

Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: November 1, 2021]

Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	Guests	MMD
Joan Ramsey	Caitlin O'Brien	Marie Allen Campbell
Warren E. Hamilton		Adrienne Kisse
Larry Volk	Patrick Collins	Keshana Owens-Cody
Patricia Sibia		
Thomas Clingan		
Sita Subbaram		
Leif Hartmark		
Julia Reeb		
Mark McCumber		

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 4:00 PM

Discussion Items

Minutes of the previous meeting

There were no Minutes of the previous meeting available.

Introductions:

The three new members of the MMD were present, and all members spent a few minutes introducing themselves.

Commission and MMD roles and responsibilities:

- Tom Clingan gave an overview of the local law and the purpose of the Commission and the MMD Subcommittee. The MMD Subcommittee is charged to define the boundaries of the Majority Minority Districts and report those districts to the Commission. The Commission will incorporate those districts in their overall redistricting proposal for the County as a whole. The MMD subcommittee can also hire independent counsel for legal support for their activities.
- Similarly, the MMD is authorized to hire a mapping consultant. Patrick Collins clarified that the MMD shall hire its own mapping consultant.
- Members noted that the legislation regarding mapping is subject to interpretation whether there can a single mapping consultant. Larry suggested that the Commission's legal consultant will need to clarify this question.
- Larry noted that the first order of business for the MMD is to select the remaining four members of the MMD.
- Marie Allen Campbell requested copies of the Counsel and Mapping RFPs, which will be provided.
- MMD members are welcome to join the Commission meetings. Larry noted that every effort will be made to encourage and support the work of the MMD, and our respective work should be coordinated.
- At this point, the MMD members were excused.

Quorum:

- Six members was established as a quorum by a formal motion passed unanimously.

Administrative:

- Website contents: Patricia prepared a draft of information needed for the Commission website.
- Interns: there was interest in hiring two interns, one graduate and one undergraduate student.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 PM

Next Meeting: Monday, November 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM

Action, Issues, Decisions

Items Added This Week:

Date	Item Type	Grouping	Item	Owner	Status	Comments
10/25	Action	Technology	Need to develop the Commission’s website. Patricia will take for action in consultation with County webmaster.	Patricia in consultation with Patrick	Open	
10/25	Decision		Response deadline extended to after Thanksgiving. Pat Collins will confer with the Purchasing Department re format and evaluation process.	Larry Volk, Patrick Collins	Open	
10/25	Action	Counsel RFP	Develop evaluation tool for RFP	Warren Hamilton	Open	
10/25	Decision	Counsel RFP	Evaluation team was appointed.	Warren, Tom and Leif	Completed	
10/25	Decision	Administrative Support	Hire interns to assist with technology, communication tools, meeting minutes and related tasks. Two interns was suggested.	Patricia Sibilía in consultation with Patrick	Open	
10/18	Action	Public Hearings	Need to set date for the first public hearing	Commission	Open	
10/25	Action	MMD appointments	Need to review nominees and confirm appointment of three MMD members.	Commission by email vote	Completed	
1-Nov	Action	MMD appointments: Initial MMD members to recruit the remaining four members of the MMD		MMD Members	Open	

1-Nov	Action	Commission Website: Need to design and implement	Patricia and Julia	Open
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Prepared by Leif Hartmark based on video recording of Zoom meeting