



City of Dallas

## **REDISTRICTING COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

**DALLAS CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2021**

### Commission Members Present:

Jesse D. Oliver (Chairman) (District 15 – Attended In-Person)  
Diane Ragsdale (Vice-Chair) (District 7 – Attended In-Person)  
Roy Lopez (District 2 – Attended Virtually)  
Gregory Demus (District 3 – Attended In-Person)  
Kebran Alexander (District 4 – Attended In-Person)  
Ricardo Medrano (District 6 – Attended In-Person)  
Randall Bryant (District 8 – Attended In-Person)  
Brent Rosenthal (District 9 – Attended In-Person)  
Alan Walne (District 10 – Attended In-Person)  
Matthew Garcia (District 11 – Attended Virtually)  
Jonathan Neerman (District 12 – Attended Virtually)  
Barbara Larkin (District 13 – Attended Virtually)  
Norma Minnis (District 14 – Attended In-Person)

### Commission Members Absent:

Robert Stimson (District 1)  
Domingo Garcia (District 5)

### City Staff Present:

Brett Wilkinson, Office of Government Affairs Director  
C.C. Gonzalez-Kurz, Government Affairs Manager  
Christopher Nolfi, Government Affairs Coordinator  
Catherine Cuellar, Communications, Outreach, & Marketing Director  
Laura Morrison, Assistant City Attorney  
Willow Sanchez, Assistant City Attorney

**3:33 P.M.** Meeting called to order by Chair Jesse D. Oliver

1. Public Speakers

- The Redistricting Commission had one public speaker for their November 22, 2021 Redistricting Commission Regular Meeting. That individual spoke to Redistricting in general.
2. Approval of November 8, 2021 Minutes
    - The minutes from the November 8, 2021 Redistricting Commission Regular Meeting were approved unanimously by the commission.
  3. DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEM: Redistricting Town Halls
    - Chair Jesse Oliver proposed a set of dates for the Redistricting Commission to hold Town Hall listening sessions that would allow the public to engage with the Commission and voice their opinions and about the redistricting process as well as redistricting in general. After this proposal, the Chair opened the item for discussion and motions.
    - The Commission discussed the proposed timeline, offered their own comments and suggestions and began offering motions in order to finalize the Town Hall schedule.
      - A motion was made that the Town Halls should be an interactive experience that allows the Commission to have a discussion with the public. This motion was passed by the Commission.
      - A motion was made that there should be one Town Hall to occur at Dallas City Hall that would allow for a hybrid component of both in-person and virtual attendance, as well as six other Town Halls across various proposed locations that would be in-person only. This motion failed to pass.
      - A motion was made that there should be three Town Halls to occur at Dallas City Hall that would allow for a hybrid component of both in-person and virtual attendance, as well as four additional Town Halls across various proposed locations that would be in-person only. This motion failed to pass.
      - A motion was made that there should be a total of seven Town Halls, with the first Town Hall and the last Town Hall both taking place at Dallas City Hall to allow for a virtual component. Town Halls two through six would be in-person only due to technology restrictions. This motion was passed by the Commission.
      - A motion was made by that an additional in-person Town Hall should be added, and that all in-person Town Halls should utilize the locations previously offered by City Staff. This motion was passed by the Commission.
    - The final determination of the Commission was that there would be a total of eight Town Halls, two occurring at Dallas City Hall and six occurring at various proposed locations throughout the city, where the Commission could interact and have a discussion with the public.
  4. BRIEFING & ACTION ITEM: Adopt Redistricting Guidelines, Plan Consideration Criteria, Process for Moving Plans Forward and Timeline

- A presentation was provided by Brett Wilkinson, Office of Government Affairs Director, and Willow Sanchez, Assistant City Attorney which offered to the Commission a set of proposed guidelines for the redistricting process. In addition, the presentation included proposed criteria for the consideration of submitted plans, and a proposed a process for moving plans forward and timeline for completion. All the proposed criteria presented was based on the 2011 Commission's process in addition to comments and considerations offered by the current commission.
- The Commission discussed the criteria and guidelines presented and offered their own suggestions and input of what they would like to see included.
  - A motion was made to adopt the guidelines and criteria as presented, with the inclusion of additional language relating to retrogression. The motion was passed by the Commission.

6:34 P.M. Meeting adjourned by Chair Jesse D. Oliver

  
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JESSE D. OLIVER, CHAIR

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NOTE: For detailed information on the above meeting, please refer to the available video recording located on the City of Dallas City Secretary's Office website.