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**ADJUSTMENT OF TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARIES  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)**

**1. Are community college districts required to adjust their trustee area boundaries?**

Yes. Education Code section 5019.5 requires trustee area boundaries be adjusted every ten years following the results of the census results for those school districts and community college districts that elect board members by trustee area. If the population of the most populous trustee area and the least populous trustee area vary 10% or more, then adjustment of trustee areas is required. Over the ten year period since the 2010 census, there may have been population shifts within the school district that would result in a variance of 10% or more among the current trustee areas.

**2. When will the 2020 census results be released?**

The 2020 census results were released on August 12, 2021. It will take 30 days or more for California to make adjustments required by state law before a demographer can begin to analyze the data to determine whether a district's current trustee area boundaries need to be adjusted.

**3. Is there a deadline for making adjustments to trustee area boundaries, if necessary?**

Yes. The statutory deadline is March 1, 2022.

**4. What happens if the Board misses the March 1, 2022, deadline?**

If the Board misses the deadline, the County Committee on School District Organization will make the adjustments.

**5. May the Board make adjustments to the boundaries if the trustee areas do not vary 10% or more in population?**

Yes. The Board may make adjustments to the trustee area boundaries if it wishes but is not required to do so.

**6. How does the Board determine if the trustee areas vary 10% or more in population?**

The District will need to retain the services of a demographer to review the 2020 census data to determine if the trustee areas vary 10% or more in population.

**7. May the Board adopt a Resolution maintaining the current trustee area boundaries if the trustee area boundaries do not vary 10% or more in population?**

Yes. If the trustee areas vary less than 10% as determined by a demographer, the Board may adopt a Resolution maintaining the current trustee area boundaries for the next ten years.

**8. If the trustee areas vary 10% or more in population, what is the procedure the Board should follow?**

If a demographer determines that the trustee areas vary 10% or more in population, the demographer will develop several maps that adjust the trustee area boundaries and bring the trustee areas within 10% in population and meet other requirements of the California Voting Rights Act (e.g. protection of the voting rights of protected classes). Input from the Board and the public regarding the maps should take place at a public meeting and at a subsequent meeting the Board may adopt one of the maps drafted by the demographer.

**9. What is the projected time line for completing the process of adjusting trustee area boundaries?**

Due to the expected heavy workload in adjusting trustee area boundaries as a result of all districts reviewing the census results at the same time to meet the March 1, 2022, deadline and the limited number of qualified demographer, it is expected that the process will be conducted between November, 2021, and February, 2022.

**10. If we have additional questions, who should we contact?**

If you have any additional questions, please contact Ronald D. Wenkart at (949) 355-2014 or [Ronald.wenkart@aalrr.com](mailto:Ronald.wenkart@aalrr.com).