

KNOX COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The Knox County Redistricting Committee met in session on Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Street. Those members present were Ms. Kristi Kristy, Mr. Chris Davis, Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Courtney Durrett, Randy Smith, John Schoonmaker, Terry Hill, Charles Busler, Richie Beeler, Carson Dailey, Larsen Jay and Justin Biggs. The member absent was Commissioner Kyle Ward. Also present were Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, and Mr. Nick Schoenborn, GIS Analyst II for Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

Commissioner Smith, Vice-Chairman, presided.

The following proceedings were had and entered of record to-wit:

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IN RE: ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Kim Ellis, Clerk Recorder, called the roll.

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IN RE: AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA:

1. Commissioner Smith amended the agenda to hear Public Forum after completion of Approval of Minutes.

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IN RE: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS ON JULY 8, 2009 AND SEPTEMBER 1, 2021:

Consideration of approval of the minutes from the previous meetings held on July 8, 2009 and September 1, 2021 was before the Redistricting Committee.

Commissioner Biggs moved to approve the minutes from the previous meetings held on July 8, 2009 and September 1, 2021. Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 12-0-0-1.

Commissioner Ward was absent from the meeting.

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IN RE: PUBLIC FORUM:

1. Mr. Timothy Klein, Knox County resident, was present and spoke concerning the redistricting process regarding majority and minority districts; and splitting the precincts.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, and Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, were present and spoke on the matter.

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2. Ms. Virginia Babb, Knox County Board of Education member – District 4, was present and spoke concerning the effects of changing lines and school zoning in the redistricting process.

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3. Mr. Lance McCold, concerned citizen, was present and spoke concerning the redistricting process regarding adjusting boundaries and districts and the way the precincts are laid out.

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IN RE: DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING:

Discussion of Redistricting was before the Redistricting Committee. Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, and Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, were present and spoke on the matter.

The committee members were encouraged to submit plans to the Commission Chair or Commission Vice-Chair to present to Knoxville-Knox County Planning.

No action was taken.

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IN RE: PUBLIC FORUM

Public Forum was heard earlier at the meeting. (See Pages 1 and 2)

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IN RE: OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business was reported.

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IN RE: NEW BUSINESS:

No New Business was reported.

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IN RE: ADDITIONAL MEETING:

The following date was added to the list of Redistricting Committee meetings: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. in the Small Assembly Room of the City-County Building.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Busler moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Durrett seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 12-0-0-1. Commissioner Ward was absent from the meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Knox County Redistricting Committee, Commissioner Smith declared the meeting adjourned.

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RANDY SMITH, VICE-CHAIRMAN