

# MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

April 9, 2022

## In Attendance

Commissioners	Interns	Vendors
Adrienne Kissee-A	Justine McCarthy - A	Prof. Jeffrey Wice-P
Constance Graves-P	Nassim Ramdani - P	Sam Mathur - P
Dominic Mazza -P		Priti Mathur - P
Dona Bulluck-P		
Keshana Owens-Cody-P		
Larry Mauldin-A		
Marie Allan Campbell-P		

## Agenda Items

### I. Call to Order

- Meeting was called to order by Marie Allen Campbell at 9:03 a.m.

### II. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Dona Bulluck moved that the minutes of the March 26, 2022 meeting be approved. The motion was then seconded by Constance Graves. The motion passed unanimously.

### III. Legal Discussion/Update

- Professor Wice provided an update on the racial voting analysis. Marie Allen Campbell and Prof. Wice met with Dr. Lisa Hanley, Marissa Zanfardino, Sam Mathur, Priti Mathur and Michael Chin of the Albany County Board of Elections regarding data required for racial voting analysis.

- **Action Items:**
  - ARCBridge is compiling 2020 Census data with election data into a geographic mappings format for Dr. Hanley that they will provide shortly. (Dr. Hanley will use the data to determine if racially polarized voting exists. (She also needs the races of all the Albany County candidates since 2015).

#### **IV. Mapping Discussion/Update**

- Sam Mathur of ARCBridge discussed developing a plan that will maximize majority/minority districts.
- ARCBridge received the adjusted State data for the incarcerated population.
- ARCBridge shared a preliminary map that reflected potential minority districts within Albany County.
- Discussed an analysis of racial block voting to determine whether majority minority districts will continue to be able to elect minority candidates.
- Prof. Wice further explained the state adjusted incarcerated persons data and its relevance to Albany County's redistricting.

#### **Action Items:**

- ARCBridge Adjusting maps to reflect state adjusted incarcerated data
- Subcommittee reaching out to community to get their perspective on preliminary map
- ARCBridge providing an updated preliminary map to the Subcommittee

#### **V. Review Open Action Items**

- Marie Allen Campbell mentioned she and Patricia are still working with Albany County IT on website development which is still underway.
- Constance Graves to pursue training on YouTube, Zoom and Call-In-Number.
- Justine will begin check-ins this Wednesday, March 30th to document and monitor workplace progress.

#### **VI. Review Work Plan/Commissioners Report Out**

- Keshana presented the workplan. Commissioners broke down several tasks and created backups to a few deliverables (ex. meeting minutes, hosting live meeting forums online. etc.)
- Larry Mauldin discussed scouting meeting locations. He has been able to solidify the African American Culture Center. Awaiting response from

Albany County Housing Authority. (Necole Chambers is identifying venues as well and ensuring technical support).

- Constance Graves confirmed Mt. Calvary as a possible venue.
- Constance Graves to pursue training on YouTube, Zoom and Call-In-Number.
- Justine will begin check-ins this Wednesday march 30th to document and monitor workplace progress.

**Action Items:**

- Larry will speak to Trinity to see if they have space for public hearings and meetings and will continue to work on identifying venues and people.
- Dona has a meeting set up with the Pastor at Macedonia Baptist Church to inquire about meeting space as well as the MMD addressing the congregation during morning service. Is also in the process of meeting with the Pastor of Israel AME to discuss use of venue and access to congregation during morning service. Will work on identifying venues for other meeting dates and possibly connecting with churches that are online as well.

**VII. New Steps**

- Need to review whether next public hearing (or future public hearings) should be joint.

**Action Items:**

- Justine will conduct Check-ins with Commissioners.
- Marie will review and edit PR items provided by Warren Hamilton.
- Determine in collaboration with ACRC if next hearing will be Joint.

**VIII. New Business**

**VIX. Meeting Adjourned**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 a.m. by Marie Allen Campbell.