



Feather River Community College District

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES to Approve Resolution #21/22-05 DECLARING INTENT TO TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

Tuesday, November 23, 2021, 2 p.m.
Via Zoom

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER: **Time:** _____

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2. Approval of the Agenda for the November 23, 2021 Special Meeting of the Feather River Community College District Board of Trustees via Zoom.

3. Roll Call Item:
a. Approval of Resolution #21/22-05 - RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO TRANSITION FROM AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS

4. Adjournment **Time:**_____

FEATHER RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

RESOLUTION NO. 21/22-05

**RESOLUTION DECLARING INTENT TO TRANSITION FROM
AT-LARGE TO BY-TRUSTEE AREA GOVERNING BOARD MEMBER ELECTIONS**

WHEREAS, the Governing Board (“Board”) of the Feather River Community College District (“District”) is currently elected using a hybrid election system, with all the voters residing within the District voting at-large for trustees who reside within trustee areas;

WHEREAS, hybrid systems are considered “at-large” voting systems for purposes of the California Voting Rights Act (“CVRA”);

WHEREAS, “by-trustee area” elections, where each board member must reside within the designated trustee-area boundary and is elected only by the voters in that trustee-area, are favored under the CVRA;

WHEREAS, under the CVRA, at-large elections are impermissible if they result in racially polarized voting. Racially polarized voting is defined as “voting in which there is a different . . . in the choice of candidates or other electoral choices that are preferred by voters in a protected class, and in the choice of candidates and electoral choices that are preferred by voters in the rest of the electorate”;

WHEREAS, the Board desires to promote meaningful voter involvement in the election of District board members and increase the ability of candidates to seek elected office;

WHEREAS, the Board intends to begin the process to transition from at-large to by-trustee areas elections;

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to proceed with the statutorily required public hearings in a manner that is both efficient and legally sound;

WHEREAS, the Board will hold a minimum of two public hearings prior to developing proposed trustee-area boundary maps;

WHEREAS, the Board will hold a minimum of two additional public hearings to seek public input on the proposed trustee area maps developed with assistance from a demographer;

WHEREAS, California Education Code section 72036 authorizes community colleges to transition from at-large elections to by-trustee area elections upon the approval of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges;

WHEREAS, the boundaries for trustee areas in by-trustee elections are established based on population counts and demographics from the most recent United States’ census;

WHEREAS, the United States’ census count occurs every ten (10) years with the last census count occurring in 2020 (“2020 Census”);

WHEREAS, Board Members are elected in even-numbered years and serve staggered, four-year terms, such that the next election for three Board Members is scheduled for November 2022, with the remaining two Board Members scheduled for election in November 2024; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of “by-trustee area “ elections will not affect the terms of any Board members serving or elected during this transition, each of whom will serve out his or her full term.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

1. The above recitals are true and correct;
2. This Resolution is passed and adopted pursuant to Elections Code section 10010, subd. (e)(3)(A);
3. Trustee area boundary lines shall be developed, pursuant to the process provided in Elections Code section 10010, based on the most 2020 Census to provide for “by-trustee area” elections commencing in 2022.
4. Staff is directed to engage a demographer and any other consultant deemed required to assist in the development of proposed by-trustee area boundaries.
5. The Superintendent/President, or designee, is hereby directed to prepare additional Board resolutions and documents, as needed, to meet all applicable legal requirements in a timely manner to develop proposed trustee area boundaries, and to seek approval from the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges pursuant to Education Code section 72036.
6. The Superintendent/President, or designee, shall consult with legal counsel to take all steps necessary to implement and give effect to this resolution; and
7. The foregoing resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on the 23rd day of November, 2021, at a special meeting of the Board of Trustees by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Dated: Nov. 23, 2021

Superintendent/President

Clerk