



# WASHTENAW COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

November 8, 2021

## Minutes

A meeting of the Washtenaw County Apportionment Commission was held remotely via Zoom.

**Members Present:** Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of Deeds (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI)  
Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI)  
Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney (City of Ann Arbor, Washtenaw County, MI)  
David Frey, Washtenaw County Republican Party Chairperson (City of Ypsilanti, Washtenaw County, MI)  
Chris Savage, Washtenaw County Democratic Party Chairperson (Scio Township, Washtenaw County, MI)

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Ed Golembiewski, Chief Deputy Clerk/Register & Director of Elections  
Chelsea Rozek, Washtenaw County GIS Developer  
Robert Mulcahy, Deputy Clerk/Program Manager

Lawrence Kestenbaum called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

### APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Commissioner McClary, seconded by Commissioner Savage moved to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2021 Apportionment Commission meeting.

Vote on the motion:

5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

The following members of the public spoke during public comment:

- Dirk Mayhew
- John Scharf
- Desirae Simmons

Commissioner McClary, seconded by Commissioner Savit, moved to accept written comments submitted to the Apportionment Commission into the public record.

Vote on the motion:

5 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### a. Deliberations toward 2022 Washtenaw County Apportionment Plan

Chair Kestenbaum asked Commissioners who submitted maps to review their plans before the Apportionment Commission held a vote.

Chair Kestenbaum discussed his modified 9 district plan and his modified 15 district plan.

Vice Chair Frey spoke in favor of a 15-district plan.

Commissioner Savit discussed his two 11-district plans.

Commissioner Savage spoke in favor of Chair Kestenbaum's 9-district plan.

Commissioner McClary spoke in favor of Chair Kestenbaum's 9-district plan.

Commissioner McClary, seconded by Commissioner Savage, moved to adopt Chair Kestenbaum's modified 9-district plan.

Vice Chair Frey spoke against the motion.

Vote on the motion:

3 Yeas. 1 Nay (Frey). 1 Abstention (Savit). Motion carried.

At 3:46 pm Chair Kestenbaum declared a 20-minute recess to let the Commission prepare a resolution formally adopting the modified 9-district plan.

The meeting resumed at 4:55 pm.

Director of Elections Ed Golembiewski read Apportionment Commission Resolution 21-001 to Approve a 9-District Reapportionment Plan.

Commissioner McClary, seconded by Commissioner Savage, moved to adopt Resolution 21-001 setting a 9-District Reapportionment Plan.

Vote on the motion:

3 Yeas. 1 Nay (Frey). 1 Abstention (Savit). Motion carried.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### a. Next meeting date

The Apportionment Commission agreed unanimously to hold the next meeting on Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm solely for the purpose of approving the Minutes of this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Kestenbaum adjourned the meeting at 5:05 pm.

Approved: November 15, 2021

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A 9-DISTRICT REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

WASHTENAW COUNTY APPORTIONMENT COMMISSIONERS:

Lawrence Kestenbaum, Washtenaw County Clerk/Register  
Catherine McClary, Washtenaw County Treasurer  
Eli Savit, Washtenaw County Prosecuting Attorney  
David Frey, Washtenaw County Republican Party Committee Chair  
Chris Savage, Washtenaw County Democratic Party Committee Chair

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WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Apportionment Commission has the statutory authority and responsibility to adopt an apportionment plan every 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has established a plan with districts of substantially equal population; and

WHEREAS, this plan is made up of single-member districts; and

WHEREAS, these districts are contiguous; and

WHEREAS, these districts are as nearly square in shape as is practicable; and

WHEREAS, no district combined a township (or part of) with any city unless necessary to meet the population standard; and

WHEREAS, no districts divided townships, villages, or cities unless necessary to meet the population standard; and

WHEREAS, no districts divided precincts unless necessary to meet the population standard; and

WHEREAS, these districts were not drawn to effect partisan political advantage;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Apportionment Commission adopts its 2021 reapportionment plan of 9 districts, which fits the requisite criteria as best as possible.

COMMISSIONER	Y	N	A								
Kestenbaum	X										
McClary	X										
Savit				Abstain							
Frey		X									
Savage	X										

**ROLL CALL VOTE:    3       1                    1 Abstention                    TOTALS**

STATE OF MICHIGAN

I, Lawrence Kestenbaum, Clerk/Register of said County of Washtenaw and Clerk of Circuit Court for said County, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of a resolution adopted by the Washtenaw County Apportionment commission at a session held remotely pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, on November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021, as it appears of record in my office.

COUNTY OF WASHTENAW)<sup>SS</sup>.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Ann Arbor, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.

**LAWRENCE KESTENBAUM, Clerk/Register**

BY: \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy Clerk



**Res. No. 21-001**