

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOVEMBER 2, 2021
1:30 P.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 October 26, 2021.

Present: Jeremiah R. Blocker, District 4, Chair
Henry Dean, District 5, Vice 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

(11/02/21 - 1 - 1:30 p.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Blocker called the meeting to order.

(11/02/21 - 1 - 1:30 p.m.)
ROLL CALL

The meeting convened with all County Commissioners and School Board members present.

(11/02/21 - 1 - 1:30 p.m.)

1. REDISTRICTING 2021 UPDATE. 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. THE ST. JOHNS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AND THE SCHOOL BOARD HAVE MET AND REVIEWED SEVERAL REDISTRICTING OPTIONS DURING PUBLIC MEETINGS HELD ON AUGUST 25, 2021, AND SEPTEMBER 16, 2021. ARCBRIDGE WILL PROVIDE AN UPDATE TO THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION. THE FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN WILL BE PRESENTED AT A JOINT BOARD MEETING IN DECEMBER

2021. ADVERTISED COMMUNITY MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 1, 2021, AND NOVEMBER 2, 2021

Nicole Cubbedge, Executive Director, Planning and Growth for St. Johns County School Board, provided an update on the redistricting process, including input from community workshops. Additionally, she noted the School Board held a workshop that morning and spoke in support of Option E1; and stated options E and E1 moved West Augustine back into District 2, and Hastings would move back into District 3.

(1:39 p.m.) Dean questioned the district West Augustine would be under with Option E1. Cubbedge explained Option E1 would move West Augustine back into District 2. Discussion ensued.

(1:42 p.m.) Priti Mathur, CEO, ARCBridge Consulting & Training, Inc., presented the details of the proposals, via PowerPoint, including the two new additional Options: E and E1.

(1:51 p.m.) Whitehurst provided his thoughts for Options A, B, and C, and stated he felt West Augustine and the City of St. Augustine should be in the same district.

(1:52 p.m.) Smith spoke in support of Options C and D, explained he would be more in favor of Option D, and that Hastings and Flagler Estates would benefit in being within the same district.

(1:54 p.m.) Mignon spoke in support of Flagler Estates moving into District 3.

(1:55 p.m.) Slough spoke on her concerns with splitting the Rivertown Community Development District in District 1, and stated she was in support of Option E1.

(1:57 p.m.) Coleman spoke in support of Options C and D and stated he did not want to divide Hastings and Flagler Estates into two different districts.

(1:58 p.m.) Waldron suggested to put West Augustine in District 5 and to take Flagler Estates out of District 3 and back to District 2.

(2:00 p.m.) Discussion ensued on looking into another option and eliminating plans to narrow the process down.

(2:02 p.m.) *Consensus was given from both Boards to eliminate Options A and B.*

(2:03 p.m.) Blocker questioned whether there could be an option F to incorporate recommendations that were suggested. Cubbedge stated the following recommendations could be added into a new option. Waldron requested a detailed boundary map with roadways.

(2:06 p.m.) McCormack recommended to briefly confirm direction after public comment.

(2:07 p.m.) Elizabeth Tate, 441 East Kesley Lane, spoke on the need to rezone the districts.

(2:08 p.m.) Joe McAnarney, 1005 Blackberry Lane, spoke in support of keeping agricultural land together, keeping West Augustine in District 2, and keeping City of St. Augustine and West Augustine together, and spoke in support of Option E1.

(2:11 p.m.) Canan questioned the anticipated timeframe to complete an Option F. Discussion ensued on having an agenda item to discuss the new option on December 7, at the Board of County Commission meeting.

(2:14 p.m.) McCormack requested consensus from both Boards to table Options A, B, and E and to bring back Options C, D, E1, and to have the consultant develop an Option F. *Consensus was given.*

(11/02/21 - 3 - 2:16 p.m.)
ADJOURN

With there being no further business to come before the Boards, Blocker adjourned the meeting at 2:16 p.m.

Approved _____ November 16 _____, 2021

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA

By: 
Henry Dean, Chair

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

By: 
Deputy Clerk

