



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

Friday, August 27, 2021

1:00 PM

County Legislative Information Center

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Call To Order

Roll Call at 1:05 p.m.

Present: 5 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., Kessler, and DiMotto

Excused: 1 - Kuhnmuensch

Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually shortly thereafter.

- 1 [HRA21-326](#) Approval of minutes from the August 16, 2021, meeting of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA21-326 IRC DRAFT MINUTES \(08/16/21\)](#)
 [HRA 21-326 IRC FINAL MINUTES \(08/16/21\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 1.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., that the draft minutes from the August 16, 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 [HRA21-328](#) Update from Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel, regarding the Professional Services Agreement with Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [HRA21-328 SEWRPC PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT](#)

APPEARANCE:

Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel

Item 2 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Items 3 and 6 were considered together.

- 3 [HRA21-333](#) Update from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding the redistricting process.

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN BY THE COMMITTEE)

Attachments: [HRA21-333 2010 Map of Supervisory Districts](#)
[HRA21-333 Supervisory District Population by Race/Hispanic Ethnicity 2010](#)
[HRA21-333 Supervisory District Comparison between 2010 and 2020](#)
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Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
Rob Hullum, Communications Specialist, Communications Division, Office of the County Clerk
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

The following people appeared virtually, and spoke for information only regarding this item:

Cheryl Maranto, Co-Director, Northshore Fair Maps
Sachin Chheda, Director, Fair Elections Project
Kevin J. Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)

Items 3 and 6 were considered together.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kahn, Jr., that a proposed redistricting map from Honorable Judge Kessler be submitted to SEWRPC for review. The motion FAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Gramling Jr. and Kessler

Noes: 4 - Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., Kuhnmuensch and DiMotto

PRIORITIES

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that the priorities in the development of redistricting maps be: the Voting Rights Act; equal population; compact and contiguous districts; and respect for community interests.

Honorable Judges Clevert, Jr., and Gramling, Jr., later withdrew the motion, therefore a vote was not taken.

1st PRIORITY

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, that the first priority in the development of a redistricting map be: the Voting Rights Act.

Honorable Judges Clevert, Jr., and Kuhnmuensch later withdrew the motion, therefore a vote was not taken.

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kahn, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, that the first priority in redistricting is honoring the intent of the Voting Rights Act, and recognition of ethnic and racial communities of interest, while noting that race is a social construct.

Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., called for the previous question. There being no objections by the Honorable Judges, the roll was called on the first priority.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

2nd PRIORITY

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kessler, and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that the second priority in the development of a redistricting map be: equal population - no greater than (+) / (-) 2 percent deviation [4 percent variation].

Honorable Judges Kessler, and Gramling, Jr., later withdrew the motion, therefore a vote was not taken.

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kahn, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., that the second priority in the development of a redistricting map be: respect for municipal boundaries.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Noes: 1 - DiMotto

3rd PRIORITY

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that the third priority shall be equalization of population between districts, and that SEWRPC shall aspire and endeavor to make the deviation as small as possible, with the deviation for each district at no more than (+) / (-) 4 percent.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Noes: 1 - Kessler

4th PRIORITY

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, that the fourth priority in the development of a redistricting map be: compactness of districts.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

NON-PRIORITIES

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., that the addresses of incumbents SHALL NOT be a factor in the development of a redistricting map.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kahn, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhmuench, that existing County Supervisory districts lines SHALL NOT be considered in the redistricting process, and redistricting shall begin with a "clean slate."

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

4 [HRA21-329](#) Proposals on public notification and involvement in the redistricting process.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [HRA21-329 PRESS RELEASE DISTRIBUTION LIST](#)
[HRA21-329 PRESS RELEASE FROM 08/24/21](#)

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Kevin J. Muhs, Executive Director, Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission
Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk

Item 4 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

5 [HRA21-332](#) Proposed agenda items for the next Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee meeting.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

There were no appearances for Item 5.

Item 5 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Items 3 and 6 were considered together.

- 6** [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.

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The August 27, 2021, record of eComments is attached to the file as "HRA21-300 Public Comment (08/27/21)."

The August 27, 2021, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 1:05 p.m. to 4:21 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 Redistricting Committee is Friday,
September 3, 2021, at 1:00 p.m.