

**ADOPTED**

**HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
M I N U T E S  
Study Session – Board of Trustees  
CALL 208, Training Room  
411 Central Avenue  
Salinas, California  
October 19, 2011 – 5:30 PM**

**OPEN SESSION**

Session called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Trustee Padilla-Chavez.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Trustee Montemayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT**

Erica Padilla Chavez, President

Candi DePauw

Bill Freeman (arrived at 6:10 p.m.)

Ray Montemayor

Juan M. Gutierrez, Student Trustee – (advisory vote per Board Policy 1030)

Patricia Donohue

**ABSENT**

Kevin Healy, Vice President

Elia Gonzalez-Castro

Phoebe K. Helm, Board Secretary

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REDISTRICTING WORKSHOP**

Demographers Dr. Shelley Lapkoff and Dr. Jeanne Gobalet presented an overview of the redistricting process in progress and of the work of the Redistricting Advisory Committee appointed by the Board of Trustees. The presentation addressed:

- General Redistricting Principles
- Redistricting Legal Requirements, Criteria and Hartnell Trustee Guidelines
- Current areas needing adjustments
- Plan developed and submitted by the Committee for legal review (Plan B-3)
- Plan B-4, which was developed by the demographers based on the opinion of the legal consultant (at least 55% Hispanic Citizen Voting Age Population [CVAP] in each Trustee Area), but not yet reviewed by the Advisory Committee.

**Process Timeframe**

Chair Padilla Chavez reminded the Trustees that they had previously agreed to November as the target for completing the process and for approving the plan that the District would submit to the US Department of Justice (DOJ) for preclearance.

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**Summary of Committee Recommendations (Plan B-3)**

- TA 7 territory shifts to TA 6 in order to consolidate Gonzales in TA 6 (though Mission Elementary stays in TA 7)
- Monte Bella moves from TA 6 to TA 5
- Lagunita Elem. School District shifts from TA 6 to TA 1
- TA 3 adds area from Central Salinas to balance its population
- TA 5 embodies an East Salinas (Alisal) community of interest
- TAs 2 and 4 changed substantially to avoid the wrap-around shape for current TA 4
- Committee worked to insure one trustee per trustee area.

**Committee suggested that legal advice be sought about possible preclearance problems with Plan B-3**

- TA 5, an Alisal community of interest, is highly Hispanic. 93 percent of the total population is Hispanic, and 76 percent of the CVAP are Hispanics.
- Concern that DOJ attorneys may not approve the plan because TA 5 may appear to be “packed” and could cause “retrogression.”
- Committee provided reasons for the need for TA 5: Alisal is a strong community of interest with special needs, especially educational needs.

**Summary of Plan B-4 (Proposed Adjustments to Plan B-3 in Response to the Legal Consultant’s Opinion, not yet reviewed by the Advisory Committee.)**

- Similar to Plan B-3, but adjusted to increase CVAP percentage in the least Hispanic Salinas trustee area and to accommodate a change of address for one of the trustees
- TAs 3, 5, 6, and 7 are identical in B-4 and B-3
- TA 1 takes in west Salinas (Boronda area) rather than north Salinas
- TAs 2 and 4 change positions – TA 2 is now centered in (north)East Salinas; TA 4 is centered in west Salinas
- All of Creekbridge and Williams Ranch in TA 2
- B-4 complies with Voter Registration Act requirements and creates compact trustee areas

**Trustee Comments and Concerns Regarding Plan B-4:**

- Significant shift in Trustee Areas 2 and 4
- Reconfiguration of Trustee Areas serving East Salinas
- Percentage of population deviation in Plans B-3 and B-4

Legal opinion and proposed plans will be reviewed by the Redistricting Advisory Committee at their next meeting. Their recommended plan or plans will be formally presented to the Board of Trustees in November.

**ADJOURNMENT** The Board adjourned at 6:45 p.m. No actions were taken at this workshop.

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Erica Padilla Chavez, Board President

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Phoebe K. Helm, Board Secretary