



# Louisville Metro Government

## Action Summary - Final 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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Thursday, October 21, 2021

5:30 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

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**THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING  
THIS MEETING IS BEING HELD VIA VIDEO TELECONFERENCE**

### Call to Order

Chair Winkler called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### Roll Call

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

**\*NOTE: All committee members present attended virtually, except for Council Member Arthur, Council President James, Committee Member Chambers Armstrong, Council Member Hollander, Council Member Reed, Chair Winkler, Vice Chair Piagentini, and Council Member George.**

**Present:** 7 - 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), and Committee Member James Peden (R-23)

### Non-Committee Member(s)

Council Member Barbara Shanklin (D-2), Council Member Jecorey Arthur (D-4), 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 Scott Reed (R-16), Council Member Nicole George (D-21), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

### Support Staff

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

### Clerk(s)

Sonya Harward, Clerk

## Special Discussion

[ID 21-1352](#)

## Proposed 2021 Redistricting Maps

**Attachments:** [Presentation for 10-21-21.pdf](#)

Jeff Noble, Legislative Aide for District 26, gave a presentation (attached hereto).

The following also spoke to this item:

- Chair Winkler
- Vice Chair Piagentini
- Council Member George
- Council President James
- Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Council Member Arthur
- Committee Member Green
- Jeff Derouen, Jefferson County Attorney's Office
- Council Member McCraney
- Council Member Blackwell

The following was discussed:

- Detailed maps are on the Metro Council's webpage at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council/redistricting-information>
- Next meeting on Wednesday, October 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. will include a public comment session
- Form available to provide feedback regarding Redistricting at <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/metro-council/redistricting-information>
- Possibly scheduling additional special meetings to get this passed in November
- Maps received and reviewed by Council Members
- Adjusting the map to achieve particular goals
- Tried to avoid splitting voting precincts, but sometimes it was necessary to achieve other goals
- Time does not allow for the Council to do a road show to get community feedback because the pandemic delayed the receipt of the Census data
- Feedback from public comments and the comment forms will be reviewed and possible changes will be considered
- Compact schedule provides very limited amount of time to engage in feedback before it is voted on
- Concern about formal neighborhood associations being split between two Districts and needing to understand the impact of such
- Per the Jefferson County Attorney's Office review in conjunction with Gerald Hebert, a national expert on Redistricting, the maps meet all three legal standards, which include the following:
  - One Person, One Vote Standard -- the Districts stay within a 10 percent overall deviation from the ideal district, though the Council has actually stayed within a 5 percent deviation either direction
  - Federal Voting Rights Standard -- minority voting strength is not diluted, there are still five majority Black voting Districts and one crossover District (District 6)
  - Compactness and Contiguity Requirements per state law -- the core Districts from last year are still represented
- The Redistricting aligns with the recommendations from Public Health and

**Wellness**

- Majority and minority representation
- Crossover District means that the minority voters' preferred candidate is able to be elected, and a legal challenge would consider the Citizen Voting Age population and historical voting patterns
- Whether there were six Black Districts after the Redistricting ten years ago - may be the case regarding population in the Districts, but that is not considered for the legal analysis so courts would have viewed District 6 as a crossover District ten years ago as well

**Adjournment**

Chair Winkler adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.