

RESOLUTION AND ORDER
By the Board of Trustees of the
AUSTIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
Concerning the Establishment of Redistricting Criteria

WHEREAS, under Section 11.052 of the Texas Education Code, seven members of the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees are currently elected from seven single-member districts;

WHEREAS, Section 11.052(i) of the Texas Education Code provides that not later than the 90th day before the date of the first regular election at which trustees may officially recognize and act on the last preceding federal census, the Board shall re-divide the District into the appropriate number of trustee districts if the census data indicates that the population of the most populous district exceeds the population of the least populous district by more than ten percent;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to ensure compliance with all state and federal laws in connection with reconfiguring the single-member districts of the District;

THEREFORE under Sections 11.051-11.053, 11.057, 11.061 and 11.062 of the Texas Education Code, and all other applicable federal and state law, BE IT RESOLVED and ORDERED by the Board of Trustees of the Austin Independent School District, the following criteria shall be observed to the greatest extent possible in reconfiguring the District's single-member districts:

1. The District shall keep the total deviation between the largest and smallest single-member district at or within ten (10) percent;
2. Single-member districts shall be as nearly as practicable of equal population in terms of total population according to the 2020 Census;
3. Single-member districts shall be compact to the extent possible and composed of contiguous territory;
4. The racial and language minority status of residents shall be considered only to the narrow extent needed to avoid violating the Fifteenth Amendment and Equal Protection Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution, the Voting Rights Act of 1965, as amended, and the aforementioned provisions of the Texas Education Code (i.e., avoid retrogression of minority voting rights by drawing a plan where minority voting strength is not diminished relative to the existing plan);
5. Single-member districts shall be drawn to avoid splitting county election precincts, unless necessary to maintain proper deviation;
6. Where possible, the proposed map shall maintain communities of interest within single-member districts and attempts should be made to avoid splitting neighborhoods when redrawing single-member district lines;
7. Easily identifiable geographic and political boundaries shall be followed when possible;

8. Existing single-member district boundaries shall be preserved to the extent possible;
9. Single-member districts shall preserve incumbent-constituency relations by placing the residence of existing trustees in separate single-member districts; and
10. Where possible, single-member districts shall be drawn to use or account for other political boundaries (such as city or county boundaries).

On motion of Trustee _____, and seconded by Trustee _____, the above Resolution and Order was adopted by the Board of Trustees at its specially called meeting on March 10, 2022.

ATTEST:

Geronimo M. Rodriguez, Jr.,
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF
TRUSTEES

Arati Singh, SECRETARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES