



# Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County, TN

Historic Metro Courthouse  
1 Public Square, 2nd floor  
Nashville, TN 37201

## Metropolitan Council Meeting Minutes

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Wednesday, March 22, 2023

6:30 PM

Metropolitan Courthouse

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### Special Meeting

#### Call to Order

The Metropolitan Council met in special session on this date at 6:30 p.m. in the Metropolitan Courthouse.

The invocation was offered by Vice Mayor Jim Shulman.

#### Pledge of Allegiance

The Metropolitan Council gave the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

#### Roll Call

The roll was called and the following members were present during the progress of the meeting: Shulman, Mendes, Hurt, Allen, Suara, Hall, Toombs, Gamble, Swope, Parker, Withers, Benedict, VanRheece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Evans, Bradford, Rhoten, Syracuse, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, O'Connell, Roberts, Taylor, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Rutherford, Styles, Lee, and Henderson (38); Absent: Vercher and Rosenberg (2).

### Resolutions

**RS2023-2062** A resolution directing the Metropolitan Planning Department to prepare a Council redistricting plan consisting of 17 district councilmembers and 3 councilmembers at-large to comply with state law; requesting the Metropolitan Planning Commission to hold the necessary meeting(s) to approve the redistricting plan; and requesting the Vice Mayor to call any special Council meeting(s) that may be required to effectuate the redistricting plan.

Council Member Johnston moved to adopt the resolution, which motion was properly seconded. Council Member Johnston offered Substitute A and moved that it be adopted, which motion was properly seconded. Council Member Pulley moved to defer the resolution to the April 4, 2023 meeting, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Pulley withdrew the motion to defer. Council Member Pulley moved to hold a public hearing on the resolution at the April 4, 2023 meeting, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Sledge called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council. The matter recurred on the motion to hold a public hearing on the resolution at the April 4, 2023 meeting, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

**Yes (36):** Mendes, Hurt, Allen, Suara, Hall, Toombs, Gamble, Parker, Withers, Benedict, VanReece, Hancock, Young, Hagar, Evans, Bradford, Rhoten, Syracuse, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Roberts, Taylor, Hausser, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Johnston, Nash, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Rutherford, Styles, Lee, and Henderson

**No (1):** Swope

Council Member Pulley moved to defer the resolution to the April 4, 2023 meeting, which motion was properly seconded. After discussion, Council Member Mendes called for the previous question, which motion was seconded and approved by a voice vote of the Council. The matter recurred on the motion to defer the resolution to the April 4, 2023 meeting, which motion was seconded and approved by the following roll call vote:

**Yes (29):** Mendes, Hurt, Suara, Hall, Toombs, Parker, Withers, Benedict, Young, Hagar, Evans, Bradford, Syracuse, Welsch, Sledge, Cash, OConnell, Roberts, Taylor, Druffel, Murphy, Pulley, Nash, Porterfield, Sepulveda, Rutherford, Styles, Lee, and Henderson

**No (8):** Allen, Gamble, Swope, VanReece, Hancock, Rhoten, Hausser, and Johnston

### Adjournment

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