



Dane County

Minutes - Final Unless Amended by Committee

Executive Committee - Redistricting Subcommittee

Friday, December 18, 2015

12:00 PM

City-County Building room 351

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A. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 p.m. Also present: MacKinnon, Joel Warnick, Joel Gratz

Present 6 - ANDREA KAMINSKI, LINDA HONOLD, JULEE HELT, MAURICE CHEEKS, JENNI DYE, and GEORGE GILLIS

Excused 2 - MARK HAZELBAKER, and BILL CLAUDIUS

B. Consideration of Minutes

[2015](#) MINUTES OF THE 12/9/15 MEETING OF THE REDISTRICTING
[MIN-507](#) SUBCOMMITTEE

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [Minutes_Redistricting Subcommittee_12-9-15](#)

A motion was made by KAMINSKI, seconded by HONOLD, that the minutes be approved. The motion carried by a voice vote.

C. Action Items

1. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION -- CONSIDERING AND FINALIZING RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUBCOMMITTEE FOR A 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS

The subcommittee intends to address topics including, but not limited to, the following, in order to finalize its recommendations to the Executive Committee:

- How the map drawing process will work, including Dane County staff involvement
- Hierarchy / priority level for each of the recommended criteria for map content
- Timeline and process for public engagement
- Direction to County Clerk to establish a schedule for the redistricting process?
- Finalizing recommendations for establishing redistricting commission membership, including recommendation for who will appoint the commission members. I.e., If it will not be the County Board Chair, then who will it be?

[2015
DISC-055](#)

FOR PUBLIC INPUT: DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR DANE COUNTY

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A 2021 REDISTRICTING PROCESS FOR DANE COUNTY](#)

[2015
RPT-605](#)

PUBLIC COMMENT AT 11-30-15 PUBLIC HEARING OF THE REDISTRICTING SUBCOMMITTEE

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [Public Comment at 11-30-15 Public Hearing](#)

A motion was made by DYE, seconded by HONOLD, "to recommend that the redistricting commission adopt a map drawing process that includes direction on staff chain of command, and that direction to staff should not come from County Board members or any parties not on the redistricting commission." The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by DYE, seconded by GILLIS, "to recommend that the issue of core retention of districts should be considered as a potential criterion for map content after the 2021 redistricting process is completed, but before the subsequent redistricting process begins." The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by GILLIS, seconded by CHEEKS, "to recommend that the criteria for map content be listed in the following order in the ordinance amendment and that the criteria be considered without regard to incumbency: (a) Equal population*; (b) Contiguity*; (c) Compactness*; (d) Political boundaries such as cities, villages, towns, school districts, or districts thereof; (e) Racial, ethnic, or language minority representation* and communities of interest*; (f) Geography and natural boundaries, such as rivers, lakes, etc.; (g) Neighborhoods * Required by state or federal law." The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by HONOLD, seconded by KAMINSKI, "to recommend the following language for criteria for map content: "The commission shall develop a map that divides the county into the number of districts determined by the county board. In the preparation of its plan for dividing the county into districts for the election of county board supervisors, the commission shall apply applicable state and federal law, which shall control in the event of any conflict with this ordinance. The commission shall also apply the criteria set forth in the following paragraphs to the maximum extent practicable and without regard to incumbency: (a) Equal population*; (b) Contiguity*; (c) Compactness*; (d) Political boundaries such as cities, villages, towns, school districts, or districts thereof; (e) Racial, ethnic, or language minority representation* and communities of interest*; (f) Geography and natural boundaries, such as rivers, lakes, etc.; (g) Neighborhoods * Required by state or federal law. " The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by CHEEKS, seconded by HELT, that the approved language for criteria for map content be amended to include the following language in the sentence preceding the listing of criteria: "The following criteria shall all be considered, but they shall be given priority in the paragraph order in which they are listed." The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by DYE, seconded by CHEEKS, "to approve the criteria for map content, as amended, and request that Corporation Counsel draft an ordinance implementing the criteria for map content, and that materials and information considered by the subcommittee in making its recommendations be conveyed to Corporation Counsel to aid in its ordinance drafting." The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by DYE, seconded by HONOLD, "to recommend that the County Clerk develop a schedule for the redistricting process and a suggested timeline and process for public engagement to be adopted and used by the redistricting commission." The motion carried by a voice vote.

A motion was made by DYE, seconded by GILLIS, "to recommend the process for selection of the citizen members of a redistricting commission as follows:

- 1) The City of Madison, Dane County Towns Association, and Dane County Cities and Villages Association will each submit to the Dane County Board Chair a list of no more and no less than three (3) candidates that meet the eligibility criteria for membership on an impartial citizen redistricting commission. The Dane County Board Chair will select one (1) candidate from each of the submitted lists to serve as a member on an impartial citizen redistricting commission. The Dane County Board Chair will set a deadline by which the parties must submit their lists of candidates. If the City of Madison, the Dane County Towns Association, or the Dane County Cities and Villages Association does not submit its list of three (3) candidates by the deadline, it will forfeit its opportunity to submit candidates for selection to the commission.
- 2) Dane County Board Chair will make three (3) or four (4) additional citizen appointments and the Dane County Clerk will also make three (3) or four (4) additional citizen appointments to an impartial citizen redistricting commission after the opportunity to serve has been communicated through a recruitment process which is structured to contact broad and diverse sections of the Dane County electorate. The interested persons shall apply. Applications shall be screened initially by County Board staff to remove any applicants that do not meet the eligibility criteria. The Dane County Board Chair and Dane County Clerk will then make the final appointments of members to an impartial citizen redistricting commission."
- 3) The commission should not include ex-officio county board supervisors. Supervisors will be allowed to participate and provide input to the same extent as input as taken from the public. The motion carried by a voice vote."

A motion was made by KAMINSKI, seconded by HONOLD, "to include the materials on the Ohio redistricting competition as a part of the subcommittee's recommendations." The motion carried by a voice vote.

[2015](#)
[RPT-606](#)

PUBLIC SURVEY RESPONSES TO REDISTRICTING CRITERIA
ON SPEAK UP DANE

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Attachments: [RedistrictingSurveyResultsfromSpeakUpDane](#)

D. Presentations

NONE

E. Reports to Committee

NONE

F. Future Meeting Items and Dates

The subcommittee will report its recommendations for a redistricting process to the Executive Committee at a January meeting date still to be determined.

G. Public Comment on Items not on the Agenda

Joel Gratz, Madison, WI, representing self, spoke in support of the redistricting recommendations and urged consideration of core retention for map criteria. (see registration sheet with minutes file)

H. Such Other Business as Allowed by Law

NONE

I. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

A motion was made by HONOLD, seconded by CHEEKS, that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried by a voice vote.

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