



City of Dallas

2021 Redistricting Commission Meeting

**January 10, 2022
3:30 p.m.**

Jesse Oliver
2021 City of Dallas Redistricting
Chairman

Agenda



- Public Speakers
- Approval of December 13, 2021 Minutes
- Boards and Commission Procedures
- Map Submittal Update
- Map Overlays
- Redistricting Marketing
- District Reports
- Additional Public Speakers



Chapter 8 – Boards and Commission Procedures



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 - Legal Opinions
- Special Considerations for Town Hall Meetings
- Preparation of Meeting Materials



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NOTICE OF MEETINGS

Notice of all special and regular meetings of the board shall be published in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act. [Sec. 8-7]

QUORUM

A quorum exists when there are physically present a simple majority of the number of members officially appointed to the board. [Sec. 8-4]





ATTENDANCE

A member of the board that meets weekly or semi-monthly, who is absent from more than 25 percent of the regular meetings in any six-month period, whether excused or not, results in a forfeiture. [Sec. 8-2(b)]

More than three unexcused absences in succession results in a forfeiture. [Sec. 8-20(a)]





EXCUSAL DURING MEETING

A member who leaves a board meeting after the board has been duly called to order and is absent for the remainder of the meeting, without first obtaining the consent of the chair, shall be charged with an unexcused absence for that meeting. The consent of the chair may be given only in an emergency beyond the control of the member that requires the member to leave the meeting. [Sec. 8-21 (a)]

If a member is absent from more than 50 percent of a regular meeting, the member will be deemed absent and the absence will count against the member. [Sec. 8-21 (b)]

TOMA requires members attending virtually to have their video on in order to participate in the meeting.



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PUBLIC SPEAKERS

A board shall allow any member of the public to address the board regarding any item on the board's posted agenda at a designated time before or during the board's consideration of the item. A board may adopt reasonable rules regarding the public's right to address the body, including rules that limit the total amount of time that a member of the public may address the body. [Sec. 8-6(d)]

If a board adopts a rule placing a time limit on public comments, any member of the public requiring the use of a translator to relay public comments shall be afforded twice the amount of time as a member of the public who does not require a translator. [Sec. 8-6(e)]



13th Amended Emergency Regulations



PUBLIC SPEAKERS

All persons wishing to speak at a city board or commission meeting by videoconference, including those speaking on public hearing items, must register to speak in accordance with the rules and requirements of that board or commission. [Sec. 7(c), Ord. No. 31985, 13th Amended Emergency Regulations]



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PRESERVATION OF ORDER

The chair shall preserve order and decorum. The chair shall require members of the board engaged in debate to limit discussion to the question under consideration. [Sec. 8-10]



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RIGHT TO FLOOR

When recognized by the chair, a member shall confine remarks to the question under debate, avoid personalities, and refrain from impugning the motives of any other member's argument or vote. No member may address the chair or demand the floor while a vote is being taken. [Sec. 8-13]

LIMITATION OF DEBATE

No member shall be allowed to speak more than once upon any one subject until every other member choosing to speak on the subject has spoken, and no member shall speak more than twice upon any one subject, nor for a longer time than **five minutes**, without a two-thirds affirmative vote of the board. [Sec. 8-16]



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VOTING

Every member present when a question is put shall vote either “yes” or “no,” unless the member is prevented from voting because of conflict of interests. A member who is present during a meeting and does not vote is recorded as having voted in the affirmative, unless the member has obtained the consent of the chair to leave the meeting and is absent for the remainder of the meeting. [Sec. 8-17]

Upon demand from any member, made before the negative has been put, the roll shall be called for “Yeas” and “Nays” upon any question before the board.[Sec. 8-18]





DEALINGS WITH CITY EMPLOYEES

Under no circumstances shall members of a board or commission interfere in any manner with the employees or personnel who work with or under the board, but they shall in all cases make their wishes known to the head of the department, who shall handle the matter with employees the same as in other employee-personnel problems. [Sec. 8-27]



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LEGAL OPINIONS

If a legal opinion has been rendered by the city attorney regarding a board's powers, duties, or responsibilities, that board shall conform its actions in accordance with the opinion of the city attorney unless such opinion is in conflict with a decision by a court of competent jurisdiction. [Sec. 8-28]



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Special Considerations for Town Hall Meetings



Because town hall meetings are considered special meetings of the board, attendance will not be counted.

To properly transact business of the board, however, a quorum must be present at the meeting. Since a quorum is expected at town hall meetings, all town hall meetings will be posted as public meetings in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and will follow all other TOMA requirements.

Any town hall meeting that does not have a quorum present at the meeting will be conducted as a listening session only. Members of the public may speak to the board, but board members may not engage in any debate or discussion.



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Preparation of Meeting Materials



The Office of Government Affairs, in coordination with ARCBridge Inc, will prepare all meeting materials

Meeting materials will be sent to the Commission on the Friday before the Monday meeting of the Commission



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Map Submittal Update



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