

PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Pasadena, California

**PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (TASK FORCE)**

**November 29, 2021  
6:00 p.m.**

**NOTICE AND AGENDA**

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<b>A. CALL TO ORDER</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Roll Call</li></ul>	
<b>B. PUBLIC COMMENT</b>	
<b>C. ACTION ITEMS</b>	
1) <u>Approval of Minutes – 11-18-2021</u>	<b>ATTACHMENT C-1</b> <b>MOTION</b> <b>SECOND</b> <b>VOTE</b>
2) <u>Approval of Meeting Dates</u>	<b>ATTACHMENT C-2</b> <b>MOTION</b> <b>SECOND</b> <b>VOTE</b>
<b>D. ADJOURNMENT</b>	

**PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (TASK FORCE)  
MEETING MINUTES  
11-18-2021**

**Task Force Members Present:**

Mikala Rahn  
Allisonne Crawford  
Beverly Bogar  
Ruth Richardson  
Bret Nicely  
Tim Wendler  
James Aragon  
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Miles Prince

**Task Force Member Absent:**

Nora Small

**Staff:**

Diane Orona  
Procurement Supervisor Ilene Mehrez

Meeting called to order at 6:05 p.m.

No public comment

Approval of Minutes from 11-15-2021

Motion: Richardson  
Second: Crawford  
Vote: 8-0

Amendment of Approval of Outside Consultant

Scott Torlucci of Davis Demographics provided a PowerPoint presentation of services that can be provided to the Task Force. Prince: Our legal obligation is ensure compliance and adjust lines where noncompliance is found. Is this an opportunity to potentially redraw lines, even in compliance, in order to better achieve secondary considerations, even if we don't have to? Torlucci: Yes, this could be an opportunity to do so, working with legal counsel. Prince: Is this a valid exercise from the beginning to identify what interests, if feasible, would be advantageous to achieve through new lines? There are no Latinos on the board. Sierra Madre does not have a seat on the board. Torlucci: Yes, maps can be redrawn as soon as possible. Rahn: This process sounds quantitative and we need to figure out what we want to achieve from townhall meetings. We can't set up unreal expectations. Torlucci: Davis can draw lines but we need to work with counsel and the school board, looking at compliance in the scenarios. Nicely: What data is in the census that helps to identify communities of interest? Torlucci: Data doesn't identify communities of interest other than through racial/ethnic breakdown. There is no other information in the census data. It's up to the Task Force to provide more information if lines divide those communities. Wendler: Phase I checks populations in compliance and we may have two districts which need reworking. For example, if all districts are within 1% of each other, how can Davis say they are compliant without having gone through public process of gaining insights from the community and looking at questions about what makes sense for people to be grouped together for

coherent districts. Torlucci: That information is in the citizens voting age population and the census data. Other than that, if you are in compliance, there is nothing else to do. If someone says the lines are not fair, legal and district staff must review state and federal guidelines. The board, at any point, can decide to change the boundaries. Prince: If we do the two-phase approach, some areas are in compliance and some are not so we will redraw the lines for those that are not. The public may not be in agreement with those new lines. Not comfortable with a pass/fail in Phase I and only draw the lines for those not in compliance. We should look at all districts. Torlucci: When creating scenarios, most areas will be touched even if in compliance. This is usually the case. Public input will be considered and lines can be drawn based on that input. Examples were shown on how trustee areas can change to become more compact. Those in compliance were changed to accommodate those not in compliance.

Crawford: How soon can we get the overlay of maps showing all seven districts to have a visual understanding of the current demographics? This process must be done by February. Torlucci: The county will take over, if not finalized by the district, and charge the district for the work. Orona: Will send current trustee maps to the task force. Torlucci: Will send maps without analysis next week; phase I information will be sent the first week of December. The timeline will be met. Torlucci: Are the areas on the website? Orona: Yes. Crawford: Will we get training on legal pieces? Orona: Jeff Marderosian, district counsel, will help. Crawford: The maps need to be explained to the public along with census data overlaid. How is the survey information tracked? Who has access once posted on website? Torlucci: This is tracked through an app called "Survey 1-2-3", the same website that does web mapping. It is available to Davis but can be shared if desired. Can work with Task Force re specific questions to be inserted. Every map will have current district and shading of various scenarios. Crawford: What are the meeting dates? Orona: Townhalls on November 29 and December 2, task force meetings on December 9, 20, January 6, Board workshop on January 13, Board hearing on January 20, Board workshop if needed on February 10 and board adoption on February 17. Rahn: We may need a new schedule to work with the new consultant. Torlucci: Mondays at 6 look open other than December 13. Wendler: Please provide an overview of experience of redistricting for context. Torlucci: Experience started in 2019 for four districts doing CVRA analysis. Currently working with 30 districts. Wendler: Contract shows very short scope of work, things addressed tonight are not in scope, such as public input. There may need to be City approval since the district is under their charter. We should have meetings in Sierra Madre and Altadena as a good practice for getting input. The scope should reflect the steps required for this process. Torlucci: Web maps can provide public input. The Board and this Task Force need to decide what feedback Davis should consider. Davis has 20 employees who may be working with this Task Force on maps. Does the task force want more than one scenario for the board to consider? Rahn: The Task Force needs to discuss.

Torlucci left meeting. Crawford: General consensus? Richardson: This was the most information received, we're running out of time and the previous consultant resigned. Rahn: We should have one scenario with such a divided Board. Nicely: Depends on scenarios. Aragon: Agreed, depends on scenarios. Nicely: What are the areas of interest? What about closed schools? Rahn: Torlucci is good at what he does. Wendler: Good information was provided. Caution that they are relatively new to redistricting and not sure they understand significance of communities of interest. Need to build stakeholder support. We should be vigilant that we get public input integrated into the plan for

presentation to the Board. Bogar: We need to emphasize what we're looking for and need to move forward quickly on dates, acquiring more information as we go.

Action: Hire Davis Demographics as consultant.

Motion: Rahn

Second: Aragon

Vote: 7-0

Note: Prince – left meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Mehrez will work with Davis contract. Rahn: Staff can work with consultant for meeting dates.

Crawford: How do we keep moving this along? Wendler: Requesting formal presentation to the board 10 years ago presenting the current maps, including background about outreach efforts and meetings held. Share Davis' PowerPoint with the Task Force. Orona: Meeting is recorded and can be referred to at any time. Can share previous districting information. Nicely: Can we see listing of schools, Title I, F&RD percentages to understand populations. Richardson: Where are the schools drawing from now, the district around each school. Rahn: Torlucci has this data. Nicely: Will these new lines be considered in the next board election? Orona: Yes. Let me know if you need anything; I can send individuals requests to all. I will provide meeting dates for all. Crawford: When do we invite the other partners (Sierra Madre, Altadena) to start receiving input? Rahn: We need data from Davis first. Never call community meetings when you're not ready. Orona: We are working on building a communications team at the district to help with getting the word out and how we manage the townhall meetings. I will send dates out to be discussed at the next meeting. Rahn: The 29<sup>th</sup> could be the next date and can be put on everyone's calendars. Orona: I will also speak with the attorney to ask when he needs to part of the discussions.

Adjourned: 7:21 p.m.

REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE  
POSSIBLE MEETING DATES

<b>Date</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
November 29	8	1
December 1	5	3
December 2	7	1
December 6	9	0
December 7	8	0
December 15	6	2
December 20	9	0
December 21	5	3
December 22	6	2
December 23	6	3