

Findings & Recommendations of The Louisville Comprehensive Review Commission

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- Review the accomplishments and insufficiencies, if any, and recommendations for any statutory changes.
- Review the roles and duties of the mayor and the legislative council as it relates to duties, oversight, budgeting, and administration of Metro and make recommendations for either internal or statutory changes.
- Review intergovernmental relations between Metro and the suburban cities and special service districts and make recommendations for either internal or statutory changes.
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- Review the future of relations between the Louisville Metro Government and the suburban cities and special service districts and make recommendations for either internal or statutory changes, including the merger of existing suburban cities, the creation of further suburban cities, the annexation of territory by suburban cities, the creation of further special service districts, the merger of special service districts, or the expansion of urban service district boundaries.

The Commission's findings and recommendations are to be submitted to the General Assembly by September 15, 2023.

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- Saturday, July 15
- Monday, July 17
- Tuesday, July 18
- Monday, July 24
- Tuesday, July 25
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in all areas of the county to enable residents to provide their views on and experiences under merged government.

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