

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2021**

PRESENT: Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
William Bouie, At-Large
Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
Linda Smyth, Providence District
Paul Liberty, Springfield District
Samuel Walker, Sully District
Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative
Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative

ABSENT: Lisa Sales, At-Large
James Bierman, Dranesville District
Alis Wang, Mason District
Gerald “Gerry” Hyland, Mount Vernon District
Silvia Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative
Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community Representative
Scott Price, Northern Virginia Chamber of Commerce Representative

REMOTE: Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District
Bryon Garner, Lee District
Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative
George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation 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.

- Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
- Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
- William Bouie, At-Large
- Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
- Linda Smyth, Providence District
- Paul Liberty, Springfield District
- Samuel Walker, Sully District

- Tim Thompson, Federation of Citizens Associations Representative
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Chairman Berry presented the meeting's agenda.

Representative Chew MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING'S AGENDA.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 8-0. Representatives Campblin, Rajan, Garner, Rahman, and Becerra were not present during the vote. Representatives Sales, Bierman, Wang, Hyland, Patton, Castillo, and Price were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry announced there were remote participants and requested that each remote participant state for the record their location and reason for participating remotely:

- Bryon Garner, Lee District Representative, stated that he was participating from Alexandria, VA; his first remote attendance due to a conflicting meeting which wouldn't allow him to travel to the Government Center to make the meeting in time (personal reason).
- Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District Representative, stated that he was participating from Fairfax, VA; his first remote attendance due to childcare reasons (personal reason).
- Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative, stated that he was participating from Herndon, VA; his first remote attendance due to a temporary disability.

Representative Chew 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 Bouie seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 8-0. Representatives Campblin, Rajan, Garner, Rahman, and Becerra were not present during the vote. Representatives Sales, Bierman, Wang, Hyland, Patton, Castillo, and Price were absent from the meeting.

After resolving audibility issues with Representative Beccera's connection into the meeting, Chairman Berry asked him to state for the record his location and reason for participating remotely:

- George Becerra, Northern Virginia Labor Federation Representative, stated that he was participating from the South County area of Fairfax County; his first remote attendance due to childcare reasons (personal reason).

Representative Kanter 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 Bouie seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 11-1. Representative Chew voted in opposition. Representative Becerra was not present during the vote. Representatives Sales, Bierman, Wang, Hyland, Patton, Castillo, and Price were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry announced the next agenda item, approval of the Minutes from the Redistricting Advisory Committee's seventh meeting, held on September 14, 2021, and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Representative Chew MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2021, MINUTES.

Representative Bouie seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 13-0. Representatives Sales, Bierman, Wang, Hyland, Patton, Castillo, and Price were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry opened the floor for public comment.

David Hechtman from the Holmes Run Acres community introduced himself to the Committee and shared that he was attending the meeting to learn more about designing and submitting maps.

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Chairman Berry announced to the group that map presentations by the Committee at future meetings will be limited to maps ready for feedback and not for a group design discussion.

Representative Chew asked if the Committee would be evaluating public maps for inclusion in the Committee's report as they were received or if the Committee would wait until all public maps had been submitted. Chairman Berry shared that the Committee would wait and move through all maps at one time for evaluation.

Representative Liberty asked what the criteria would be for determining if a map should make it to the Committee's evaluation. Chairman Berry shared that there were two public maps submitted that were drawn outside of the acceptable deviation. He shared that he had e-mailed the authors of those maps and requested that the maps be fixed by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, 2021, or that the maps would be eliminated from consideration due to legal requirements. He further shared that any maps not compliant with the statutes would not make it into the Committee's folder for evaluation.

Representative Smyth shared that at least one map had been submitted where a precinct where an incumbent Supervisor lives had been moved outside of their District and asked if this would be another

criterion that the Committee could use during their evaluation for inclusion. Chairman Berry shared that the location of an incumbent's residence is a non-statutory requirement, although requested by the Board of Supervisors for consideration, and that the Committee would need to decide on criteria for inclusion via a future discussion. He further shared that at the Tuesday, September 21, 2021, meeting, the Committee could evaluate each map and vote, via majority, on inclusion of the maps.

Representative Thompson shared that the state data had issues and asked if the data shared with the Committee was good. Representative Chew shared that to his understanding the total numbers provided are clean, but deeper into the demographic subsets, the numbers may not be 100% clean. Chairman Berry shared that he could follow up with the Department of Information Technology on the data.

Chairman Berry shared that he thought that every member of the Committee should have at least one map in the report for the Board of Supervisors and that any more than that, additional maps should be subject to a justification by the Committee member and would further need to go through a review process by the full Committee.

Chairman Berry further shared that if the Committee followed the precedent of the 2011 Redistricting Advisory Committee, the Committee should submit all public maps received. Representative Liberty asked if the one person, one map rule applied to the public, as it may for the Committee. Chairman Berry shared that he believes that members of the public should only be allowed to submit one map. Representative Walker shared that then, the Committee will need to make arguments for or against the inclusion of any maps.

Representative Smyth asked by when Committee members would need to submit their maps. Chairman Berry shared that if a Committee member was submitting more than one map, they should have them submitted by 6 p.m. on Monday, September 27, 2021, to allow for the Committee to have discussion on the maps, and if a Committee member was to only submit one map, it would need to be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Chairman Berry stated that while the Committee was conceptually drawing out the evaluation process at this meeting, that the Committee would have a full discussion on Tuesday, September 21, 2021.

Representative Thompson asked how the Committee would prioritize and organize the submitted maps for presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Chairman Berry shared that in 2011, the submitted maps were organized by the number of districts drawn (9 or 10) and further, that he believed they were organized by date order of submission. He further stated he did not think it was within the Committee's scope to rank the maps for the Board of Supervisors.

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The Committee then worked on their individual maps and had a work session.

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After the Committee had some time to work on their maps, Chairman Berry shared that a few more public maps had been submitted and projected them for the present Committee members' initial thoughts.

The first map, designated PUB_9_0917_0952, displayed nine districts. Chairman Berry noted changes to the Mount Vernon, Braddock, Springfield, and Sully Districts. He further shared that the deviations were pretty low and believed that the submitter was working toward compactness. He also noted that the incumbent Providence District Supervisor's residence was moved out of the Providence District on the map.

The second map, designated PUB_9_0915_1832, displayed nine districts. Chairman Berry noted that in the map Hunter Mill would lose Vienna and that the map displayed a low deviation. Representative Kanter noted that the submitter seemed to be working toward compactness.

The third map, designated PUB_9_0914_1929, displayed nine districts. Chairman Berry noted in the map that there were changes to the Braddock and Lee Districts. Representative Kanter noted that the Lorton and Laurel Hills areas were split into two different Districts in the map.

The fourth map, designated PUB_11_0916_1822, displayed eleven districts. Chairman Berry noted that the map had a new District designated as the "Potomac" District located in the eastern part of the county and a District 11 on the western side.

The fifth map, designated PUB_10_0917_1204, displayed ten districts. Chairman Berry noted the map displayed a Centreville-Chantilly District and renamed several districts.

The sixth map, designated PUB_10_0917_1029, displayed ten districts with a South Run District in lieu of Hunter Mill and the Lee District renamed as the Franconia District.

Representative Becerra asked how many maps had been submitted. Sandy Woiak, Geospatial Services Manager, Department of Information Technology, shared that 15 maps had been processed.

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

Representative Chew MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AS OF 7:34 P.M.

Representative Liberty seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 12-0. Representative Rahman was not present during the vote. Representatives Sales, Bierman, Wang, Hyland, Patton, Castillo, and Price were absent from the meeting.