

## **Redistricting Board Public Hearing - CSMC Meeting Room, Chesapeake Building (Tuesday, November 23, 2021)**

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### **Members present**

Richard Johnson, Chair  
Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair  
Dr Patricia Richardson, Board Member  
Paul Thompson, Board Member  
Lance Johnson, Board Member  
David Weiskopf, County Attorney  
John Houser, Assistant County Attorney  
Diane Gleissner, Staff Support  
Angela Blondino, Staff Support  
Sharon Ferris, Staff Support

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Richard Johnson, Chair, called the Redistricting Board Public Hearing to order at 6:00 pm in the Chesapeake Building, 41770 Baldrige St., Leonardtown, MD.

### **3. PUBLIC HEARING**

#### **A. REDISTRICTING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING**

**Present:** Richard Johnson, Chair, Redistricting Board  
Matthew Burgan, Vice Chair, Redistricting Board

Prior to discussing the proposed redistricting map, Mr. Johnson explained that all meetings in the County are run by Roberts Rule of Order. He explained that all Boards and Commissions are run the same and distributed Bylaws of the 457(b) Governance Committee of St. Mary's County to all Board Members. Mr. Johnson then explained that the Board looked at the current district map and applied the current census data to it to see if it met the 10% required by law and it did not. There was a population in-balance of 7,641 in District 4. Each member of the board then generated maps using population data and the proposed redistricting map being presented was approved to bring to public hearings.

Mr. Burgan welcomed citizens to the public hearing and thanked them for coming out to provide input. He explained that the ultimate step in drawing the final redistricting map is public input. He explained that citizens can view all past meetings of the Redistricting Board Meetings and Public Hearings on the County's YouTube site and all documentation being used can be found by logging in to [stmarysmd.com](http://stmarysmd.com) and clicking on BoardDocs.

John Houser, Assistant County Attorney, provided guidelines for the public hearing and opened the hearing for public comment.

#### **Public Comments given by:**

Lawrence Ludwig, 23356 Marview Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Wrenn Heisler, 48440 Princess Ct., Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Mary Ludwig, 23356 Marview Ct., Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Caroline King, 23561 Lilliflora Dr., California, MD 20619

Lilyanne Ohanesiair, Leonardtown, MD 20650  
Randy Salm, 36683 Holly Field Lane, Chaptico, MD 20621  
Troy Cowan, 21411 S. Essex, Lexington Park, MD 20653  
Sarah Gravelle, 44485 White Ash Lane, California, MD 20619  
AnnMarie Abell, 22869 Newtown Neck Rd., Leonardtown, MD 20650

**Written Testimony:**

Lisa Grossman email dated November 23, 2021

Pamela Mann email dated November 23, 2021

All speakers and emails were opposed to the proposed map.

Mr. Houser closed the public hearing for public comment at 6:50 pm noting that the record would remain open for 7 days.

Prior to the close of the public hearing Mr. Houser reminded the Board they have two (2) remaining regular meetings (November 30 and December 7, 2021) to prepare for the presentation of the final Redistricting Plan. The final Redistricting Plan will be presented to the County Commissioners on December 14, 2021, during their regular business meeting and will become Law sixty (60) days from that date. Dr. Richardson reminded citizens the two (2) remaining meeting will be held in the Chesapeake Building and are open to the public or can be viewed on YouTube.

Chairman Johnson closed the Public Hearing at approximately 6:58 pm.

Minutes approved by the Redistricting Board on \_\_\_\_\_.

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Richard Johnson, President