

**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
AND ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SEPTEMBER 16, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

Proceedings of a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of St. Johns County, Florida, and St. Johns County School Board of St. Johns County, Florida, held in the auditorium at the County Administration Building, 500 San Sebastian View, St. Augustine, Florida.

Proof of publication of the joint meeting was received, having been published in *The St. Augustine Record* on September 13, 2021.

Present: Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Chair
Christian Whitehurst, District 1
Jeb S. Smith, District 2
Paul M. Waldron, District 3
Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
Crystal Smith, Deputy Clerk

St. Johns County School Board:

Patrick Canan, District 5, Board Chair
Bill Mignon, District 3, Board Vice Chair
Beverly Slough, District 1
Anthony E. Coleman Sr., District 2
Kelly Barrera, District 4
Frank D. Upchurch, III, School Board Attorney

Also present: Tim Forson, St. Johns County School Superintendent

Absent: Henry Dean, District 5, Vice Chair

(09/16/21 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Blocker called the meeting to order.

(09/16/21 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL

The clerk called the roll for the Board of County Commissioners: Commissioners Blocker, Whitehurst, Smith, and Waldron were present; Commissioner Dean was absent.

Patrick Canan called the roll for the St. Johns County School Board: Board members Canan, Mignon, Slough, Barrera, and Coleman were present.

(09/16/21 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Smith led the invocation.

(09/16/21 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Coleman led the Pledge of Allegiance

(09/16/21 - 2 - 9:02 a.m.)

1. REDISTRICTING 2021 PROPOSALS - EVERY TEN YEARS AFTER THE DECENNIAL CENSUS, EVERY STATE, COUNTY, CITY, TOWN, AND SPECIAL DISTRICT MUST REDRAW THEIR DISTRICT BOUNDARIES TO REFLECT THE CHANGES IN POPULATION. ALTERNATE PLANS FOR REDISTRICTING ARE BEING PRESENTED TO THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

Tim Forson, St. Johns County School Superintendent, provided an overview of the redistricting process. He noted community meetings would be held on November 1 and 2, and that the final adoption meeting was scheduled for December 9.

(9:04 a.m.) Priti Mathur, ARCBridge Consulting & Training, Inc., presented the details of the proposals, via PowerPoint. She highlighted the redistricting process and data requirements, demographic data-census-race and ethnicity, and the different proposed plans.

(9:17 a.m.) McCormack noted there would be community meetings on November 1, in the School Board Office; and November 2, at Nease High School.

(9:18 a.m.) Coleman asked why the redevelopment was only in Plans A and B. Mathur explained Plans A and B were constructed prior to having a meeting that informed them of the redevelopment areas.

(9:20 a.m.) Smith stated he preferred block type districts and spoke in support of Plans C and D. Waldron spoke on his concerns with the long stretch in District 5. Blocker spoke in support of Plans C and D.

(9:24 a.m.) McCormack stated the public had the ability to propose any alternate districts to either Board.

(9:25 a.m.) Forson noted that any proposals made during the process would be handled internally between staff.

(09/16/21 - 2 - 9:26 a.m.)

ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Boards, Blocker adjourned the meeting at 9:26 a.m.

Approved _____ October 5 _____, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: Jeremiah R. Blocker

Jeremiah R. Blocker, Chair

ATTEST: BRANDON J. PATTY,
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT & COMPTROLLER

By: Brandon J. Patty

Deputy Clerk

