

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. Kuhnmuench

Committee Coordinator: Allyson R. Smith Research and Policy Analyst: Emily Petersen

Friday, September 3, 2021

1:00 PM

County Legislative Information Center

VIRTUAL MEETING

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

Call To Order

Roll Call at 1:25 p.m.

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

1 HRA21-345

Approval of minutes from the August 27, 2021, meeting of the Milwaukee County Redistricting Committee.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: HRA21-345 IRC DRAFT MINUTES (08/27/21)

HRA21-345 FINAL IRC MINUTES (08/27/21)

APPEARANCE:

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

Chairwoman DiMotto requested that Item 4 on the draft minutes from the August 27, 2021, meeting of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee (IRC) be AMENDED to include the virtual Public Hearing scheduled for WEDNESDAY, September 15, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. There being no objections from Committee members, it was so ordered by the Chairwoman.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuench that the draft minutes from the August 27, 2021, meeting of the IRC be APPROVED. The motion prevailed by the following vote:

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

MOTION 1

2 HRA21-346

From the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission, providing an update, and a proposed redistricting map.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments:

HRA21-346 POWERPOINT (received on 09/03/21)

HRA21-346 SEWRPC INTERACTIVE DISTRICT MAPS (received

09/03/21)

HRA21-346 VERSION A REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)
HRA21-346 VERSION B REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)
HRA21-346 VERSION C REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)

APPEARANCES:

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

Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., District 16

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

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

Mr. Muhs, provided Committee members with an overview of proposed Redistricting Maps, which are attached to this file as follows:

HRA21-346 VERSION A REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)

HRA21-346 VERSION B REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)

HRA21-346 VERSION C REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)

A motion was made Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuench that Map C as presented by SEWRPC be the basis upon which direction to SEWRPC be based. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kuhnmuench and DiMotto

Abstentions: 2 - Kahn Jr. and Kessler

MOTION 2

HRA21-346

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HRA21-346 VERSION C REDISTRICTING MAP (09/03/21)

Honorable Judge Kuhnmuench was not present at the time the roll was called on the second motion regarding this item, but was subsequently recorded as voting in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that SEWRPC only consider matters that have been publicly presented in open session and discussed.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Kessler

CLOSED SESSION: ITEM 3

The Committee may adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), Wisconsin State Statutes (State Statutes) for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to the following matter(s).

At the conclusion of the closed session, the Committee may reconvene in open session to take whatever actions it may deem necessary.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Gramling Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., that the Committee adjourn into closed session under the provisions of Section 19.85(1)(g), State Statutes, for the purpose of the Committee receiving oral or written advice from legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted with respect to pending or possible litigation with regard to Item 3.

Honorable Judge Kessler objected to the motion to adjourn into closed session.

The motion to ADJOURN into Closed Session PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Noes: 1 - Kessler

3 HRA21-347

Consideration of the request to submit a redistricting map to the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission for review and comparison.

(ACTION ITEM)

APPEARANCES:

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

Item 3 was discussed in both Open and Closed Sessions.

Item 3 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The Committee was in closed session from 3:58 p.m. to 5:16 p.m. The Committee reconvened at 5:16 p.m. Upon reconvening at 5:16 p.m, a roll was taken and four members were present.

Roll Call at 5:16 p.m.

Present: 4 - Gramling Jr., Clevert Jr., Kahn Jr., and DiMotto

Absent: 2 - Kessler, and Kuhnmuench

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

4 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.

APPEARANCE:

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

eComments were kept open for an additional two hours after the meeting adjourned.

There were no eComments submitted for the September 3, 2021, meeting.

The September 3, 2021, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 1:25 p.m. to 5:24 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, September 10, 2021, at 12:30 p.m.