

BOARD RESOLUTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS §
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THE COUNTY OF TRAVIS §

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT APPROVING THE REDISTRICTING OF TRUSTEE DISTRICTS AND ESTABLISHING NEW TRUSTEE DISTRICT BOUNDARY LINES BASED ON 2010 CENSUS DATA FOR AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEE ELECTIONS; DIRECTING THE DISTRICT'S REDISTRICTING CONSULTANT TO SUBMIT THE ADOPTED PLAN FOR PRECLEARANCE UNDER SECTION 5 OF THE FEDERAL VOTING RIGHTS ACT; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING THAT TRUSTEES NOW SERVING SHALL COMPLETE THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE.

WHEREAS, the results of the 2010 federal Census have been considered and indicate that the Austin Independent School District's single-member trustee districts are sufficiently out of population balance to require redistricting in order to comply with the "one-person, one-vote" (equal population) principle established by the U.S. Constitution; and

WHEREAS, the Austin Independent School District (the "District") engaged the law firm of Bickerstaff Heath Delgado Acosta LLP to act as the District's redistricting consultant, including advising and assisting the Board of Trustees in preparation of a new redistricting plan for the District in compliance with applicable requirements of state and federal law; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011, the Board of Trustees adopted redistricting criteria developed to assist the District and the public in developing redistricting plans which comply with applicable federal and state laws, and the adopted redistricting criteria were applied in the development of the District's redistricting plan; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2011, the District also adopted redistricting guidelines regarding the submission of comments and proposed plans by the public, to ensure the ability of the District to timely receive and adequately consider them; and

WHEREAS, during the redistricting process, the District provided notice to the public of its proposed discussions and development of a redistricting plan through meeting agendas posted in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, notices on the District's website (in both English and Spanish), publication of newspaper notices, and individual notice to members of the public regarding public hearings; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has considered the proposed redistricting plan at Board meetings on April 4, April 11, April 25, May 23, June 13, August 8, 15, 22, September 12, 19, and 26, 2011, and a public hearing held on June 20, 2011, and has considered oral testimony,

written comments, and reports from the District's redistricting consultant regarding the appropriate reconfiguration of the trustee districts; and no member of the public submitted alternative plans; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the attached trustee district plan is in the best interests of the citizens of the District, complies with the adopted redistricting criteria, and is believed to comply with all state and federal requirements, including requirements for preclearance under Section 5 of the federal Voting Rights Act; and

WHEREAS, Texas Education Code section 11.052(h) otherwise requires that all trustee positions of an independent school district be elected in the first election following a redistricting, but Texas Education Code section 11.053(a) permits the board of trustees of an independent school district to provide for the trustees in office when the redistricting plan is adopted to serve for the remainder of their terms; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds it will be in the best interests of the District if the trustees now in office continue to serve until their current terms expire, and the Board has authority under section 11.053 of the Texas Education Code to so provide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ORDERED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, TEXAS:

A. That the existing trustee district boundary lines for the Austin Independent School District are hereby amended, and the new districting plan depicted on the map attached hereto as **Exhibit A**, defining new trustee districts, as such new trustee districts are further described in the tables attached hereto as **Exhibit B** reporting populations and demographic statistics for each such new trustee district, is hereby adopted and designated to define the District's seven (7) trustee districts from and after the Effective Date; that **Exhibits A** and **B** are incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Resolution, and shall be kept on file with the Board Secretary; and, further, that the District's redistricting consultant is hereby authorized and directed to submit the adopted plan to the United States Department of Justice for preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act.


B. That this Resolution shall take and be given effect immediately upon preclearance under Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act; and that thereafter all Austin Independent School District Board of Trustee elections shall be held under and in accordance with the new trustee districting plan here adopted by the Board of Trustees and precleared by the Department of Justice, until such time as a subsequent lawfully-enacted districting plan shall be adopted to replace this plan and has been precleared under Section 5 or its replacement statute, as applicable.

C. Pursuant to section 11.053(a) of the Texas Education Code, the trustees currently in office shall serve out the remainder of their terms.

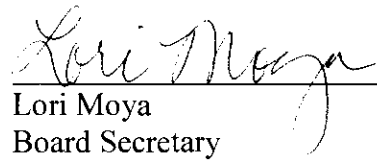
PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Independent School

District, Texas this 26th day of September, 2011.

**AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

By: 
Mark Williams
President of the Board

ATTEST:


Lori Moya
Board Secretary