

Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: July 11, 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 Sibilis		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://youtu.be/Qn-MM4lgaUM>]

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 4:09 PM and called the roll (see above). The minutes from July 5th were approved (5 in favor, 1 Abstention).

Commissioner Tom Clingan reported that he had just attended the County Contracts Board meeting, and that the Board had approved ACRC's requested \$6000 amendment to AppGeo's contract.

The commission then discussed the newest map plan adopted by the MMD subcommittee. It was mentioned that they adopted their Plan C with minor adjustments, but that the commission has not yet received this new map and so cannot vote on it yet. The next meeting of the commission will be held on Thursday July 14th, as previously planned. The 14th is the last day for virtual meetings under the current extension of the Governor's emergency order.

The commission then discussed the possibility of holding another public hearing due to the number of changes the new map is going to have compared to the last map presented by the commission at the June 30 public hearing. One commissioner stated he believed another hearing was not necessary and was worried about the mapping process dragging on any longer than necessary. Another commission member stated that in this case she believed that the changes were of substantial enough nature that another public hearing was warranted. A commissioner then brought up potential alternatives to a public hearing that could still allow engagement from the public. A member of the MMD cited language Section K.2. of Local Law 8 that they felt could require another public hearing before the final plan is presented to the Legislature. Legal Counsel said he would ask the county attorney how they interpreted the wording of that portion

of the Local Law. A commissioner felt that failing to ask for public input on the much-revised final version of the map could in itself give the County Legislature a reason to reject the plan.

The next ACRC meeting will be on Thursday July 14th at 7 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:49 pm.

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