



# Milwaukee County

## Meeting Minutes

### 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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Monday, August 16, 2021

1:00 PM

County Legislative Information Center

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#### VIRTUAL MEETING

This meeting was live-streamed on the County Legislative Information Center:  
<https://milwaukeecounty.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>

**Oaths of Office were administered virtually to Independent Redistricting Committee members by Milwaukee County Clerk George Christenson prior to the Call to Order at 1:06 p.m.**

#### **Call To Order**

#### **Roll Call at 1:08 p.m.**

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

- 1      [HRA21-301](#)      Election of Chairperson of the Independent Redistricting Committee.  
**(ACTION ITEM)**

A nomination was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, that Honorable Judge DiMotto be named the Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee. The nomination was APPROVED by unanimous voice vote:

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

- 2      [HRA21-305](#)      Introduction of Independent Redistricting Committee members and Milwaukee County staff.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**
- APPEARANCES:**  
Emily Petersen, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services Division (RSD), Office of the Comptroller  
Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
Brian Rothgery, Communications Director, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Stefan Dostanic, Deputy Clerk, Office of the County Clerk  
George Christenson, Milwaukee County Clerk, Office of the County Clerk  
Supervisor Sylvia Ortiz-Velez, District 12  
Supervisor Steven Shea, District 8  
Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., District 16  
Kenneth Smith, Research and Policy Analyst, RSD, Office of the Comptroller
- The following people appeared virtually and spoke regarding this item:  
Elizabeth Larsen, Director of Administration, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)  
Kevin J. Muhs, Director, SEWRPC  
Rob Merry, Chief Surveyor, SEWRPC
- Item 2 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.
- 3      [HRA21-302](#)      Independent Redistricting Committee's best practices, roles, and responsibilities for an effective redistricting process.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**
- APPEARANCE:**  
Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
- Item 3 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.
- 4      [HRA21-306](#)      Review of redistricting principles.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**
- Attachments:**      [HRA 21-306 WCA DECENNIAL REDISTRICTING HANDBOOK](#)
- APPEARANCE:**  
Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
- Kevin J. Muhs, Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared virtually and spoke regarding this item.
- Item 4 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 5      [HRA21-307](#)      Description of the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission's role in the redistricting process.

**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**Attachments:**      [HRA 21-307 SEWRPC PROPOSED COUNTY REDISTRICTING SCHEDULE](#)

**APPEARANCES:**

Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
Robert Hullum, Communications Specialist, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Brian Rothgery, Communications Director, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk

Kevin J. Muhs, Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared virtually and spoke regarding this item.

Item 4 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 6      [HRA21-313](#)      Coordination with municipalities on redistricting.  
**(INFORMATION ONLY)**

**APPEARANCES:**

Brian Rothgery, Communications Director, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation

Item 6 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 7      [HRA21-309](#)      Use of estimation mapping in redistricting.  
**(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE)**

There were no appearances.

Item 7 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 8      [HRA21-314](#)      Future Independent Redistricting Committee meetings.  
(INFORMATION ONLY)

**APPEARANCES:**

Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel  
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Brian Rothgery, Communications Director, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk  
Emily Petersen, Research and Policy Analyst, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

Kevin J. Muhs, Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, appeared virtually and spoke regarding this item.

The following future meeting dates were established by the Committee as follows:

Friday, August 27, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 3, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 10, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 17, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, September 24, 2021, 10:00 a.m.\*  
Friday, October 1, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 8, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 15, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 22, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, October 29, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 5, 2021, 2:00 p.m.\*  
Friday, November 12, 2021, 1:00 p.m.  
Friday, November 19, 2021, 1:00 p.m.

Corporation Counsel Daun suggested the election of a Vice-Chairperson to preside over any meetings where the Chairperson is not available.

A nomination was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, that Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., be named the Vice-Chairperson of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee. The nomination was **APPROVED** by unanimous voice vote:

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

**Length of Meeting: 1:08 p.m. to 3:03 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, August 27, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.