



**CITY OF ST. PETERSBURG
CITIZEN REDISTRICTING COMMISSION (RDC)**

PUBLIC MEETING

**City Council Chambers
City Hall**

**September 19th, 2022
Monday, 5:00 p.m.**

MINUTES

Members Present: Kim Vogel
Melissa Meshil
Joel B. Giles
Shameka Jones
Trevor Mallory
J.C. Pritchett
James Kidder
Tahisia Scantling

Members Absent: Darla Otey¹

Staff Present: Brian Caper, Director, Economic & Workforce Development
Brett Pettigrew, Assistant City Attorney
Benjamin James, Assistant City Attorney
Michael Hernandez, Analyst, Planning & Development Services
Anthony Chan, Specialist, Economic & Workforce Development
Kurt Spitzer, RDC Consultant (Via Zoom)

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m., a quorum was present.

I. Welcome and Self Introductions

Introductions were made by each Commission Member and City Staff.

II. Approval of September 6th and September 12th am/pm Public Hearing Meeting

Minutes (Vote)

Commissioner Giles moved, and Commissioner Kidder seconded a motion to approve the September 6th and September 12th am/pm meeting minutes as written. Motions approved by a consensus vote.

¹ Although Commissioner Otey was not physically present at the meeting, she was logged in through Zoom. Because the Commission's rules require physical attendance at meetings, Commissioner Otey was technically absent. But the record should reflect that she was engaged in Commission discussions to the extent permissible under the Commission's rules.

III. Public Comment and Correspondence (3 minutes per speaker)

No public comment.

IV. Discussion of Ex Parte Communication (If any)

No discussion.

V. Selection of Recommended Map

Commissioner Giles moved, and Commissioner Pritchett seconded a motion to approve Alternative 2B-3b.1 as the recommended map; the motion was approved by commission all members by roll call vote.²

Vice Chair Meshil recommended in the future Commissions have access to the GIS software to make the process more efficient and to see if there is room to adjust the population deviation guideline.

Commissioner Kidder recommended to have the Commissioners trained to utilize the electronic maps online during the first RDC meeting.

Commissioner Vogel agreed with exploring opportunities to increase flexibility with the population deviation.

Kurt Spitzer responded to comments made by the Commission specifically on the 4.75% population deviation and how other municipalities in Florida address this element.

Commissioner Scantling recommended maps provided include additional details, such as having street names and voting precincts included in all maps provided.

Chair Jones inquired Commissioners to make a recommendation on the population deviation provision: Remove the population deviation language or present this matter to City Council's attention to review and resolve.

Commissioner Giles – recommend City Council to review the Charter provision

Commissioner Mallory- recommend City Council to review and remove if necessary.

Vice Chair Meshil - recommend City Council to review and to remove if necessary.

Commissioner Scantling - recommend City Council to review and modify if necessary

Commissioner Kidder - recommend City Council to review and review options

Commissioner Pritchett - recommend City Council to review and make necessary informed decisions.

Commissioner Vogel - recommend City Council to review and modify.

Commissioner Otey - recommend City Council to review and modify to see fit

² As noted in a previous footnote, Commissioner Otey was engaged in the meeting through Zoom. Although the Commission's rules did not allow her vote to be counted for this motion, the record should reflect that she was in support and indicated her assent.

Chair Jones – recommend City Council to review and modify if necessary.

VI. Review of RDC Report Outline

Chair Jones inquired the Commission for consensus to accept the RDC report outline. the Commission was in consensus among all members.

VII. Other Follow-up Matters from Previous Meeting

No other follow-up matters.

VIII. New Business

The City has received several email correspondence for commission to review accessible through Anthony Chan.

IX. Additional Public Comment (If Necessary)

No additional comments.

X. Other Business

No other business.

XI. Adjourn

With no further items to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 5:50pm.