggest structural changes, such as making the School Board's composition mirror that of the Board of Supervisors.

Discussion ensued with several Representatives on:

- Minority representation on the School Board;
- The State's constitution on the roles of the Board of Supervisors versus the School Board;
- The benefits of smaller elected bodies; and
- The benefits of At-Large positions on the School Board.

At the end of the discussion, Chairman Berry shared that there would be no further action taken on the topic, and that the topic was brought to question purely for discussion.

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The Committee then moved onto map presentations.

Representative Rahman asked for clarification on the “share map” feature on the Committee’s redistricting software. Martin Desjardins, Assistant County Attorney, Office of the County Attorney, provided the Committee with clarification on how the *Virginia Freedom of Information Act* limits the Committee to sharing their map with only one other person on the Committee.

Representative Bierman and Representative Smyth then presented the Committee with a map they created with nine magisterial districts. The map presented moved the Fort Buffalo precinct from the Providence District to the Mason District. Representative Smyth shared with the Committee information regarding locations in the Providence District.

The Committee then ensued on evaluating additional changes and impacts that could be made to the maps, including how the deviations would look if precinct changes were made affecting several districts, such as in the Mason, Providence, Lee, Springfield, Braddock, and Sully Districts. Discussion also ensued on topics such as how compactness could be considered, how the vulnerability index data should be used when making decisions, if Board of Supervisors District offices could be moved, and the definition of communities of interest.

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The Committee went into recess at 7:24 p.m. and returned at 7:39 p.m.

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After recess, Chairman Berry, as suggested by Representative Rahman, asked the Committee for a straw poll on how many districts each Committee member was considering evaluating. The options were between 9, 10, or 11 districts.

Representatives Liberty, Smyth, Rajan, Chew, Bierman, Bouie, and Garner raised their hands for 9 districts.

Representatives Liberty, Walker, Becerra, Rajan, Sales, Hyland, Bouie, Garner, Bierman, Rahman, Campblin, and Wang raised their hands for 10 districts.

Representatives Walker, Becerra, Hyland, Sales, Campblin, Patton, and Rahman raised their hands for 11 districts.

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Representative Wang then presented a map to the Committee which had 10 districts, including a new District, “District 10”, also designated as the “Dulles District”, in the western part of the County. Representative Wang’s map also included several proposed name changes to the districts.

Representative Rahman presented to the group a 10 District map, in which a new Lorton District was created. He stated he looked at minority populations when creating the map and kept minority communities mostly intact.

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Chairman Berry announced that the Committee's next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 14, 2021, and that at that meeting, the Committee could decide if the Friday, September 17, 2021, meeting would be necessary. Adding another meeting date on Friday, September 24, 2021, was also discussed and the Committee generally decided to revisit that later. Discussion also ensued on how the Committee could evaluate and work on plans together at future meetings.

Vice-Chair Campblin suggested that the Committee's District Representatives present information about key communities of interest in their districts. After discussion, Chairman Berry decided that this could be done at the September 14, 2021 meeting for the first hour during map presentations.

Representative Liberty stated that he would be absent from the September 14, 2021 meeting. Chairman Berry requested, if Representative Liberty was ready, to go over the Springfield District with the Committee. Representative Liberty, using a map of the Springfield District, shared information and answered several questions from the Committee on several locations and their history in the Springfield District.

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

Representative Liberty MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AS OF 8:27 p.m.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 17-0. Representative Price was absent for the vote. Representatives Castillo and Kanter were absent from the meeting.