

**MINUTES OF MEETING
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA
DECEMBER 9, 2021
9:00 A.M.**

Proceedings of a joint meeting of the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) of St. Johns County, Florida, and the 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
Henry Dean, District 5, Vice Chair
Christian Whitehurst, District 1
Vacant, District 2
Paul M. Waldron, District 3
Hunter S. Conrad, County Administrator
Patrick McCormack, County Attorney
David Migut, 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

(12/09/21 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
CALL TO ORDER

Dean called the meeting to order.

(12/09/21 - 1 - 9:00 a.m.)
ROLL CALL BY THE CLERK OF THE COURT

The clerk called the roll. Commissioners Dean, Whitehurst, and Waldron were present. Commissioner Blocker participated remotely.

(12/09/21 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
SCHOOL BOARD ROLL CALL BY BOARD CHAIR

Canan called the roll. School Board members Canan, Mignon, Slough, Barrera, and Coleman Sr. were present.

(12/09/21 - 1 - 9:01 a.m.)
INVOCATION

Dean gave the invocation.

(12/09/21 - 2 - 9:03 a.m.)
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Whitehurst led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(12/09/21 - 2 - 9:03 a.m.)

1. APPROVAL OF FINAL REDISTRICTING PLAN. 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. THERE WERE COMMUNITY MEETINGS HELD ON NOVEMBER 1, 2021, AND NOVEMBER 2, 2021. SCHOOL DISTRICT STAFF PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR REVIEW AND DISCUSSION TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS ON DECEMBER 7, 2021. BASED ON FEEDBACK RECEIVED FROM THE COMMUNITY AND BOTH BOARDS, THE CONSULTANT WILL PRESENT MULTIPLE REDISTRICTING OPTIONS FOR BCC AND SCHOOL BOARD CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL

Nicole Cubbedge, Executive Director for Planning and Government Relations for the St. Johns County School District, provided an update on the redistricting process, including changes that were made to some of the plans and two new plans that were added: B-1 and E-3.

(9:04 a.m.) Priti Mathur, CEO, ARCBridge Consulting & Training, Inc., presented details of the item, via PowerPoint, including changes that were made to some of the plans and the two new Options: B-1 and E-3.

(9:09 a.m.) Canan questioned where the difference was in Option E-3. Cubbedge explained the difference between E-1 and E-3: the inclusion of Neck Road and Ponte Vedra Boulevard. Discussion ensued on changes that were made to specific plans, the layout of the plans, and the plans that the Board members supported. Dean and McCormack clarified the voting process.

(9:30 a.m.) **Motion by Canan, seconded by Barrera, that the School Board adopt Option B-1, as the Plan, going forward.**

(9:33 a.m.) Ed Slavin, P.O. Box 3084, spoke in support of Option B-1.

(9:36 a.m.) Gary Howell, 170 Harvest Lane, spoke in support of Option B-1.

(9:39 a.m.) **The School Board's motion to adopt Plan B-1 carried 5/0.**

(9:39 a.m.) **Motion by Waldron, seconded by Whitehurst, carried 4/0, via roll call vote, with the District 2 seat vacant, [to adopt Resolution No. 2021-521], that the County Commission adopt Redistricting Plan B-1, [approving the final redistricting plan, and by publication of a Notice establishing and fixing the boundaries of five County Commission Districts in St. Johns County].**

Yea: Whitehurst, Blocker, Waldron, Dean
Nay: None

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-521

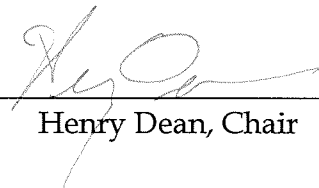
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, ADOPTING A REDISTRICTING PLAN, ESTABLISHING AND FIXING BOUNDARIES OF THE FIVE COUNTY COMMISSION DISTRICTS IN ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND PROVIDING FOR NOTICE, BY PUBLICATION BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

(12/09/21 - 3 - 9:41 a.m.)
ADJOURN

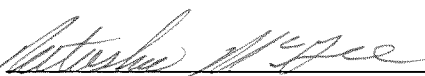
With there being no further business to come before the Boards, Dean adjourned the meeting at 9:41 a.m.

Approved _____ December 21 _____, 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

