



# Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Action Summary - Tentative Metro Council Ad Hoc Committee on Redistricting

*Chair Markus Winkler (D-17)*  
*Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*  
*Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1)*  
*Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3)*  
*Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)*  
*Committee Member James Peden (R-23)*

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Wednesday, July 28, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

#### Call to Order

Chair Winkler called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### Roll Call

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

- Present:** 5 - Chair Markus Winkler (D-17), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Keisha Dorsey (D-3), Committee Member Cassie Chambers Armstrong (D-8), and Committee Member James Peden (R-23)
- Excused:** 2 - Committee Member Jessica Green (D-1), and Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)

#### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Donna Purvis (D-5), Council President David James (D-6), Council Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Council Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Council Member Kevin Triplett (D-15)

#### Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office  
Jeff Derouen, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

#### Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Special Discussion

[ID 21-0939](#)

### Overview of Redistricting Process - Hollie Hopkins and Jeff Derouen, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

**Attachments:** [Redistricting - JCAO Presentation Outline.pdf](#)  
[Study - Demographic Changes - Metro Council Districts.pdf](#)

Chair Winkler introduced the topic and spoke to the meeting process.

Hollie Hopkins and Jeff Derouen, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, gave a reviewed the attached outline.

The following also spoke to this item:

- Committee Member Pedan
- Chair Winkler
- Council Member Purvis
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Committee Member Chambers Armstrong
- Committee Member Dorsey
- Council Member Triplett

The following was discussed:

- First meeting in August could be postponed due to the Census data being unavailable until mid-August
- Regular meetings will resume after the Census data becomes available
- Public hearing date(s) is(are) to be determined once the Census data is released
- The process should have began in May, which is based on a deadline that was created by the General Assembly under the assumption that the Census Bureau would release the data in April, as they have done in the past
- The Council published the required notice to the public in the Courier Journal on Wednesday, July 21, 2021
- The Census Bureau plans to do an additional step for the first time ever and plans to release a more user-friendly format of the data at the end of September
- Whether the December 7, 2021 deadline can be changed at the last minute
- Filing deadline is broken into two parts: 1) within one county; and 2) Congress, State House, State Representatives
- In terms of the Equal Population standard, legislative bodies such as Metro Council's standard do not require mathematical equality
- Plus or minus current case law does not apply to Council seats and only to State Legislature seats, but is not a question that has been decided by the court
- Case that was decided in 2012 specifically addressed a challenge under Section 33 of the Kentucky Constitution, which by the terms only applies to redistricting done by the General Assembly for the State, House, and Senate
- Unknown what a court would do if someone tried to challenge the same logic because of the similarity in the language between the statute and the

**Constitutional provision**

- Information regarding the district that has the least population versus the most population, as well as the difference in current Census study versus 10 years ago
- Some Council Members funded a report that looked at many factors, including the cities population movements over the past 20 years using the last available census data for years 2015-2019 (see attached)
- Clarification of the case law being effectively rebutted in a court and what factors have lead to a court presuming invalidation
- Whether the deviation is based on the current existing footprint or the new data
- Changes to District population growth or loss
- Whether total current population divided by 26, with some deviations, is the standard
- Reasons for changes in shifting populations
- Estimated population (from attached report) shows 776,000 in 2015-2019

**Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair Winkler adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.