

Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: June 27, 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	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=xwffzkHDS7M&ab_channel=AlbanyCountyRedistrictingCommission]

Chairman Volk convened the ACRC meeting at 4:03 PM and called the roll (see above). The minutes from June 20th (2 abstentions) and June 13th (1 abstention) were approved.

The commission began by discussing the proposed amendment to App Geo's contract. Legal counsel stated he believed that including statistical information about each specific district is beneficial. The commission voted unanimously to recommend the contract amendment.

A commissioner asked about the MMD subcommittee's timeline for their final map. The subcommittee will be looking at some public submissions following Thursday's public hearing.

The commission then discussed the upcoming public hearing on June 30th, including the dial-in (audio) option, and the status of the enlarged maps that were going to be displayed. At present, only two people have signed up to speak. Larry and Marie will both have brief opening remarks. There was discussion of whether the contracted mappers needed to be present for the hearing and it was decided that App Geo did not need to be present, but the MMD was going to have ArcBridge attend.

The commission then discussed the current state of the draft final report and went over which parts were done and how we were going to gather and combine the individual pieces. Commissioners were encouraged to use the Sharepoint in creating and sharing their portions of

the final report. There was also some discussion on the status of the commission's social platforms. Two commissioners then discussed meeting individually to go over their section.

The MMD then informed the commission of their most recent activities and of some upcoming meetings they had in place. The update about plan effectiveness led to some discussion about how the MMD districts might change going forward. This caused a commissioner to state that if the MMD subcommittee decided to increase the number of MMDs or expand the MMDs outside of the City of Albany, ACRC should hold another public hearing to get public input on these changes. The commission then reviewed its timeline out to July 14th. An MMD member stated that they believed all members of both groups should review the local law as it relates to the final report. There was then more discussion about the MMD's timeline for its final map; the subcommittee chair estimated this could be about a week after the upcoming public hearing.

The next ACRC meeting will be on Tuesday July 5th (due to Monday's holiday.) If necessary, mapping workshops could be held in the evenings of July 7 and 10; there would be a regular ACRC meeting on July 11, and a possible second ACRC meeting on July 14 (the last day for virtual meetings under the current emergency – unless that is extended by the Governor.)

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58 pm (with some remaining online to go over the use of the Sharepoint.)

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