



Louisville Metro Government

Action Summary - Tentative Committee on Equity and Inclusion

Chair Paula McCraney (D-7)

Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2)

Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)

Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17)

Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Thursday, October 21, 2021

4:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE

Call to Order

Chair Person McCraney called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person McCraney introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

***NOTE:** All committee members and non-committee members present attended virtually, except Committee Member Arthur, Chair Person McCraney, Council Member Chambers Armstrong, Committee Member Winkler, and Vice Chair Piagentini, who attended in Chambers.

Present: 7 - Committee Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Committee Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), Chair Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Markus Winkler (D-17), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), and Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)

Support Staff

Holly Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
Jason Fowler, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk
Sonya Harward, Clerk

Special Discussion

1. [ID 21-1391](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION - FAIR AND EQUITABLE ELECTIONS:

- COUNTY CLERK BOBBIE HOLSCLAW AND BOARD OF ELECTIONS
- COUNCILMAN MARKUS WINKLER, AD HOC COMMITTEE ON REDISTRICTING
- MARY JO RODGERS, LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KENTUCKY

Chair Person McCraney introduced the topic of discussion and guest speakers.

Bobbie Holsclaw, Jefferson County Clerk and Board of Elections, spoke about this topic.

Mary Jo Rodgers, Kentucky League of Women Voters, spoke about this topic.
Council Member Markus Winkler, Metro Council Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting, spoke about this topic.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Person McCraney
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Arthur
- Committee Member Holton Stewart
- Committee Member Shanklin

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the upcoming 2022 Primary and General elections. There will be three early voting days for each election. The scheduled dates for the Primary are May 12, 13, and 14, and the scheduled early voting dates for the General election are November 3, 4, and 5 and the election will be held the following Tuesday after early voting days. The upcoming election will offer over 3,000 different ballot types.
- There was a discussion regarding potential locations. The Jefferson County Clerk's Office is still considering locations for the early/open voting days. Three possible locations are being considered - the Triple Crown Pavilion, the African American Heritage Center, and the Kentucky State Fair and Exposition Center.
- There were several questions regarding the use of Jefferson County Public School sites as potential early voting sites. At this time, Jefferson County Public Schools are not a viable option for early voting.
- There was a discussion on locations that would accommodate the volume of registered voters. Currently, there are approximately 600,000 registered voters in Louisville Metro. Respectively, there are 360,000 Democrats, 205,000 Republicans, and 40,000 Others (Independent, etc.).
- There were several questions regarding poll workers and poll worker training. The Jefferson County Clerk's Office plans to train over 3,000 poll workers, there are approximately 2,400 roles for poll workers in each election.
- There were several questions regarding early voting versus absentee voting. Due to the pandemic voters are given the option to vote early and socially distance, etc., and, absentee voting is the option offered to individuals that may not be able to vote on Election day due to travel, work, health concerns, disability, or advanced age.

- There was a discussion regarding the exemplary work of the Jefferson County Clerk and her staff in executing and accomplishing several successful elections during the pandemic.
- There were several questions regarding the Secretary of State's Office purging/cleaning up voter rolls and how this may impact Jefferson County.
- There was a discussion regarding the voter rolls being in better shape after the clean up, which is beneficial to the Jefferson County Clerk's Office.
- There were several questions regarding precinct lines and demographics after redistricting.
- There was a discussion regarding changes in precincts due to redistricting and the subsequent maps that will be drawn.
- There were several questions regarding the challenges in finding potential early voting locations. The three major challenges for potential locations are whether it is ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant, whether the location is large enough to accommodate a large volume of voters, and whether the location provides ample parking.
- There were several questions regarding the duties and responsibilities of poll workers.
- There were several questions regarding the benefits of working as a poll worker.
- There were several questions regarding whether Jefferson County Public Schools has received voter registration information for students.
- There were several questions regarding when precinct notification cards will be mailed to voters.
- There was a discussion regarding potential Southwest area churches to consider for early voting locations.
- There was a discussion regarding the Kentucky League of Women Voters' Fair Maps campaign. The goal of the campaign is to include public input and community engagement while redrawing the maps. The proposed maps are primarily Legislative/Congressional and not Metro Council Districts.
- There was a discussion regarding the guidelines that were by the League of Women Voters in the Fair Maps campaign. The goal of the Fair Maps campaign is to adhere to the Voting Rights Act of "One Person, One Vote," and to have an equitable breakdown of voters to be reflected with appropriate representation.
- There were several questions regarding the overall intent of the campaign if the legislative maps do not reflect the maps created and submitted by the Kentucky League of Women Voters.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Kentucky League of Women Voters had a role during redistricting in 2010.
- There was a discussion regarding the role of the Kentucky League of Women Voters providing naturalized citizens voter registration information.
- There was a discussion regarding the steps the Metro Council Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting has taken to redraw Metro Council Districts. The Metro Council draft maps will be discussed at the special Metro Council Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting meeting later in the day. There will be a public comment period during the regular Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting meeting on October 27. Public comment Wufoo forms will be launched online after the special meeting, and the public will have the opportunity to view the draft maps on the Metro Council website. The overall goal of the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting is to have draft maps passed to the Metro Council.
- There was a discussion regarding the guidelines that must be adhered to when drawing Metro Council districts, such as, the statutory requirement of "One Person, One Vote," and being within five percent of the established

median. All the Metro Council Districts must be compliant. The second priority in redrawing the district lines is minority representation in accordance with the Voting Rights Act which established the standard so minority representation is reflected. The third priority of the Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting is ensuring the proposed districts are contiguous and compact.

Pending Legislation

2. [O-400-21](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LOUISVILLE/JEFFERSON COUNTY METRO GOVERNMENT CODE OF ORDINANCES (“LMCO”) CHAPTER 92 TO PROHIBIT CREDIT DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT (AS AMENDED).

Sponsors: Primary Paula McCraney (D-7), Primary Bill Hollander (D-9) and Additional Jecorey Arthur (D-4)

Attachments: [O-400-21 V.2 CAM 092121 Preventing Credit Worthiness Discrim in Employment.pdf](#)
[O-400-21 PROPOSED CAM 091621 PREVENTING CREDIT WORTHINESS DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT.pdf](#)
[O-400-21 V.1 081221 Preventing Credit Worthiness Discrim in Employment.pdf](#)

This item remained held in committee.

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person McCraney adjourned the meeting at 4:53 p.m.