

## Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: May 30, 2022]

### Attendance

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

NOTE: THIS MEETING INCLUDED EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION THAT CANNOT BE FULLY CAPTURED IN THIS SUMMARY. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY WANT TO VIEW THE FULL VIDEO RECORDING FOUND AT <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=um954AjTNZk>

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 4:04 PM and called the roll (see above.) The Minutes from May 24<sup>th</sup> were approved (1 abstention). Minutes from the May 23 meeting are being amended, and so were not considered for approval.

The commission discussed last Thursday's hearing. We confirmed the presence of a stenographer and then discussed comments from the public. The Commission discussed comments made about the effectiveness of bellwether analysis on predicting the effectiveness of MMD's. This then led to discussion about whether Dr. Handley and ArcBridge had been in contact and Professor Wice shared some recent communication between them. The commission then discussed testimony provided by members of the Hispanic community at the hearing and how and if that was going to impact the mapping process. This then led to discussion about how to better engage members of the public (and especially the Hispanic community) about the mapping process. One commissioner proposed that the commission spend more time out in the community. Conversation then continued about Dr. Handley's presentation specifically in relation to the Hispanic population in the county.

There was prolonged and spirited discussion about the trade-off between the number of MMDs and the need for these MMDs to be as strong as possible.

The commission then discussed what the mapping process moving forward was going to look like. As a part of this discussion, Marie stated that a final MMD map should be ready within the next 2 weeks. These comments then led to the commission discussing the possibility of pushing

back the date of its next public hearing (currently set for June 16<sup>th</sup>) to give the public a reasonable timeframe to review the next ACRC map iteration. Discussion turned to Dr. Handley's review of the forthcoming MMD map. Marie stated that the MMD subcommittee was meeting later tonight to decide on its revised map and publish it to the website.

Following further discussion about the May 23 minutes, the commission decided to have Professor Wice review the draft May 23<sup>rd</sup> minutes before voting on them. The commission then discussed comments from the hearing around the idea of under populating the northeastern districts to account for future population growth. It was decided to review all the comments received to date from the public and begin holding mapping workshops beginning on June 2 at 7 pm to try to reconcile the comments received with a revised map of proposed districts outside of the City of Albany (to avoid conflict with mapping by the MMD subcommittee.) The commission did decide to cancel the scheduled June 16 hearing date but did not decide on a new date.

**The next ACRC meeting will be on June 6<sup>th</sup>.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Nick Glass.