

Lake County Illinois

Meeting Location:
18 N. County Street (9th FL)
Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Monday, September 27, 2021

1:00 PM

Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3kpgfqP>

Reapportionment Committee

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Chair's Written Determination, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options): (1) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda, or (2) in-person attendance (to view the virtual meeting on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.)

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: Reapportionment (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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0. [21-1171](#)

Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30.21\[379\]](#)

1. Call to Order

Chair Hart called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Vice Chair Cunningham led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call of Members

Present 7 - Member Clark, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Chair Hart, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

**Electronic Attendance: All Members*

Others Present:

Alex Carr, Communications

Anthony Vega, Sheriff's Office

Brooke Lenneman, Attorney

Carissa Casbon, County Board

Cassandra Torstenson, County Administrator's Office

Catherine Sbarra, County Board

CN, Public

Diane Hewitt, County Board

Dick Barr, County Board

Dulce Ortiz, Public

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Gina Roberts, County Board

Helen Fandrei, Public

J. Aaltenberg, Public

Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

John Wasik, County Board

Julie Simpson, County Board

Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office

Kasia Kondracki, 19th Judicial Circuit Court

Keith Caldwell, GIS

Kevin Hunter, County Board

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Lauren Beth Gash, Public

Marah Altenberg, County Board

Mary Ellen Vanderverter, Recorder of Deeds

Mary Mathews, Public

Matt Coleman, GIS

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office

Michele Bauman, Public
Mick Zawislak, Press
Mike Tully, Forest Preserve
Paras Parekh, County Board
Paul Frank, County Board
Peter Friedman, Attorney
Peter Schoenfield, GIS
Rosemary Heilemann, Public
Steve Carlson, Public
Susan Zingle, Public
Sydney Dawson, County Board Office
Theresa Glatzhofer, County Board Office
Teri White, State's Attorney's Office
Terry Wilke, County Board

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

There were no Chair's Remarks.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

Approval of Minutes

8.1 [21-0867](#)

Minutes for May 7, 2021.

Attachments: [Reapportionment 5.7.21 Final Minutes](#)

A motion was made by Member Cunningham, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that the minutes from May 7, 2021 be approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: 7 - Member Clark, Vice Chair Cunningham, Member Danforth, Chair Hart, Member Kyle, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

REGULAR AGENDA**8.2 21-1476**

Discussion and Direction.

Chair Hart stated that the following topics would be discussed: number of County Board Members; Members elected by district or at-large; Number of districts and if single-member or multi-member districts; method of electing County Board Chair; and method of compensation.

After a thorough discussion, the Committee's consensus was to: reduce the number of County Board Districts to 19, remain at single-member districts, elect a County Board Chair from within the County Board, and for County Board Members to be compensated by an annual salary.

8.3 [21-1453](#)

Discussion regarding 2020 maps and tables.

Attachments: [2020 Target County District Population](#)
[Census2020_AfricanAmericanPop](#)
[2020 Municipal Population](#)
[Census2020_HispanicPop](#)

Chair Hart explained that in 2011, the direction from the state was that all districts needed to have equal populations; whereas, in 2012, the state legislature edited the language to read that the population of all county board districts needed to be "substantially equal." Attorney Friedman noted that the goal is to try to get the district populations to be as substantially equal as possible.

Keith Caldwell, GIS Manager, presented a map pertaining to Lake County's African American population density, from the 2020 Census. Mr. Caldwell noted that the Zion and Waukegan areas seemed to have the largest populations of African American individuals in the County.

Mr. Caldwell then presented a map and table that compared the populations of all municipalities within Lake County, based on the 2020 Census data. Mr. Caldwell noted that the largest population decrease from the previous census took place in Bannockburn, while the largest population increase was in Volo.

Steve Carlson, former County Board Member, made a public comment regarding how the mapping process was shown to the Board in the past.

9. County Administrator's Report

There was no County Administrator's Report.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

There were no Members' Remarks.

12. Adjournment

Chair Hart adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 4, 2021

Minutes prepared by Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

Reapportionment Committee, Chair