

YOLO COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION
February 15, 2022
MINUTES

1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Committee on School District Organization met on February 25, 2022 at 3:31 p.m. in a Yolo County Committee on School District Organization meeting in person. Board Members present were: Elizabeth Esquivel, Melissa Moreno, Shelton Yip, Carol Souza Cole. Tico Zendejas was absent. President Melissa Moreno presided. Superintendent Garth Lewis was present. (Roll Call held).

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance

1.3 Approval of Agenda.
Motion to approve agenda.

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

1.4 Public Comment.
None

2.0 A public hearing will be held by the Yolo County Committee on School District Organization (Committee) to receive comments from parents, teachers, members of the community, and bargaining unit leaders regarding the Adoption of Redistricting Plan for the Yolo County Board of Education Trustee Areas based upon the 2020 Census. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the Committee may take action on adoption of the redistricting plan for the Trustee areas. Public hearing opened at 3:39 PM and Closed at 3:40 PM

3.0 DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4.1 Review and Possible Approval of Resolution for Yolo COE Redistricting Maps.

Susan Miller, Demographer presented the Power Point "Trustee Area Scenarios."

Trustee Tico Zendejas joined meeting at 3:42 PM

Items reviewed and discussed included:

- District demographics
- Current Trustee Areas
- Considerations in Voting areas
- Conceptual Trustee areas and Demographics – Scenario 1, Scenario 2, Scenario 2A, Scenario 3, Scenario 4 and Scenario 5
- Trustee Area Process

Trustee Esquivel commented on Trustee Area 1 – scenario 4 & 5:

- Population is largest of Trustee Areas.
- Largest increase but not seeing additional boundaries or additional territory in those areas.
- Trustee Area 5 has lowest population (but largest area).

Trustee Moreno asked for clarification on scenario 4 which seems to have the least variance and changes - Similar to what we had historically.

Trustee Moreno recommended the least variance as possible.

Ms. Miller stated that it is up to the Board regarding the variance. Some districts make a slight change with variance and it is usually in line with intent.

She also stated that high growth areas stay ahead of how changes are taking place and they try to balance how much movement in area.

Mr. David Soldani, Attorney stated that from a legal perspective anything below 10% is in line with the law and it is up to the discretion of the Board what makes sense for population. Zero (0) to 10% usually makes the most sense for communities. All scenarios are less than 10%.

Trustee Zendejas asked questions in terms of the maps being similar to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors went through a very extensive and community focused process.

Mr. Soldani stated that it was a similar process but less extensive.

Trustee Yip commented that at the first meeting the Board asked to look at the Board of Supervisors map overlay and there was concern with looking at a different map since there could be controversy around process and maps. The territories don't cleanly overlap.

Trustee Souza Cole had a question on scenario 1 which seems to be the most similar to what we currently have. Traditionally, trustee areas go from east to west instead of north to south with the 9.6% variation. Trustee Area 5 has the most geography and least population. In scenario 1 the population of Trustee Area 3 and 5 have the most population and reside in the city limits of Woodland. Also, Trustee Area 3 is moving west toward highway 16. The census blocks include the north area in Trustee Area 5. How would that affect the numbers? How many live in the census blocks?

Ms. Miller stated that she can review the area (North of triangle) and the numbers in the census blocks.

Scenario 2 also includes the Wild Wings neighborhood development with the 5.6% differential.

Scenario 4 has the .2 differential that was previously covered by Davis and Winters. Seems like a dramatic change to a map and Trustee Area 4 moves this area to West Sacramento.

Public comment

Maria Grijalva

I wanted to comment on north area of West Sacramento I have noticed the current maps still chop up the Latino area of Washington USD. I thought I had mentioned previously Ed. Code 1002 wants us to honor the Washington USD line or district line of Washington USD. I wanted to point out that none of the maps that have been drawn honor that line. For the district we weren't able to bring together the south area with Davis. So please consider. We want the north area of West Sacramento to have a strong Latino voice that is important to me and Latinos in the north area.

Trustee Moreno asked Ms. Miller if any of these scenarios made in public comment address the request to incorporate into one district. Ms. Miller stated that the challenge is the population size of areas 1 and 3 and they are limited on how to move census blocks. It is difficult to grab minority and majority in one district and be legally in compliance.

Public hearing closed 4:11 PM

Trustees thanked Maria Grijalva for her concern. Ms. Miller will review information given during this meeting to see if there was a way for Area 1 map to not lose a populated area in the northeast or lose any residence from Trustee Area 1 to 3.

President Moreno requested comments on maps. More trustees seem to agree on Map 1. Trustee Yip stated that scenario 1 seems to keep LEA's and districts intact. President Moreno asked what is the timeline for selection of map? Ms. Miller stated that the Board has until March 1 for submission. Mr. Soldani stated that by law the Board needs to complete this process before March 1, 2022.

Vice President Zendejas recommends making a decision tonight. President Moreno agreed with Vice President Zendejas.

Trustee Souza Cole is leaning towards scenario 1 but would like more information on her questions from earlier regarding the Wild Wings area and the 10% guideline. She recommends that the Board take their time on this item and vote after they receive the new information.

Trustee Esquivel asked what would logistics look like to scheduling another meeting? Superintendent Lewis reminded the Board that they can have a meeting on any day as long as there is a quorum. Ms. Esquivel also stated that she would be ok with a motion for decision tonight and proposal for a redistricting map for Trustee Area 1 or 4. She would feel comfortable representing that space. President Moreno is comfortable supporting Map 1 but not Map 4.

Vice President Zendejas made a motion to approve scenario 1.

Trustee Esquivel gave a second.

Vice President Moreno requested discussion on the motion. Trustee Souza Cole stated that she is not ready to vote for a map and she feels it should be a unanimous vote in terms of due diligence in board review and she currently cannot support this map.

Trustee Yip asked what the population is in Trustee Area 5 (section in Davis – North of road 31).

Vice President Zendejas stated that the Board should have a unanimous vote.

Trustee Souza Cole requested a slight change (she wanted to know what the numbers would be for changing the census blocks) for scenario 1 and to bring this map back for action at next meeting?

President Moreno asked the Board if they would consider scenario 1 with changes?

Trustee Souza Cole stated they need to do their due diligence.

Trustee Esquivel agreed on a unanimous vote. She also asked about the time frame and if it was feasible to try to address new scenarios in map prior to next meeting to Ms. Miller.

Ms. Miller stated that she can go back and check census blocks in those areas. She stated that the voting population could be impacted and could contribute to Trustee Area 5 (per Trustee Yip's question). She will figure out where her target is and aim for that percentage.

Ms. Miller asked Trustee Souza Cole what is the target number – and Trustee Souza Cole stated that it is less than 9.6% in the triangle section.

Trustee Yip stated that the triangle section goes into north Davis in Trustee Area 5 and will take part of constituents away. So wanted to find out what impact to the numbers would be.

Ms. Miller stated that she should be able to get back to Board tomorrow on the variance of the triangle which includes the border on county road 98 to west side and north of Russell (Map 1).

Trustee Souza requested a point of order.

Trustees Zendejas and Esquivel both withdrew their previous motions to approve Map 1.

Ms. Miller stated that she will research their concerns/questions and get back to them with new information.

The Board decided to schedule the next meeting for Friday, February 25, 2022 at 9 AM (in person)

Ms. Miller stated that she will focus on map 1A with triangle and look into Trustee Area 5 with census blocks.

President Moreno thanked Ms. Miller and asked the Board to please review the maps carefully for the next meeting.

4.0 **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting adjourned at 4:41 p.m.

MOTION: Yip **SECOND:** Esquivel **AYES:** Yip, Esquivel,

Moreno, Souza Cole, Zendejas **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** None



Garth Lewis, Superintendent