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MINUTES COMMISSION MEETING OCTOBER 18, 2023

I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Frank Turano at 10:01 a.m.

II. Those in attendance were:

Mr. Frank Turano	Chair
Mr. Jerry Cutrer	Vice Chair
Mr. Stuart Bell	Treasurer
Mrs. Patti Soltys (via Zoom)	Secretary
Mr. Andy Paterno (via Zoom)	Commissioner
Mr. Ibrahim Abdul-Malik	Commissioner
Mr. Michael Marks	Commissioner

Present by request:

Mr. Pete Nardi	General Manager
Mr. Ryan Lewis	IT/GIS Manager
Ms. Sara Weathers	Pope Flynn
Mr. Adam DeMars	S.C. RFA
Ms. Katherine Kelley	S.C. RFA
Ms. Connie Whitehead	Commission Recording Secretary

Visitors:

Mr. Herbert Ford
Mr. Morris Campbell
Mr. Lavon Stephens

III. Redistricting Work Session

Key Discussion Points

- At the September regular meeting, the Board reviewed and received public input on the S.C. Office of Revenue & Fiscal Affairs' (RFA) first draft of the Commission's new voting districts map. The Board also reviewed a set of goals and a process for completing redistricting.

- Staff subsequently created a revised draft map based on those discussions and input. The revisions were presented for review.
- The Board's consensus is the revised draft addresses areas of concern discussed in September. Specifically, minority representation is protected, commissioners are representing the neighborhoods where they reside, and the census blocks are left intact.
- The RFA will need to run an analysis of the draft to ensure it passes the standards test. They can provide a quick analysis of demographics and provide that input to the board by next week. This would allow time for additional discussion at the October Board meeting.
- The PSD will publish the revised draft map and the accompanying revised demographics report on the dedicated Redistricting page that has been launched on the PSD website: (<https://hhpsd.com/hilton-head-psd-commission-redistricting/>). Commissioner Abdul-Malik suggested the PSD add a public comment area on the Redistricting page and Mr. Nardi said that would be added.
- The deadline for adoption of the new map is March 2024; however, Mr. Herbert Ford, who is a member of the Beaufort County Board of Voter Registration and Elections, encouraged the Board to aim for adoption earlier, if possible, as we are headed into the 2024 election season when the Board of Voter Registration office will be busy and new voter registration cards will be issued.
- Mr. Morris Campbell stated that he finds the draft map to be a good approach.
- Mr. Lavon Stephens encouraged the Board to provide opportunities for public input after the RFA's analysis.
- RFA staff reminded the Board that January will begin a busy season of supporting the General Assembly. The workload will increase drastically for their limited staff. It would be helpful to complete as much work as possible prior to January.
- Ms. Sara Weathers said the adoption of the new map will be as simple as a resolution by the Board.

IV. Adjournment

Action

- Mr. Cutrer moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Abdul-Malik seconded. The meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.