



#### **Agenda Item Details**

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Meeting Sep 26, 2011 - Regular Board Meeting

Category 12. REDISTRICTING: APPROVAL OF REDISTRICTING PLAN AND DISCUSSION OF TRUSTEE ELECTION CYCLE (Action) - 10:30 PM (15 Minutes)

Subject 12.1 Redistricting: Approval of Resolution Adopting a Final Plan balancing the population amongst trustee districts and establishing new boundaries for use in future elections, directing the legal consultant to seek preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice, and exercising the option to allow trustees to remain in office to serve the remainder of their term after redistricting (Action) - Presenter: Mel Waxler

Type Consent (Action)

Preferred Date Sep 26, 2011

Absolute Date Sep 26, 2011

Recommended Board approval.  
Action

#### **SUBJECT:**

Redistricting: Approval of Resolution Adopting a Final Plan balancing the population amongst trustee districts and establishing new boundaries for use in future elections, directing the legal consultant to seek preclearance from the U.S. Department of Justice, and exercising the option to allow trustees to remain in office to serve the remainder of their term after redistricting

#### **PRESENTER:**

Mel Waxler, General Counsel

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board approve a resolution adopting a final plan that balances the population of the Trustee districts in compliance with the one-person one-vote requirement of the U.S. Constitution, District policies, state law and the redistricting criteria adopted by the Board. The resolution also directs its legal consultant to submit the adopted plan to the U.S. Department for preclearance. Once precleared by DOJ, then the trustee boundaries are used in future elections. Further, the Texas Education Code section 11.053 authorizes the Board to exercise the option to allow trustees to remain in office to serve the remainder of their term after redistricting. Otherwise, all trustees have to run in the next election following redistricting.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The Board has previously established a time line and calendar for the redistricting of the single-member trustee districts which are out of balance based on the 2010 census. The District has maintained information in both English and Spanish on its website throughout the redistricting process to ensure that the public had information on the process and important dates. Written comments were submitted to the District via the website, and the Board held a public hearing on June 20, 2011, to solicit public comment on Illustrative Plans 1 and 2. Members of the public spoke at the public hearing, and the Board received a report on the written comments from the public and statements made at the hearing, as well as those received via the District's website. No alternative plan was presented by the public.