

***KNOX COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE***

The Knox County Redistricting Committee met in Session on Thursday, September 23, 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 for Mr. Matthew Hill, GIS Specialist in the State Comptroller’s Office, to address the committee after completion of approval of minutes.

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**IN RE: ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Commissioner Schoonmaker moved to adopt the agenda. Commissioner Hill 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: APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2021:**

Consideration of approval of the minutes from the previous meeting held on September 16, 2021 was before the Redistricting Committee.

Commissioner Busler moved to approve the minutes from the previous meeting held on September 16, 2021. Commissioner Lundy 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: DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING FROM THE STATE COMPTROLLER’S OFFICE:**

Discussion of redistricting from the State Comptroller’s Office was before the Redistricting Committee.

Mr. Matthew Hill, GIS Specialist in the State Comptroller's Office, was present and spoke regarding redistricting issues including deviation for districts and timeline/timeframe for redistricting plans.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:      DISCUSSION OF REDISTRICTING:**

Discussion of Redistricting was before the Redistricting Committee. Proposal Solution 2 was submitted by Commissioner Larsen Jay. Proposal Solution 3 was submitted by Commissioner John

Schoonmaker.

Proposal Solution 4 was submitted by Kristi Kristy.

Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, and Mr. Matthew Hill, GIS Specialist in the State Comptroller's Office, were present and spoke on the matter.

Monday, September 27, 2021, 12:00 noon, was the deadline date chosen for committee members to submit proposals.

No action was taken.

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**IN RE:      PUBLIC FORUM:**

1. Mr. Sam McKenzie, Tennessee State Representative and former Knox County Commissioner, was present and spoke concerning the redistricting process regarding Commission District 1 as far as minority representation for the district.

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2. Mr. Damon Rawls, resident in Commission District 1, was present and spoke concerning the redistricting process regarding minority representation for Commission District 1.

Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, and Mr. Matthew Hill, GIS Specialist in the State Comptroller's Office, were present and spoke on the matter.

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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:      ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Biggs moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Beeler 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***