

YOLO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
Regular Meeting: January 11, 2022
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Board of Education met on January 11, 2022 at 6:02 p.m. in a hybrid Special meeting session in person and on a Zoom conference call. Board Members on Zoom: Tico Zendejas, Shelton Yip and Carol Souza Cole via Zoom. Melissa Moreno was absent. Vice President Tico Zendejas presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held). Susan Miller, Demographer & Senior Associate Director at Cooperative Strategies attended.

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Approval of Agenda.
Superintendent Lewis stated that trustees would like to have the entire Board in attendance when voting on this item and one trustee is absent today. He suggested that the Board take public comment and decide how to move forward from there. The trustees in attendance agreed with his suggestion.

Motion to approve agenda and listen to public comment with a decision on how to move forward to be made after public comment.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Souza Cole **AYES:** Souza Cole,
Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Moreno

Roll Call

Souza Cole - AYE

Yip - AYE

Zendejas – AYE

1.4 Public Comment.

Maria Grijalva, Latino Information and Resource Center gave the following public comment:

Thank you for this opportunity to speak. This is Maria Grijalva from West Sacramento and I didn't get an opportunity to tell you that I run a small non-profit and it's called Latino Information and Resource Center where my primary clients are monolingual Spanish speakers and I do a tremendous amount of advocacy and voter registration for U.S. citizens and I even brought district elections to Washington Unified School District (WUSD). Dr. Zendejas you might not be familiar with that and to the City Council and I have lately been participating with the San Juan USD transition from At-large to District elections so I am familiar with not so much redistricting but switching from At-large to District elections so the purpose of redistricting is to ensure we have equal representation. We have as a

guide Education Code 1002 and as Maria Garcia and Scott Rafferty previously commented that the northern part of West Sacramento is prominently Latino so by having Trustee Area district 3 come into West Sacramento that is cutting into an important Latino voice in West Sacramento so that is not ok and it cuts into the northwestern end of Woodland which is where I am at this moment so if you really think about it the southern areas of WUSD have similar demographics and land use with Davis USD so grouping these populations would appear to be more in compliance with the Education Code. I had the privilege of speaking with Susan Miller at length yesterday and I want to thank her for that since she took time to speak to me when I went to San Juan USD where the demographer listed socio-economic interests and streets in common but kept neighborhoods together and streets that separated neighborhoods like housing but just using racial metrics isn't enough. I am glad you aren't going to make decision today and whatever decision you make ultimately, I accept that ...that's way it is. Thank you for this opportunity to speak.

Written Public Comments are attached to this document.

The Board decided that since President Moreno was absent and not able to discuss this Board item that they would prefer to move forward on this issue when the full Board is present. Vice President Zendejas recommended that the meeting be adjourned and rescheduled.

Motion to adjourn this meeting and carryover the agenda items to the next scheduled meeting in February 2022.

MOTION: Souza Cole **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Souza Cole, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Moreno

Roll Call

Souza Cole - AYE

Yip - AYE

Zendejas – AYE

Trustee Yip commented to Ms. Susan Miller, Demographer & Senior Associate Director at Cooperative Strategies to please take the public comments into consideration when we come back in February to approve the maps for redistricting.

4.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

MOTION: Souza Cole **SECOND:** Yip **AYES:** Souza Cole, Yip, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Moreno

Roll Call

Souza Cole - AYE

Yip - AYE

Zendejas – AYE



Garth Lewis, Superintendent