



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes - Draft

### Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee

*The Honorable Jean A. DiMotto – Chairperson*

*The Honorable James A. Gramling, Jr., Vice-Chairperson*

*The Honorable Charles N. Clevert, Jr.*

*The Honorable Charles F. Kahn, Jr.*

*The Honorable Frederick P. Kessler*

*The Honorable Mary M. Kuhnmuensch*

*Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith*

*Research and Policy Analyst: Emily Petersen*

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Thursday, September 23, 2021

7:00 PM

County Legislative Information Center

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#### VIRTUAL PUBLIC HEARING

This public hearing was live-streamed on the  
County Legislative Information Center (CLIC):  
<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

## Call To Order

Roll Call at 7:02 p.m.

**Present:** 6 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., Kessler, Kuhnmuensch, and DiMotto

- 1      [HRA21-378](#)      Approval of minutes from the September 17, 2021, meeting of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee.

**(ACTION ITEM)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA21-378 IRC DRAFT MINUTES \(09/17/21\)](#)

[HRA21-378 IRC FINAL MINUTES \(09/17/21\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 1.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that the draft minutes from the September 17, 2021, meeting of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 6 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., Kessler, Kuhnmuensch and DiMotto

- 2      [HRA21-389](#)      Discussion relative to the Village of Brown Deer's request for Milwaukee County to do its redistricting.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

Kevin Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared virtually and spoke regarding Item 2.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuench, and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that Milwaukee County grant the Village of Brown Deer's redistricting request, be APPROVED. Chairwoman DiMotto called for the previous question. There being no objections by the Honorable Judges, the roll was called on item 2. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., Kuhnmuench and DiMotto

**Abstentions:** 1 - Kessler

- 3      [HRA21-386](#)      A summary and review of the most recent redistricting map (Version E), that was provided to the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee at the September 15, 2021, Virtual Public Hearing.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA21-386 VERSION E REDISTRICTING MAP](#)  
                                 [HRA21-386 VERSION F REDISTRICTING MAP](#)

Kevin Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared virtually and spoke regarding Item 3.

Item 3 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 4      [HRA21-358](#)      Public Comment Regarding the Proposed District Maps.  
\*Testimony Will Be Limited to 2 Minutes Per Speaker.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., District 16

Scott Brown, Deputy Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Brian Rothgery, Communications Director, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk

Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Kevin Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared virtually and spoke regarding Item 4.

Andrea Rodriguez, Educator and Community Organizer, appeared virtually and provided public comment on Item 4.

Item 4 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 5      [HRA21-379](#)      A discussion regarding *Baldus v. Members of the Wis. Gov't Accountability Bd.*, 849 F. Supp. 2d 840 (E.D. Wis. 2012) in the context of the Voting Rights Act of 1965.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA21-379 BALDUS CASE OPINION](#)  
                                 [HRA21-379 SUMMARY VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 1965](#)

There were no appearances for Item 5.

Item 5 was **DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.**

- 6      [HRA21-383](#)      Discussion and possible approval of a final redistricting map to submit to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for review and approval.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

**APPEARANCE:**  
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., that the Version E redistricting map be **APPROVED**, and submitted as a recommendation to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for review and approval. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 5 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., Kuhnmuensch and DiMotto

**Noes:** 1 - Kessler

- 7      [HRA21-300](#)      eComments submitted to the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee via the County Legislative Information Center (CLIC).  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

\*The Office of the County Clerk collects eComments submitted via CLIC, and appends these official public records to HRA File No. 21-300 at the conclusion of each meeting.

**Attachments:**      [HRA21-300 eComments \(09/23/21\)](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

**Brian Rothgery, Communications Director, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk**

**Robert Hullum Communications Specialist, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk**

The September 23, 2021, record of eComments is attached to this file as "HRA21-300 eComments (09/23/21)."

The September 23, 2021, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

**The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.**

**Length of Meeting: 7:02 p.m. to 8:24 p.m.**

**Adjourned,**

**Allyson R. Smith**

**Committee Coordinator**

**Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk**

**Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee**

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee is Friday, October 8, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.