

Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: June 13, 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 Sabilia		Dominic Mazza
Thomas Clingan	Guests:	Adrienne Kisse
Sita Subbaram	Jeffrey Wice	Larry Mauldin
Leif Hartmark	Priya Sankalia	
Julia Reeb	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 the following link:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RR2yH5jZm&ab_channel=AlbanyCountyRedistrictingCommission]

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 4:04 PM and called the roll (see above.) The previous Minutes from June 6th were approved (6 in favor, 2 abstentions.)

The commission began by discussing the mapping meeting on June 12th. The chairman then asked counsel his opinion on whether the commission should be more concerned with population deviation over respecting community borders. Counsel informed the commission that it is okay to have a higher deviation in district populations if we can make reasonable justifications for the population deviations existing. The commission then continued to discuss our current draft map and approved it to be published (7 in favor, 1 abstention.)

The commission discussed a press release based around the publication of the newest draft map. This led to some discussion about whether the ACRC was going to leave its older maps on the website along with the new one. It was decided that all old maps would be kept on the website but would be removed from the interactive map to avoid confusion. The press release was approved (all 7 responding in favor.)

The commission then discussed advertising for the public hearing on June 30th. There was considerable of discussion about how many ads to take out and what media we should use (digital, physical.) The MMD also mentioned that our full-page advertising may make it unnecessary to run the usual small ads for the joint hearing on June 30th. One of the

commissioners agree to reach out to the Times Union to get information about their digital advertisements.

The commission then discussed the final report, reviewing the draft outline. More sections of the report were assigned to commission members and were checked by MMD members to assure there were no redundancies in the report. The updated outline out with new assigned roles will be shared with everyone. The commission then discussed if the report was going to use “metes and bounds” to outline the districts in the report, or census blocks and tracts. Counsel said he would ask the county to see which format they would prefer it in. App Geo informed the commission that Maptitude could generate a “metes and bounds” description if it was required.

The next ACRC meeting will be on June 20th.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:06 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Nick Glass and reviewed by Tom Clingan.