

KNOX COUNTY REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

The Knox County Redistricting Committee met in session on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the Main Assembly Room of the City-County Building, Main Street. Those members present were Mr. Chris Davis, Commissioners Dasha Lundy, Courtney Durrett, Randy Smith, Kyle Ward, John Schoonmaker, Terry Hill, Charles Busler, Richie Beeler, Carson Dailey, Larsen Jay and Justin Biggs. The member absent was Ms. Susan Horn. Also present were Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, and members of the news media.

Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, presided.

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

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IN RE: CALL TO ORDER:

Ms. Sherry Witt, Knox County Clerk, called the meeting to order.

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IN RE: ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Angie Nesbitt, Clerk Recorder, called the roll.

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IN RE: LEADERSHIP SELECTION (CHAIR, VICE-CHAIR, SECRETARY):

Consideration of the leadership selection for Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary was before the Redistricting Committee.

Upon roll call for nominations for Chair of the Knox County Redistricting Committee, Commissioner Lundy passed. Commissioner Durrett passed. Commissioner Smith nominated Commissioner Ward. Commissioner Ward passed. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed. Commissioner Hill nominated Commissioner Jay. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Beeler passed. Commissioner Dailey passed. Commissioner Jay passed. Commissioner Biggs passed. Mr. Davis passed. Ms. Horn was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Busler moved that the nominations cease.

Commissioner Durrett seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 12-0-0-1. Ms. Horn was absent from the meeting.

Upon roll call for Chair of the Knox County Redistricting Committee, Commissioners Lundy, Durrett, Smith, Ward, Hill, Busler, Beeler and Biggs voted for Commissioner Ward. Commissioners Dailey and Jay voted for Commissioner Jay. Commissioner Schoonmaker and Mr. Davis passed. Ms. Horn was absent from the meeting. Commissioner Ward received 8 votes. Commissioner Jay received 2 votes.

Commissioner Kyle Ward was elected Chair of the Knox County Redistricting Committee.

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At this time, Ms. Witt, Knox County Clerk, stepped down from the Chair and Commissioner Ward, Chairman, presided.

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Upon roll call for nominations for Vice-Chair of the Knox County Redistricting Committee, Commissioner Lundy passed. Commissioner Durrett nominated Commissioner Smith. Commissioner Smith passed. Commissioner Ward passed. Commissioner Schoonmaker passed. Commissioner Hill passed. Commissioner Busler passed. Commissioner Beeler passed. Commissioner Dailey passed. Commissioner Jay passed. Commissioner Biggs passed. Mr. Davis passed. Ms. Horn was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Ward moved that Commissioner Smith be elected Vice-Chair of the Knox County Redistricting Committee by acclamation. Commissioner Busler seconded the motion and upon voice vote the motion carried 12-0-0-1. Ms. Horn was absent from the meeting.

Commissioner Randy Smith was elected Vice-Chair of the Knox County Redistricting Committee.

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It was deemed that it was not necessary to have a Secretary.

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IN RE: OVERVIEW:

No action was taken.

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IN RE: ESTABLISH GROUND RULES:

No action was taken.

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IN RE: INTRODUCE WEB SITE, PUBLIC INFORMATION AND CITIZEN INPUT:

Introduce Web Site, Public Information and Citizen input was before the Redistricting Committee.

Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, was present and gave the presentation.

Mr. Terry Gilhula, Information and Research Manager for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, was present and spoke on the matter.

The website name is: knoxcountydistricts.org

No action was taken.

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IN RE: PRESENTATION OF SUMMARY OF EXISTING DEMOGRAPHIC CONDITIONS:

Presentation of summary of existing demographic conditions was before the Redistricting Committee.

Ms. Aubrey Weiland, Research Associate for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, was present and gave the presentation.

Mr. Terry Gilhula, Information and Research Manager for Knoxville-Knox County Planning, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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IN RE: REVIEW LEGAL REQUIREMENTS AND COMPTROLLER DIRECTIVES:

Review Legal Requirements and Comptroller directives was before the Redistricting Committee.

Mr. David Buuck, Knox County Law Director, was present and spoke on the matter.

No action was taken.

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IN RE: OUTLINE ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF PLANNING STAFF:

No action was taken.

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IN RE: IDENTIFY GOALS, PROVIDE DIRECTION AND ASSUMPTIONS TO PLANNING STAFF:

Identify Goals, provide direction and assumptions to Planning Staff was before the Redistricting Committee.

No action was taken.

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IN RE: REVIEW PRELIMINARY DATA AND MAPS (TN COMPTROLLER PRELIMINARY DATA):

No action was taken.

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IN RE: TIMELINE REVIEW/NEXT STEPS

Timeline Review/Next Steps was before the Redistricting Committee.

No action was taken.

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IN RE: ADJOURNMENT:

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

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

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KYLE WARD, CHAIRMAN