



# REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

## 1. Call to Order

The Harford County Councilmanic Redistricting Commission meeting was held in Council Chambers, 212 S. Bond Street, Bel Air, MD on September 9, 2021. It was called to order at 6:03 PM by Mustafa Sidik, Chair. All members were in attendance. County Council President Pat Vincenti was also in attendance.

## 2. Review and Approval of Minutes

Erik Robey made a motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2021. Wayne Goddard seconded. The minutes were approved with an unanimous vote.

## 3. Commission Business Meeting

Mr. Joel Gallihue, Chief of Long Range Planning with Harford County Department of Planning and Zoning, made a presentation. The presentation will be attached to these minutes and will also be posted on the Redistricting website. He reviewed the Census Population by Jurisdiction. Harford County has the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest change in the Baltimore Region. He also displayed a map of Harford County with the adjusted population by precinct. Mr. Gallihue said that the map shows the population within the required 10% deviation.

It was opened for questions. Mr. Sidik and Mr. Robey had questions and Mr. Gallihue answered. Mr. Goddard noted that the current population status is within the requirements provided. Mr. Goddard had a question and Mr. Gallihue responded. Mr. Goddard asked for him to determine the “dead zones” and to bring that information to the next meeting. Jim Thornton and Mr. Goddard had comments. Mr. Goddard had a question and Mr. Gallihue responded. Mr. Goddard expressed concerns about gerrymandering. Mr. Thornton, Mr. Robey, Mr. Sidik, and Mr. Goddard made comments. Ms. Bracknell had a question and Mr. Robey responded. Mr. Sidik had a question and Charles Kearney, Council Attorney, and Mr. Gallihue responded. Mr. Thornton made comments. Mr. Kearney asked a question and Mr. Thornton responded. Mr. Kearney asked the Commissioners to submit any maps they may receive from the community to him and the administrative staff so it could be posted on the website. Mr. Goddard and Mr. Thornton had comments.

Mr. Sidik stated action items to be completed for the next meeting, scheduled for Monday, September 13, 2021: 1) Ms. Bracknell will create a press release to go to each municipality and other communities requesting formal map submissions and/or comments; 2) Mr. Gullihue will provide the specific percentage changes and the correction to the number variance found in his presentation date; 3) They should get a map noting core districts with common interests. Mr. Gallihue made comments. Mr.

Sidik had a legal question and Mr. Kearney responded. Mr. Goddard and Mr. Robey had comments.

**4. Public Comment**

1. **Scott DeLong, 2243 Hunters Chase, Bel Air, MD** – Expressed concern over a conflict of interest with one of the Commissioners

**5. Adjournment**

Mr. Goddard made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Robey seconded. All were in favor; the meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Approved \_\_\_\_\_



*Chairperson*

*Date*