

Jackson County Reapportionment Committee
Meeting Minutes
01/04/2022-Approved

Meeting Called to Order at 3:01 p.m.

Committee Members in Attendance: Shalonn “Kiki” Curls, Paul Jungmann, Ruth Pirch, Phil LeVota, Ralph Munyan and Bobbie Hernandez

Motion by Ms. Pirch to waive the reading and approve the minutes. Seconded by Ms. Curls. Unanimous, motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Munyan to approve the agenda. Seconded by Ms. Curls. Unanimous, motion passed.

New Business:

Each member reported success or had immediate plans to access the ESRI Re-Districting Software.

All committee members confirmed receiving the memo submitted by Jay Haden, Deputy County Counselor entitled, Caselaw Definitions of “Compact” and “Compactness” and Other Terms Relating to Legislative Districts. At the next scheduled meeting the committee will decide whether to schedule time with the County Counselor’s office to further discuss or answer questions on Compactness.

Discussion on providing the public a means to directly contact the committee with questions or feedback. Motion by Mr. Hernandez to publish Mr. LeVota’s email address for the public to communicate directly with the committee. Mr. LeVota would share the emails with committee members and discuss as needed. Seconded by Ms. Curls. Unanimous, motion passed.

Motion was subsequently modified by Mr. Munyan that a Reapportionment email would be created and posted on the front page of the Jackson County Website for public access. The email would forward to Mr. LeVota and Mr. Munyan as co-chairs of the committee to share with the other committee members and for archiving purposes. Seconded by Mr. LeVota.

Mr. Hernandez wanted to make the committee members aware that in the process of reaching out there was concern that gentrification of the district could make balancing the needs of the Hispanic and working-class community difficult.

Unfinished Business: none

Announcements:

Committee members to have maps for the January 18th meeting. Monday, Feb. 28 is the completion date for submitting approved maps by the committee. The new district maps would go into effect for the 2026 County elections. IT staff to provide instructions on how to share maps electronically as well as assist committee members with mapping.

Motion by Ms. Curls to hold the next committee meeting on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom to be facilitated by County staff. Seconded by Mr. LeVota. Unanimous, motion passed.

Motion by Mr. Munyan to adjourn. Seconded by Ms. Curls. Unanimous, motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:30 p.m.