



In the Matter of the Adjustment of Trustee Area Boundaries

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-04

A Resolution by the Governing Board Adjusting the Boundaries of the Bakersfield City School District Trustee Areas in Accordance With Education Code section 5019.5

RECITALS

- 1. Members of the Board of Trustees of the Bakersfield City School District of Kern County, California ("School District" or "District"), are elected in a "by-trustee area" election system, established in accordance and in compliance with all applicable laws; and
- 2. Education Code section 5019.5 requires that, following each decennial federal census, and using population figures as validated by the Demographic Research Unit of the Department of Finance as a basis, the governing board of each school district in which trustee areas have been established, and in which each trustee is elected by the residents of the area the trustee represents, shall adjust the boundaries of the trustee areas of the district so that the populations of the trustee areas are substantially equal; and
- 3. Education Code section 5019.5 also requires that the adjustments to the trustee area boundaries be completed before the first day of March of the year following the year in which the results of each decennial census are released; and
- 4. Upon receipt of the 2020 Census data as validated by the Demographic Research Unit of the Department of Finance, the Board of Trustees determined that the populations of the trustee areas of the District did not meet the equal population standard set forth in section 5019.5; and
- 5. The Board of Trustees held public hearings concerning possible adjustments to the trustee area boundaries to restore the population balance at duly noticed board meetings on October 26, November 16, December 14, 2021, January 25, 2022, and at a study session on February 16, 2022; and
- 6. The Board of Trustees retained special legal counsel and a demographic consultant to ensure that the trustee areas as adjusted complied with the federal Voting Rights Act and other applicable law; and
- 7. The Board of Trustees considered four options prepared by its demographer, called NDC 101, NDC 102, NDC 103, and NDC 104, for bringing the trustee area boundaries

into compliance with equal population standards and the federal Voting Rights Act, and based on traditional redistricting criteria; and

- 8. The Board of Trustees considered all public comments and the requirements of law, including proposed maps submitted by the Equitable Maps Coalition, called Public 101, Public 102, Public 103, and Public 104, that were processed by the District's demographic consultant and presented to and considered by the Board of Trustees at the Board's December 14, 2021, and January 25, 2022, meetings, and at its February 16, 2022 Study Session; and
- 9. The Board of Trustees held a final public hearing in connection with adoption of this resolution Adjusting the Boundaries of the Bakersfield City School District Trustee Areas in Accordance With Education Code section 5019.5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

- A. The above recitals are true and correct.
- B. The Board of Trustees hereby approves the map entitled $\underline{^{NDC}\ 104}$, a copy of which, together with the associate data sheet, is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by this reference, as its trustee area boundaries for use at the District's November 2022 and subsequent governing board elections until a review and possible realignment of the trustee area boundaries are required pursuant to Education Code section 5019.5, following the release of the 2030 Census, or as otherwise permitted by law.
- C. The Superintendent is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to facilitate implementation of Exhibit A, including presenting this resolution to the Kern County Registrar of Voters for implementation for Board of Trustee elections.
- D. In the event now-unforeseen technical adjustments are necessary to implement the trustee area boundaries contained in Exhibit A, the Superintendent is authorized to work with the Kern County Registrar of Voters and to consult with the District's demographic expert, general counsel, and special legal counsel to implement any needed technical adjustments, provided such technical adjustments do not materially affect the demographics or intent of Exhibit A. Any such technical adjustments shall immediately be reported to the Board of Trustees.
- E. The Superintendent shall consult with legal counsel to resolve all legal issues necessary to give effect to this Resolution.

THE	FOREGOING	RESOLUTION	was	adopted	upon	motion	by	Trustee
Chris Cruz-Boone			,	seconded		by		Trustee
Shannon Zimmerman			, at a regular meeting held on February					
2022, by the following vote or abstention of each member present:								

ABSTENTATION: 1

AYES: 4

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

DATED: February 22, 2022

Lillian Tafoya, President

Board of Trustees

Bakersfield City School District

CERTIFICATION

I, Shannon Zimmerman, Clerk to the Board of Trustees of the Bakersfield City School District, certify that the foregoing Resolution was regularly introduced, passed, and adopted by the Board of Trustees at its meeting held on February 22, 2022.

DATED: February 22, 2022

Shannon Zimmerman, Clerk,

Board of Trustees

Bakersfield City School District

EXHIBIT A