

MINUTES

2021 New Castle County Redistricting Commission
August 30, 2021

I. Call to Order

- Redistricting Chairman Ted Blunt convened the August 30, 2021 meeting of the 2021 Redistricting Commission at 6:01 p.m. in Council Chambers.

II. Roll Call

- Chairman Blunt asked Nellie Hill, Clerk of Council, to perform the roll call. Commission members present were: Robert Valihura (District 2), Justen Wright (District 4), Constance Merlet (virtual) (District 5), Keith Thompson (District 6), Michael Shaw (virtual) (District 7), Terrence Wright (District 8), Charles Stirk (virtual) (District 9), Vincent D'Anna (At-Large), Patricia Abernethy (District 11), James Hudson (District 12), Chairman Blunt (District 10).
- Commission Members that arrived after the meeting began: Paul Jones (District 1), Katherine Beard (District 3)
- Others Present: Nellie Hill (Clerk of Council), Michael Migliore (Counsel to Council), Anthony Albence (State of Delaware Elections Commissioner), Chris Ramos (State of Delaware Department of Elections IT Director)

III. Reading and Approval of August 24, 2021 Meeting Minutes.

- Chairman Ted Blunt requested Ms. Hill to read the minutes from the August 24, 2021 meeting.
- Bob Valihura moved to waive the reading of the minutes, the motion was seconded by Jim Hudson and approved by voice vote. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

IV. Review Redistricting Map Scenarios

- Terry Wright was called upon by Chairman Blunt to provide an overview on the rationale and objectives that were used to draft the proposed maps. Terry explained the changes made to each district and thanked the Department of Elections for their assistance.
- Vince D'Anna requested that commission members receive copies of the draft maps prior to the next meeting. Terry Wright offered to deliver the maps to the members of the commission.
- Justen Wright requested that the district maps and proposed population figures be displayed on the screen. Chris Ramos, Department of Election, shared the requested information and Chairman Blunt explained the population shifts for each district.
- Patricia Abernethy requested a copy of the report that Terry Wright shared with the commission. A copy of Terry's report will be shared along with the copies of the draft maps.

V. Public Comment

- There was no public comment.
- Terry Wright asked where the incarcerated population is counted in the census data. Mike Migliore, Counsel to Council, provided explanation and will email the commission members additional information.

VI. Other

- Chairman Blunt announced that the Commission's next meeting is scheduled for September 7, 2021 at 7:00 pm.

VII. Adjournment

- Patricia Abernethy made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded Justen Wright, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm.