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BOARD OF ELECTION COMMISSIONERS MEETING Minutes of October 7, 2021

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm on October 7, 2021 via Zoom.

Roll Call:

Commissioner Larry Ward	Present
Commissioner Victoria Harris	Present
Commissioner Ethridge King	Present
Commissioner Charles Marquardt	Present

Also, present were Executive Director Tanya Ford-Crump, Assistant Director Lesley Waxman and Jeff Amero and Sean Sweeney from Geographic Information Systems "GIS".

I. PUBLIC COMMENT

No one from the public in attendance wished to comment.

There being no more public comment.

Motion: To close Public Comment.

Moved: Commissioner Ward

Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call

Commissioner Ward	Yea
Commissioner Harris	Yea
Commissioner King	Yea
Commissioner Marquardt	Yea
Passed:	4—0

II: MINUTES

There were no minutes to review.

III: REPORTS

1. Executive Director's Report
There was no Executive Director's report.
2. Assistant Director's Report
There was no Assistant Director's report.
3. Commissioners' Reports
There were no Commissioners' reports.

IV. ACTION AGENDA

Old Business

Reprecincting

Jeff Amero and Sean Sweeney from GIS reported that they were able to complete a new simulation map incorporating comments from yesterday's meeting. This is Simulation 2D.

Commissioner Ward thanked GIS for all their hard work in addressing the written and verbal comments offered by the public.

Sean Sweeney displayed the map for Simulation 2D. He explained how he was able to incorporate Rindge Towers into Ward 11. He also explained that he tried to move Washington Elms and Newtowne Court into Ward 3 or Ward 5 but was unable to do so. The Census blocks have significant population numbers making it very difficult to balance the moves. He noted that he was also able to address Gerry McDonough's comment regarding the block including Bolton Street being in a precinct that would require railroad track crossings. He also observed that the Rindge Towers move addressed the issue with the Brickworks complex being split by Census blocks. They still are split but now are in the same precinct.

Commissioner Harris thanked GIS for all their hard work. She noted that the Commission should work with Community Development "CDD" to locate potential polling locations in the precincts where one is needed, eg. 11-1, as CDD knows potential private locations better than the Commission.

Commissioner Ward thanked GIS and noted that he is happy to move the question of accepting the map now.

Commissioner Marquardt commented that the Simulation 2D addresses the issues raised in public comment and in the written comments received.

Commissioner Harris asked when do we schedule the vote and should we give more time for the public to review and comment on the changes presented today.

Ms. Ford-Crump commented that the Secretary of the Commonwealth is trying to assist municipalities with the Legislative redistricting by having them get their maps in sooner rather than later.

Commissioner Ward commented that he is ready to vote today.

Commissioner King commented that he likes the map, but we should take a pause and give people a chance to look over the maps and then the Commission can vote next Wednesday.

Commissioner Marquardt commented that people should be provided an opportunity to react to the new Simulation 2D, but he believes the current map is unlikely to change much, if at all.

Commissioner Harris commented that she concurred with her colleagues.

Ms. Ford-Crump noted that it is important to have a plan to finish the process, but agreed that the public should be given some time to review the changes presented today.

The Commissioners agreed that they had reached a consensus on Map 2D with renumbering of precincts in Wards 2, 3 and 5. Ms. Waxman will post the map and related descriptions on the Commission website for public comment.

The map will be reviewed after the Random Draw on October 13th at 5:30 pm via Zoom. The Commissioners also set a meeting for Thursday, October 14th at 5:30 pm via Zoom to continue discussion of the reprecincting process.

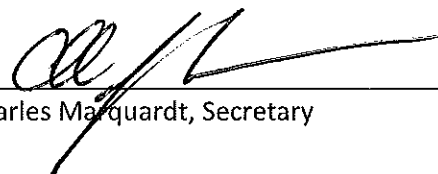
Motion: To adjourn the meeting at 6:32 pm
Moved: Commissioner Ward
Seconded: Commissioner Harris

Roll Call

Commissioner Ward	Yea
Commissioner Harris	Yea
Commissioner King	Yea
Commissioner Marquardt	Yea
Passed:	4—0

A True Record

Attested by: _____


Charles Marquardt, Secretary