

# Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: April 11, 2022]

## Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	Interns	MMD
Joan Ramsey	Nick Glass (ACRC)	Marie Allen Campbell
Warren E. Hamilton	<del>Nassim Ramdani (MMD)</del>	Constance Graves
Larry Volk		Dona Bulluck
Patricia Sibiliala		Dominic Mazza
Thomas Clingan	Guests:	Adrienne Kisse
Sita Subbaram	Jeffrey Wice	Larry Mauldin
Leif Hartmark	Priya Sankalia	
Julia Reeb	<del>Ashley Tardif</del>	
Mark McCumber	Marissa Zanfardino	

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 4:01 PM and called the roll (see above.) The minutes from March 21<sup>st</sup> and March 28<sup>th</sup> were approved by the commission. The second progress report was reviewed and approved by the commission with 3 abstentions.

The commission discussed a mapping training held earlier and reiterated that drafts should be done within the commissions MORE account, so all commission members have access. This led to further discussion about the MORE user guide and placing it in SharePoint.

Discussion was then held on publishing meeting minutes on the commission’s social media platforms Facebook and twitter. A vote was held to approve this action and was passed unanimously.

Commission members reported back the layout and viability of the Cahill room that the commission is using for the public hearing on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Based on comments received it was determined that the Cahill room would be sufficient for our purposes. It was then discussed which commissioners were going to be in person at the hearing and whether masks were required which they are not. Protocol for last minute public speakers was discussed and whether we were obligated to stay for the fully announced time whether we had participants or not. The commission discussed protocol to address potential “dead time” during the public hearing. The decision was also made to allow for last minute input from the public through zoom.

Professor Wice updated the commission that the allowance for online public meetings was going to get a 60-day extension that would allow the commission to continue holding our official meetings through zoom.

The currently anticipated outline for the April 14<sup>th</sup> public hearing was reviewed and confirmed by the commission. It was decided that time requests from the public for giving testimony would

be given priority over other commission planned activities to better accommodate the public. With the extension of the online public meeting allowance, it was decided the commission would maintain its current normal meeting times.

The commission then held a discussion related to the commissions strategy for mapping going forward. The potential was discussed to put together small groups to focus on different sections of the county to expedite preliminary mapping. It was decided though that that strategy would be to have anyone interested in mapping meet on Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

The next regular ACRC meeting will be on April 18.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Nick Glass.