

Albany County Redistricting Commission [Minutes: July 14, 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 Sibilía		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/TJqv1GAVC08>]

Chairman Volk convened the meeting at 7:04 PM and called the roll (see above). The minutes from July 11th were approved (1 Abstention).

The commission began by discussing the 7 MMD district map formally transmitted to the Commission by the MMD redistricting subcommittee. The subcommittee chair presented the map to the commission. She explained why the MMD chose this map over the other options, and provided the subcommittee's rationale for doing so. She briefly detailed the minor changes that were made to the original Plan C map. Chairman Volk invited the other subcommittee members to add their views. After this there was discussion between ACRC and MMD members about the map. The commission then voted and approved the MMD's new map unanimously.

The commission then discussed at length the possibility of holding another public hearing. Legal counsel had not yet spoken with the County Attorney on the precise interpretation of Local Law 8's section K.2., but he stated that he believed a public hearing would be a good idea even if not legally required. Several members spoke of the large number of changes that would have to be made to accommodate the subcommittee's 7-MMD map. Other commission members were concerned that extending the hearing process into August will give the County Legislature less time to consider the Local Law, and questioned whether public comments from the hearing would lead to yet another round of changes to the map. After all members were given the opportunity to express their views, it was moved and seconded to hold an additional public hearing on Thursday August 4 beginning at 5 pm. The motion was unanimously approved. Plans were made to hold a mapping workshop on July 17th at 7 pm, with a second mapping workshop

on July 18th at 4 pm in place of the regular Monday meeting, and with the whole commission reviewing the finished map on July 21st at 7 pm. The potential for a press conference sometime around July 26th was also discussed.

The next ACRC meeting will be on Thursday July 21st at 7pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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