



Milwaukee County

Meeting Minutes - Final 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: Steve Cady*

Friday, October 1, 2021

1:30 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 1:30 p.m.

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

Absent: 1 - Kuhnmuench

Honorable Judge Kuhnmuench was not present at the time the roll was called, but appeared virtually later in the meeting.

- 1 [HRA21-402](#) Approval of minutes from the September 23, 2021, Virtual Public Hearing of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee.

(ACTION ITEM)

Attachments: [HRA21-402 IRC DRAFT MINUTES \(09/23/21\)](#)
 [HRA21-402 IRC FINAL MINUTES \(09/23/21\)](#)

There were no appearances for item 1.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that the draft minutes from the September 23, 2021, Virtual Public Hearing of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee by APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Absent: 1 - Kuhnmuench

MOTION 1

- 2 [HRA21-403](#) Update from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding redistricting map version G.
(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

Attachments: [HRA21-403 REDISTRICTING VERSION MAP G \(received 10/1/21\)](#)
 [HRA21-403 INTERACTIVE REDISTRICTING MAP VERSION G](#)
 [HRA21-403 POWERPOINT \(received 10/1/21\)](#)
 [HRA21-403 COMPARISON OF VERSION E AND VERSION G MAP \(received 10/1/21\)](#)
 [HRA21-403 RENUMBERED VERSION E MAP \(received 10/1/21\)](#)
 [HRA21-403 VERSION E MAP WITH POPULATION INFORMATION \(received 10/1/21\)](#)

APPEARANCES:

Allyson R. Smith, Committee Coordinator, Legislative Services Division, Office of the County Clerk
Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., District 16
Margaret C. Daun, Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel
Steve Cady, Director of Research and Policy, Research Services Division, Office of the Comptroller

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

This file was temporarily laid over by unanimous consent of Committee members.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kessler, and seconded by Honorable Judge Gramling, Jr., that the Version G redistricting map be APPROVED, and submitted as the 2nd Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee recommendation to the Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors for review and approval.

Honorable Judges Gramling, Jr., and Kessler, later withdrew the motion, therefore no vote was taken by the Committee.

MOTION 2

[HRA21-403](#) Update from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding redistricting map version G.

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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Honorable Judge Kessler was not present at the time the roll was called, but was later recorded as voting in the affirmative.

Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., requested unanimous consent to change his vote for "aye" to "no." There being no objections by Committee members, and the change not affecting the outcome, it was so ordered by the Chairwoman.

After the roll call vote was announced, Honorable Judge Kahn, Jr., also requested to change his vote from "aye" to "no." Chairwoman DiMotto advised the Committee could reconsider Motion 2.

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kessler, and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., that SEWRPC eliminate the 4 voting blocks in the 53206 zip code out of District 1 (in the current Version G redistricting map) be **APPROVED**. The motion **PREVAILED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Gramling Jr., Kahn Jr., Kessler and DiMotto

Noes: 2 - Clevert Jr. and Kuhnmuensch

MOTION 3 (RECONSIDERATION OF MOTION 2)

[HRA21-403](#) Update from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding redistricting map version G.

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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[HRA21-403 VERSION E MAP WITH POPULATION INFORMATION \(received 10/1/21\)](#)

A motion was made by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., and seconded by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch that Motion 2 be RECONSIDERED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Noes: 1 - Kessler

MOTION 4

[HRA21-403](#) Update from the Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission regarding redistricting map version G.

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

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A motion was made by Honorable Judge Kuhnmuensch, and seconded by Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., to direct SEWRPC to REVISE the Version E redistricting map to reflect the same modifications that were made to the Version G redistricting map as it relates to:

*the Shorewood issue, as raised by State Senator Lena Taylor;

*the West Allis boundaries, as raised by Supervisor John F. Weishan, Jr., at the September 29, 2021, meeting of the Committee on Judiciary, Safety, and General Services.

Honorable Judge Clevert, Jr., amended the motion to include:

* that the 53206 zip code be put into a district where there is a community of interest.

The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

Noes: 1 - Kessler

- 3 [HRA21-405](#) Discussion about whether to expend funds for paid advertising to solicit comment for the October 6, 2021, meeting of the Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee.

(ACTION MAY BE TAKEN)

APPEARANCES:

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

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 WNOV-860 AM and the online edition of the Milwaukee Community Journal be used to target the African American voting population to promote and solicit comment for the upcoming Virtual Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. be APPROVED. The motion PREVAILED by the following vote:

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

- 4 [HRA21-404](#) Discussion of memo from Corporation Counsel, Office of Corporation Counsel.

(INFORMATION ONLY)

Attachments: [HRA21-404 OCC PRELIMINARY OPINION V2 \(received 10/1/21\)](#)

There were no appearances for Item 4.

Item 4 was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

- 5 [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

Steve Taylor, appeared virtually and spoke regarding Item 5.

The October 1, 2021, record of eComments is attached to this file as "HRA21-300 eComments (10/01/21)."

The October 1, 2021, record of eComments was DISCUSSED WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

The foregoing items were not considered in agenda order.

Length of Meeting: 1:30 p.m. to 5:12 p.m.

Adjourned,

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

Next meeting:

The Milwaukee County Independent Redistricting Committee will hold a Virtual Public Hearing on Wednesday, October 6, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.