

**Calvert County Redistricting Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes of January 21, 2022**  
**3:00 p.m. – Harriet Elizabeth Brown Community Center**  
**901 Dares Beach Rd, Room 113, Prince Frederick, MD 20678**

**MEMBERS:**

*Present:* Kara Dudley, Democratic Central Committee Appointee *virtually*  
Judy MacWilliams, Republican Central Committee Appointee *in-person*  
Michael Hawkins, NAACP Calvert Branch Appointee *virtually*  
Wilson Parran, Commissioner Appointee *in-person*  
Stephen Zimmerman, Commissioner Appointee *in-person*  
Edward Bailor, Commissioner Appointee *in-person*  
Luke Macaulay, Commissioner Appointee *in-person*  
Dawn Collins, League of Women Voters Appointee *virtually*

*Absent:* Ronald Clark, Commissioner Appointee

*Staff:* John Norris, County Attorney *in-person*  
Mark Willis, County Administrator *in-person*  
Ashley Staples-Reid, Special Projects Program Manager, County Administrator *in-person*  
Lionel Sewell, GIS Supervisor, Technology Services *in-person*  
Gail Hatfield, Elections Administrator, Calvert County Election Board *virtually*

**I. General Business & Administrative Matters**

(1) Call to order – determine quorum

Chairperson Parran determined a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:00pm. For the record, Luke Macaulay entered the meeting at 3:01pm

(2) Approval of January 21, 2022 open agenda

**Motion:** Judy MacWilliams motioned to approve the open agenda

**Seconded:** Edward Bailor seconded

**Action:** Motion carries 8-0-1

(3) Approval of January 14, 2022 open meeting minutes

**Discussion:** Dawn Collins requested that it be included in the minutes that she was absent due to a death in the family. Chairperson Parran indicated grammatical and legal errors to be corrected.

**Motion:** Edward Bailor motioned to approve the open minutes as modified

**Seconded:** Judy MacWilliams seconded

**Action:** Motion carries 8-0-1

**New Business**

1. Review and discussion of current and potential polling places

- i. Staff reviewed the list of schools the election board could potentially utilize if additional polling precincts were needed. Judy MacWilliams asked Election Board staff if they could utilize Jefferson Patterson Park as well to which staff indicated that they would need to reach out to Parks & Recreation staff to determine if that would be a viable location.

2. Review and discussion of current 4 proposals

- i. After a review and discussion of the 4 proposals, Chairperson Parran confirmed that no member required any additional information or discussion and are prepared to cast votes on line recommendations.
- i. Current District Lines
  - i. **Motion:** Edward Bailor motioned to recommend leaving the current district lines as-is
  - ii. **Seconded:** Luke Macaulay seconded
  - iii. **Action:** Motion fails 2-6-1
- ii. Proposed District Lines #1

- i. **Motion:** Judy MacWilliams motioned to recommend proposal #1
    - ii. **Seconded:** Michael Hawkins seconded
    - iii. **Discussion:** Edward Bailor would like to note that while this proposal will help balance the population among the 3 districts, it changes 1,432 people's voting district and place. Chairperson Parran noted that he has had to change polling places several times over the past 20 years.
    - iv. **Action:** Motions fails 2-6-1
  - iii. Proposed District Lines #2
    - i. Consensus was made to eliminate proposal #2 as an option. Edward Bailor would like to note for the record that this proposal would require over 12,000 people to change polling places.
  - iv. Proposed District Lines #3
    - i. **Motion:** Stephen Zimmerman motioned to recommend proposal #3
    - ii. **Seconded:** Chairperson Wilson Parran seconded
    - iii. **Discussion:** Stephen Zimmerman reiterated that he feels that the lines should be more normalized, close to how it was 20 years ago. Judy MacWilliams would like to note that proposal #3 also incorporates the changes in proposal #1. Edward Bailor would like to note that this proposal changes over 5600 people's polling place.
    - iv. **Action:** Motions fails 3-5-1
  - v. Revisit Proposed District Lines #1
    - i. **Motion:** Edward Bailor motioned to revisit and recommend proposal #3
    - ii. **Seconded:** Judy MacWilliams seconded
    - iii. **Discussion:** Judy MacWilliams noted that this is the proposal that the Election Board first presented to the committee. Chairperson Parran reminded that members should not make their recommendation solely based on what the Election Board suggests.
    - iv. **Action:** Motions fails 3-5-1
3. Discussion of projected timeline for recommendation and presentation to Board of County Commissioners
  - i. Chairperson Parran indicated that since there are no successful motions, then the current district lines and proposed district lines 1 and 3 should be reviewed and put up for discussion again at the next meeting.

### Work Session

1. Determination of any additional proposals

Kara Dudley presented a 5-district option. County Attorney John Norris advised that if the committee chooses to consider a 5-district map, then they should consider making a motion to rescind their Jan. 7<sup>th</sup> decision to not consider beyond 3 districts.

  - i. **Motion:** Kara Dudley motioned to set aside Jan. 7<sup>th</sup>'s decision that the committee only consider 3-district maps.
  - ii. **Seconded:** Dawn Collins seconded
  - iii. **Action:** Motions fails 3-5-1

### II. Public Comment:

Chairperson Parran asked if there was anyone from the public, either in-person or virtually, who wished to speak. Three individuals spoke virtually with one individual writing into the comment section of the zoom platform.

### III. Adjournment:

**Motion:** Judy MacWilliams motioned to adjourn at 4:07pm  
**Seconded:** Stephen Zimmerman seconded  
**Action:** Motions carries 8-0-1