

**MINUTES OF THE ST. MARTIN PARISH  
CITIZEN REAPPORTIONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 17, 2021**

The St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee Meeting met at 5:33 P.M., Wednesday, November 17, 2021, Carroll J. Fuselier Meeting Room, St. Martin Parish Annex Building, 301 West Port Street, St. Martinville, Louisiana.

The meeting was called to order by Brooke Gillespie.

The following members were present: Kirk Sieber, Ricky Acosta, Yvette Morris, John Alexander, Dale Boudreaux, Terry Guidry, Robert Hollier, Michael Melancon, and Randy Dore. Members absent: Linda Handy.

Brooke Gillespie announced the floor is now open for nominations for Chairman for the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee.

A motion was made by Kirk Sieber to nominate Terry Guidry as Chairman of the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee. Terry Guidry declined the nomination.

A motion was made by Terry Guidry and seconded by Dale Boudreaux to nominate Kirk Sieber as Chairman of the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee. There were no other motions, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Kirk Sieber announced the floor is now open for nominations for Vice-Chairman for the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee.

A motion was made by Robert Hollier and seconded by Terry Guidry to appoint Dale Boudreaux as Vice-Chairman of the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee. There were no other motions, and the motion was unanimously approved.

Chairman Kirk Sieber announced the floor is now open for nominations for Secretary for the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee.

A motion was made by Randy Dore and seconded by Dale Boudreaux to appoint Brooke Gillespie as Secretary to the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee. There were no other motions, and the motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was made by Dale Boudreaux and seconded by Yvette Morris to approve the minutes of the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee Meeting of September 22, 2021. Robert Hollier abstained. Motion carried.

Parish President Chester Cedars recommended requesting the Parish Council reimburse

Brooke Gillespie at a rate of one and one half (1 ½) of her normal hourly rate for her time devoted to serving as Secretary for the Citizen Reapportionment Committee. A motion was made by Dale Boudreaux and seconded by Ricky Acosta to request that the Parish Council reimburse Brooke Gillespie for the additional time she will devote to serving as Secretary for the Citizen Reapportionment Committee. Motion carried.

Chairman Kirk Sieber gave the floor to Consultant Mike Hefner. Consultant Mike Hefner, Chief Demographer, Geographic Planning and Demographic Services, illustrated several drafted plans for the Committee's review and comment. Members of the audience and committee expressed their thoughts and asked questions on some of the plans that were being discussed. Mr. Hefner tested out several ideas from members of the Committee to make his or her district fall within the ± 5% deviation from the ideal population of 5,752 persons per district. Mr. Hefner reminded the Committee that Districts 2 and 3 will be the hardest to balance, while keeping both as minority districts. Mr. Hefner stated he would email the draft plan discussed at tonight's meeting so that the committee could review prior to the next meeting.

Chairman Kirk Sieber declared that the Citizen Reapportionment Committee would follow Robert's Rules of Order, Revised. It was also mentioned that the first part of the meeting would be for discussion between the consultant and committee members and then public input will be allowed after that time and prior to adjournment.

Chairman Kirk Sieber asked Consultant Mike Hefner for a preliminary meeting schedule. Mr. Hefner stated he would get with Secretary Brooke Gillespie on scheduling an informal discussion only between District 2 and 3 committee members in December. By holding this discussion with only these two representatives, these districts can test moving the boundaries as much as necessary without taking time away from the entire committee, since every other district falls within the ± 5% deviation from the ideal population of 5,752 persons per district. Mr. Hefner recommended the entire Citizen Reapportionment Committee meet in January.

A motion was made by Randy Dore and seconded by Ricky Acosta that the St. Martin Parish Citizen Reapportionment Committee does hereby adjourn. Motion was unanimously approved.



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BROOKE GILLESPIE, SECRETARY  
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