

**REDISTRICTING COMMISSION  
OF CECIL COUNTY**

**MINUTES as amended**

**June 24, 2013**

PRESENT: Commission members: Anna Maria Buehler, Phil Sneeringer, Gerry Carpenter, Jerry Roope, Diane Carabetta, Betty Elliason, H. Norman Wilston, Bob Porter, Pamela Howard, Wyantt Wallace-designate, and and Ewing McDowell, Chairman; Jim Massey, Council Manager; David Black, Department of Planning and Zoning.

VISITOR: Joe Carabetta

Mr. McDowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of June 10, 2013, were reviewed. Mr. Porter made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, which was seconded by Ms. Howard, and unanimously approved.

Mr. Black reviewed four options that he presented previously to the Commission, which included the current councilmanic districts as Option #0. His other options were presented as Option 1 (giving the portion of District 5 north of I-95 to District 3), Option 2 (splitting the portion of District 55 north of I-95 between Districts 3 and 4) and Option # 3 (matching councilmanic districts to precinct boundaries). Mr. Black presented a breakdown of the four options by councilmanic district with total population and the percentage of change.

Ms. Carabetta presented two additional options for consideration of the Commission, identified as "ddc1" and "jjc option 1". Mr. McDowell, chairman, asked the Commission members to review the two additional options and to be prepared to ask questions at the next meeting.

Ms. Howard requested a copy of the state district boundaries to compare with these options. Mr. Porter asked that comments and questions from visitors be held until the end of the meeting.

Two members of the Board of Elections will be attending the next meeting of the Redistricting Commission. Commission members requested that the Acting Director of the Election Office be invited to attend the next meeting.

Under new business, Commission members suggested that the notice of meetings be included on the County's website. Mr. Porter provided a comment from the Dale Carnegie Course.

Mr. McDowell asked for any comments from Mr. Carabetta. Mr. Carabetta stated that Precincts 3-1 and 3-3 have over 7,000 in population and should be split. Ms. Howard also suggested that Precincts 5-3 and 5-5 should be considered for splitting for the same reason. Commissioner member asked whether it was too late to redraw precinct lines and make new precincts. Mr. Massey will get clarification of the deadline.

The next meeting of the Redistricting Commission will be held on Monday, July 8, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the Perryville Room at the County Administration Building.

The Redistricting Commission was adjourned at 7:45 p.m. by the chairman, Mr. McDowell.

Respectfully submitted,

James Massey

Approved as Amended July 8, 2013