

Public Hearing

APPROVED

March 2, 2013

Ms. Jeter called the public hearing to order at 10:00 a.m. In attendance were Board Members Mrs. Jeter, Mrs. Khozeimeh, and Mrs. Rivera-Oven; and Board Staff Ms. Jurgensen, Ms. McLaughlin, Ms. Roher, Mrs. Rzeszut, and Ms. Merino. Also in attendance were 23 interested individuals. The following is a summary of discussions during the meeting.

Mrs. Jeter introduced the Board members. She stated staff will present proposed changes and then public comments will proceed.

Ms. Jurgensen introduced herself. She stated that the Board of Elections and staff are required to redistrict after every census is completed. She added that the Governor and Legislature pass into law the redistricting lines in various subdivisions of government. In October 2011 the Governor put into place the Congressional redistricting and the Legislature passed into law the Board of Education and County Council redistricting modifications as well. She stated the Legislative redistricting took place in 2012 and was litigated through most of that year. The Board of Elections, in December 2012, adopted a calendar for staff to utilize as guidance to prepare for redistricting which must be in place by April 8, 2013, for the 2014 Elections. Staff has presented information on precincts impacted at last two Board meetings. The Board is required to integrate all changes to the precincts in response to the redistricting legislation by April 9, 2013, which is when candidate filling opens.

Ms. Jurgensen stated that staff reviews each precinct impacted by redistricting. State Board of Elections regulations require that precinct boundaries are to wholly reside within a district, so that each ballot style reflect only one Legislative, County Council, Congressional, and Board of Education district. She added that with the return of paper ballots this will be critical to ensure the appropriate ballot style. Staff must also adhere to ADA regulations as well as security and facility needs for the election judges and public. She added the BOE is also subject to the limitations of budget and equipment requirements when selecting polling places.

Ms. Jurgensen presented a power point presentation regarding the following precincts: 02-09 new from 02-06, 04-11 new from 04-25 and 04-05, 04-36 new from 04-01, 04-33 new from 04-08, 04-15, 04-37 new from 04-27, 04-40 new from 04-15, 04-38 new from 04-07, 04-43 new from 04-27, 04-41 new from 04-01, 04-42 new from 04-20, 06-16 (ghost) new from 06-03, 08-14 new from 08-04, 08-15 new from 08-08, 09-32 new from 09-20, 09-38 new from 09-36, and 09-39 new from 09-37 due to Congressional, School Board and County Council District boundary lines.