



# City of Madison

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## Meeting Minutes - Approved AD HOC REDISTRICTING COMMITTEE

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Thursday, August 19, 2021

4:00 PM

Via Virtual Meeting

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### CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL

Chair Castañeda called the meeting to order at 4:01pm and called the roll.

**Present:** 6 - Lindsay Lemmer; Arvina Martin; Charles Myadze; Austin S. Johnson;  
Justice M. Castañeda and Joan I. Schwarz

**Excused:** 1 - Nasra Wehelie

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Ald. Myadze moved approval. Ald. Martin seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously by voice vote.**

### DISCLOSURES AND RECUSALS

None.

1. [66839](#) Public Comments

None.

### DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. [66782](#) Redistricting Process

- Resolution Creating the Ad Hoc Redistricting Committee  
Staff reviewed the resolution creating the Committee.
- Estimated Timeline for Madison's Redistricting Process  
Staff reviewed the timeline for the redistricting process.
- 2020 Census Data for Current Alder Districts and Wards  
Staff presented 2020 Census data by alder district boundary and wards.
- Draft Madison Redistricting Criteria/Communities of Interest  
Staff reviewed redistricting criteria and communities of interest.
  - o Ald. Foster: what level of population flexibility is the Committee willing to have? Also: neighborhoods should be a strong COI for consideration.
  - o Castañeda: we can start with the existing districts as a basis - we're not starting from scratch.
  - o Ald. Martin: agree with Neighborhoods as a COI. Also like the idea of elementary schools, but that is not as high of a priority as neighborhoods.
  - o Castañeda: School district elementary boundaries are a unique situation for Madison with noncontiguous boundaries. Also: there is an extraordinary variance within the Hispanic population - assuming that "Hispanic" is one block is reductive. Something to consider.
  - o Ald. Furman: not all neighborhood associations are conducted equally -

some are much more active than others. Some associations that span alder boundaries right now have made it work. Very few associations are fully active - be aware of that. Representation is more important.

- o Ald. Martin: Do we have data regarding immigrant populations? Not with regard to citizenship.
- Online Mapping Tools
  - Staff recapped:
    - o The "Representable" tool, which is being used by Dane County; the City is also promoting it. It requires a free account.
    - o The DistrictBuilder tool, which Dane County is also using.
    - o WISE LR, which is a state of Wisconsin tool.
    - o How staff will use interactive online mapping to discuss and review redistricting scenarios for the Committee.
  - Committee Member Requests for Resources or Information
    - o Ald. Foster: need to be able to see where people actually live - please provide a map of population density using the new data. Also: big picture map of east vs. central vs. west population shifts.
    - o Ald. Myadze: neighborhood association boundaries.
    - o Castañeda: Population density. Income. Transience (turnover).

Chair Castañeda asked for ideas for agenda items for next week. Staff summarized information that will be brought to next week's meeting.

Ald. Myadze asked whether it's possible to look at historical data - people of color as a percentage of overall district population. Staff: we can look back at the last few processes.

Ald. Foster: will we be able to use DistrictBuilder and/or WISE LR soon? Staff: We can forward information for WISE LR within the next week.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion by Ald. Myadze to adjourn. Seconded by Ald. Martin. The motion passed unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 5:09 pm.**