

**FAIRFAX COUNTY
REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2021**

PRESENT: Paul Berry, At-Large, Chairman
Karen Campblin, African American Community Representative, Vice-Chair
William Bouie, At-Large
Lisa Sales, At-Large (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
Prashanth Rajan, Braddock District
James Bierman, Dranesville District (*arrived at 6:03 p.m.*)
Richard Chew, Hunter Mill District
Bryon Garner, Lee District
Alis Wang, Mason District
Gerald “Gerry” Hyland, Mount Vernon District (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
Paul Liberty, Springfield District
Samuel Walker, Sully District
Saif Rahman, Arab American Community Representative (*arrived at 6:05 p.m.*)
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: Linda Smyth, Providence District
Anne Kanter, League of Women Voters Representative

REMOTE: Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community 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.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO APPROVE THE MEETING’S AGENDA.

Representative Chew seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 13-0. Representatives Castillo, Bierman, Hyland, Sales, and Rahman were not present during the vote. Representatives Smyth and Kanter 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:

- Maya Castillo, Hispanic Community Representative, stated that she was participating from her home in Fairfax, Virginia; her first remote attendance due to providing care for her daughter who was feeling ill (*medical condition of family member*).

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 Thompson seconded the motion, which carried by a vote of 13-0. Representatives Castillo, Bierman, Hyland, Sales, and Rahman were not present during the vote. Representatives Smyth and Kanter 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 eighth meeting, held on September 17, 2021, and asked if there was a motion to approve.

Representative Bouie MOVED TO APPROVE THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2021, MINUTES.

Representative Wang seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 14-0. Representatives Bierman, Hyland, Sales, and Rahman were not present during the vote. Representatives Smyth and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry opened the floor for public comment.

No members of the public requested to speak.

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Chairman Berry shared that the public had until 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, September 19, 2021, to submit maps and 40 maps were submitted, additionally, 4 maps were submitted outside of the legal deviation and would not be evaluated. He further stated that while the public map submission time frame ended, the public could still see submitted maps and that Committee still could submit maps. For next steps, Chairman Berry announced that the Committee had two upcoming meetings, one on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, and the other on Monday, September 27, 2021. He further shared that the Committee would discuss on Tuesday, September 21, 2021, criteria for inclusion on the public maps into the Committee's Report and that he would circulate his draft Chairman's Intro Letter for the Committee's Report from Thursday, September 23, 2021, through Monday, September 27, 2021, for Committee feedback.

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Chairman Berry pulled up public maps for initial feedback from the Committee.

Representative Becerra shared that he heard concerns from members of the public on the Committee's proposed "one person, one map" consideration for the public map inclusions. Chairman Berry shared that this would be a topic for the Committee to discuss at the meeting on September 21, 2021.

Chairman Berry pulled up a map, submitted by a member of the public, for the Committee's discussion. The first map, designated as PUB_9_0919_2336, displayed a nine-district map. Chairman Berry noted that on the map it appeared that precincts moved from Providence to Mason. Representative Becerra shared with the Committee his initial thoughts on the map and precinct changes he hoped to see, and discussion ensued with Representatives Walker and Chew and Chairman Berry. Following Representative Becerra's comments, Representative Bierman asked for clarification on the Committee's principles in respect to judging the public's maps. Chairman Berry shared that the Committee would need to decide on their principles. Representative Rahman asked if there would be a way for Committee members to leave their comments on each map so they could benefit from them during the map's final review. Chairman Berry shared that Committee members could add comments to all the maps in the software from their own stations.

With no additional comments, the Committee moved onto the second public map, designated as PUB_11_0919_1026, which displayed an eleven-district map. While the map was displayed, Representative Chew asked for clarification on if the public had a requirement to submit a questionnaire

with their maps and if a public map was received without a questionnaire, if it should be removed from the Committee's consideration. Discussion ensued with Chairman Berry sharing that the public was asked to submit a questionnaire and that he would be hesitant to remove maps without questionnaires from consideration, since the questionnaire was not a statutory requirement, just a tool for staff.

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Chairman Berry asked if any members of the Committee would like to present their completed maps to the Committee.

Representative Patton, Asian/Pacific Islander Community Representative, presented to the Committee, with the help of Jung Byun, an 11-district map and shared that an 11-district County would allow more people of any minority to have a chance to represent their communities. Representatives Becerra and Bierman provided feedback on Representative Patton's map.

Representative Rahman, Arab American Community Representative, presented to the Committee a 10-district map and described his process and proposed changes, including the renaming of several Districts, to the Committee. Representative Rahman shared that he looked at population and keeping incumbent Supervisors in their Districts when creating his map.

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

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Chairman Berry introduced the Committee to its next agenda topic, a discussion on public maps inclusion.

Chairman Berry shared that six maps were submitted by one member of the public, who was present at the meeting, Mr. Gillie Cuda. Chairman Berry shared that he had a chance to speak with Gillie during the Committee's work session on reducing the number of maps Gillie submitted for inclusion in the Committee's final Report. Gillie shared with the Committee that preferably one of the 11-district maps with two new districts located in the western area of the County be included in the Committee's final Report. Following discussion, Gillie agreed to the submission of the map designated as PUB_11_0919_0132 into the Committee's Report and agreed that the other map submissions that he had made could be removed.

Chairman Berry the opened discussion for the Committee on the criteria for inclusion of public maps into the Committee's Report.

Discussion between multiple Representatives ensued on:

- Whether or not all maps submitted should be included in the final RAC submission;
- If some public maps were not to be included, how they would be voted on by the RAC;
- Prior messaging to the public on the potential for the Committee to cull public submissions submitted to the Board of Supervisors;

- The Committee's collective criteria or ranking system for eliminating and judging maps;
- The Committee's current time constraints;
- An after-action report for the Committee;
- The role of the Redistricting Advisory Committee; and
- The organization of the Committee's report in relation to the public and Committee-submitted maps.

Chairman Berry then MOVED TO INCLUDE ALL PUBLIC MAPS INTO THE FINAL REPORT.

Representative Sales seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 18-0. Representatives Smyth and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

Chairman Berry clarified that the motion included all public maps, except for those that were eliminated earlier in the meeting by Gillie Cuda.

Chairman Berry introduced, as the next topic, the Committee's prioritization of RAC member maps that were submitted.

Discussion ensued between multiple Representatives on:

- A ranking system for maps;
- The use of an addendum in the Committee's final Report;
- The Committee's role and purview as an advisory committee; and
- The potential effects of ranking maps and the Board of Supervisors' perception.

Representative Becerra MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE RANK ALL THE PUBLIC MAPS AND SUBMIT A TOP FIVE FOR RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THAT ALL REMAINING PUBLIC MAPS BE INCLUDED ELSEWHERE IN THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Representative Becerra's motion failed for a lack of second.

Representative Rahman MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE PRIORITIZE FIVE MAPS FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, REGARDLESS OF IT HAS BEEN SUBMITTED BY THE PUBLIC OR A COMMITTEE MEMBER.

Representative Sales seconded the motion.

Chairman Berry ruled the motion out of order

Representative Bierman SUGGESTED THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE RAHMAN'S MOTION, IT BE AMENDED TO PRIORITIZE THAT THE COMMITTEE PRESENT THE TOP TWO MAPS IN THREE CATEGORIES OF MAPS, THOSE WITH: 9 DISTRICTS, 10 DISTRICTS, and 11 DISTRICTS.

Representative Sales then SUGGESTED THAT AS A FRIENDLY AMENDMENT TO REPRESENTATIVE RAHMAN'S MOTION THAT THE COMMITTEE ONLY RANK THE COMMITTEE'S MAPS, NOT THE PUBLIC MAPS.

Representative Bierman then SUGGESTED THAT REPRESENTATIVE RAHMAN'S MOTION BE AMENDED TO ALLOW FOR A PRIORITIZATION OF TWO MAPS PER EACH CATEGORY OF MAPS SUBMITTED IN THREE CATEGORIES: 9, 10, or 11 DISTRICTS.

Discussion ensued on:

- The Committee's timeline;
- The prioritization of maps per each group, public or Committee-submitted;
- The number of maps that should be recommended to the Board of Supervisors;
- An executive summary in the report to discuss the RAC's prioritization of maps;
- A proposed Committee meeting on Friday, September 24, 2021; and
- The mechanism for the Committee to record their prioritization on plans.

To clarify the motion on the table, Representative Bierman THEN MOVED THAT THE COMMITTEE SUBMIT A REPORT IN WHICH THE REDISTRICTING ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS NAMED ITS TWO FAVORITE MAPS, SUBMITTED BY THE COMMITTEE, FROM THREE CATEGORIES, MAPS WITH 9, 10, and 11 DISTRICTS, THAT THE NEXT SECTION OF THE COMMITTEE'S REPORT INCLUDE THE OTHER COMMITTEE MAPS SUBMITTED AND THEN FOLLOWING, ALL PUBLIC MAPS.

Representative Walker seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 11-5-2. Representatives Bouie, Chew, Wang, Liberty, and Garner voted in opposition. Representatives Price and Castillo abstained from the vote. Representatives Smyth and Kanter were absent from the meeting.

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Chairman Berry then asked the Committee for their feedback on the meeting agenda for Tuesday, September 21, 2021. He shared that the Committee would vote on the top two maps per each category at their meeting on Monday, September 27, 2021.

Representative Bierman shared that half of the meeting on Tuesday should be structured to allow members of the Committee to explain their maps and that the other half of the meeting should be a discussion around the content of the report. Discussion then ensued on the Committee's after-action report, which Chairman Berry announced would not be included in the Committee's final report but would be created as a separate document.

Representative Thompson suggested that the Committee discuss for the Committee's report the factors that the Committee had been using for consideration at the September 21, 2021 meeting. Discussion then ensued on the agenda for the September 21, 2021 meeting and the inclusion of language in the Chairman's letter of the final Report.

Representative Walker asked when the Committee's maps would need to be submitted. Chairman Berry shared that in order for a map to be considered for the Committee's prioritization of the top two maps in each category of maps (9, 10, or 11 districts), maps would need to be submitted by Friday, September 24, 2021, at close of business, but preferably earlier, for staff to have time to process and for the Committee to have the weekend to peruse each plan. He further stated that if a Committee member did not want their plan to be evaluated for the prioritization group, it should be submitted by 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

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

Representative Garner MOVED THAT THE MEETING BE ADJOURNED AS OF 8:28 P.M.

Representative Sales seconded the motion. The motion carried by a vote of 18-0. Representatives Smyth and Kanter were absent from the meeting.