

Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: May 02, 2022]

Attendance

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

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 4:02 PM and called the roll (see above.) The previous Minutes from April 25th were approved (1 abstention). The press release was also approved by the commission with some minor modifications (1 no).

The commission discussed the current ACRC map draft from May 1st. The commission decided that they wanted to give all the commissioners a week to review the current proposed draft to ensure there were no issues. Furthermore, some commissioners would like at least one more mapping session to go back over the whole map. There was also some talk about creating different potential versions of a finished map but was decided against. The extra mapping meeting for review was decided to be held on May 3rd **with a meeting later this week** to include members of the MMD Sub-committee. The commission then started discussing what medium would be best to present the ACRC map. There **were** a lot of issues raised related to worries about map legibility and what should and should not be included to that end. It was decided that the map that the ACRC had put together should be the focus of what we present and that we did not need to have all the public submissions layered over it.

It was then decided that App Geo would run compactness tests on the current ACRC draft. Our legal counsel recommended which compactness tests were the most widely accepted for our purposes. There was then discussion about the 40% rule and how it relates to the mapping process. The commission then ran a Reock test on our currently proposed draft map and reviewed the Reock scores. The commission discussed parameters for work group meetings between two different groups.

Discussion was held about how currently the next Public Hearings are listed on the website as hybrid with the location as the Cahill Room. It was agreed that sticking with the Cahill room was best due to the technical support.

There was also talk about ACRC spending and it was noted that with current spending levels we have more than enough money to maintain ourselves.

The next regular ACRC meeting will be on May 9th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Nick Glass.