

**TARRANT COUNTY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING ON APRIL 9, 2019**

Heider Garcia, Tarrant County Elections Administrator, called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m. Other Citizens Advisory Committee members present were Libby Willis, Lisa Turner, Wayne Merritt, Shirley Adams, Danna Trowbridge, Raul Gonzalez.

FIRST ITEM OF BUSINESS: APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 14, 2019 MEETING.

Minutes from the meeting on March 14, 2019 were reviewed by the members present. Two changes were needed on them:

- Correcting the date on the title of the First Item of Business from JANUARY 16 to FEBRUARY 7.
- Rewriting the last sentence of the Third Item of Business to clarify its intent.

The amended minutes will be presented in the next meeting for approval.

SECOND ITEM OF BUSINESS: CONFIRMED SCHEDULE OF TOWN HALL MEETINGS. REVIEW OF THE PRESENTATION TO BE USED

Heider Garcia presented the schedule of Town Halls to the rest of the members of the Committee. He also clarified that one of the dates was in the process of being rescheduled due to availability from one of the County Commissioners.

Heider Garcia showed the members of the CAC the presentation that was prepared for the Town Halls. In general terms the CAC members agreed to its content, but recommended some points to be highlighted by the presenter:

- That the methodology will recommend keeping Early Voting locations as Election Day locations whenever possible to reduce voter confusion.
- The difference between Early Voting and Election Day voting, so voter can better understand what the change is about.
- That adopting Vote Centers does not mandate a reduction in the number of locations.
- To avoid deviating from Vote Centers, and into a discussion about voting equipment (which the public is eager to know about), that the presenter mention that this presentation "is not about the mechanics of voting, but about where you can go vote"

THIRD ITEM OF BUSINESS: GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE METHODOLOGY FOR SELECTING LOCATIONS

Heider Garcia presented to the CAC a list of polling sites that resulted from applying additional criteria to the list shown in the last meeting. The changes proposed in the methodology were:

- Polling places (not individual precincts) with less than 100 votes cast on election day are automatically moved to the Eliminations list.
- Polling places (not individual precincts) with more than 500 votes cast on election day are automatically moved to the Keep list.
- Locations where voting for one of the parties was more than 75% are put on the Keep list.
- Locations within 2 miles of an EV site are prone to be moved to the Eliminations list.

These rules are a proposal from the Elections Administrator, who asked the rest of the CAC members to review the files and provide feedback on the next meeting. To do so, Heider Garcia provided access to data files where some of the thresholds referred to in the criteria can be changed to study results.

As a pending matter, the CAC must discuss how to handle locations with conflicting rules, where two or more criteria are in conflict (e.g. one of them points to eliminate the site and the other to keep it).

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 p.m.