

**CITY OF TULSA
ELECTION DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
Tuesday, October 12, 2021, 7:00 p.m.
Martin Regional Library**

MINUTES

The Election District Commission held a special public meeting on October 12, 2021, at Martin Regional Library, 2601 S. Garnett Road. Pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, the Agenda was posted in the Office of the Tulsa City Clerk on October 7, 2021, at 8:02 a.m.

Members Present

Susan Neal, Chair
Sharon King Davis
Rick Westcott

Staff Present

Rich Brierre	Patrick Boulden
LaDonna Brewer	Darita Huckabee
Barbara Gibson	

Others Present: Councilor Connie Dodson, Nate Morris

Call to Order

The Chair, Susan Neal, called the meeting to order.

Introduction of Election District Commission Members

The chair explained that there are five members of the Election District Commission. She stated that members Joe Williams and John Eagleton are not present. She introduced Commission members Vice-Chair Rick Westcott and Sharon King Davis.

Summary of Election District Commission Responsibilities and Criteria for Redistricting

Rich Brierre provided a summary of the Election District Commission responsibilities and criteria for redistricting. He stated that this is the first of four public meetings to be held throughout the City of Tulsa, with one final public hearing later in the process when a final plan has been proposed. He stated that the Commissioners may choose one of these six plans, or a modification of these plans based on comments they receive from the public.

Presentation of Alternative Election District Plans

Mr. Brierre reported that the census reflects that there is a 25 percent deviation between the smallest and largest districts. Four of the council districts are low, two districts are right on the mark and 3 districts are higher. He stated that districts 1, 4, 5 and 9 are all below the target

population. Districts 3 and 8 are on the mark, 2, 6 and 7 are too large. Mr. Brierre presented the six alternative Election District Plans (Plans I – VI). Plan I has a deviation of 3.2% with 15 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 33,199. Plan II has a deviation of 4.2% with 19 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 38,414. Plan III has a deviation of 4.1% with 20 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 45,082. Plan IV has a deviation of 4.3% with 30 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 61,483. Plan V has a deviation of 3% with 12 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 25,693. Plan VI has a deviation of 3.30% with 11 precincts reassigned and a population shift of 23,463. Mr. Brierre provided an explanation of how each council district is configured in each Plan and the major differences of each plan displayed. He stated that the Election District Commission must complete their work by the end of the year, they have to have a public hearing, and they have to publish their proposed plan. The State legislature must go back to the drawing board even though they approved the redistricting plan for the State House and State Senate in April because of significant differences with the census. The Legislature will convene the week of November 15th to adopt plans, we must proceed with existing precincts. By charter the city council is empowered to make minor adjustments with what the commission adopts to conform to changes in precinct boundaries.

Public Comments Regarding Alternative Election District Plans

The chair asked if anyone had comments or questions. Mr. Brierre stated that comments may also be posted on the INCOG website at comments@incog.org and is also linked on the Tulsa Planning Office website as well. Mr. Brierre answered questions on the process of developing the redistricting plans.

Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.