

**MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE  
MEETING  
May 14, 2022**

## In Attendance

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Interns</b>	<b>Vendors</b>
Campbell, Marie Allen, Chair-P	McCarthy, Justine	Mathur, Priti (ARCBridge)-P
Bulluck, Dona S. -P	Ramdani, Nassim-P	Mathur, Sam (ARCBridge)-P
Graves, Constance -P		Wice, Prof. Jeffrey-P
Kissee, Adrienne-P		Zanfardino, Marissa-P
Mauldin, Larry-P		
Mazza, Dominic-P		
Owens-Cody, Keshana- P		

## Agenda Items

### **I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

- Meeting was called to order by Chair Campbell at 9:02am, followed by Roll Call.

### **II. Approve Meeting Minutes**

- It was noted that the minutes from the May 7, 2022 contained a typo that required correcting. Commissioner Mazza move that the minutes from April 30, 2022 meeting, and May 7, 2002 meeting as amended, be adopted.

Commissioner Graves seconded the motion. Commissioners Campbell, Bulluck, Graves, Mauldin, Mazza, and Owens-Cody voted in favor to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Kissee did not vote. The motion carried with six votes.

### **III. Legal Discussion/Update**

- Professor Wice provided an update on the ongoing New York State Redistricting efforts. A Special Master will release the State maps on Monday, with a two-day public comment period, and approval on May 20, 2022. In Florida, a state judge invalidated the State's map because it eliminated two minority districts. There were also complaints of overreaching, racial gerrymandering, and polarized voting.

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

- Ms. Mathur indicated that she would have the recently submitted maps ready for the MMD to review by this coming Monday. There was discussion about a map that was reviewed during the MMD mapping meeting on May 11, 2022. The map had 7 minority districts.
- Prof. Wice said that he would like provide definitions at the Public Hearing scheduled for May 18, 2022. He is available from 5:00-6:30pm. There have been inquiries concerning the definition of "minority district."
- The MMD will join the ACRC for a joint Public Hearing on May 26, 2022.

### **V. Public Hearings and Community Engagement Forums**

- Chair Campbell said that the outline for the May 18<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting would be shared with everyone. It will be similar to the previous one except for the addition of Professor Wice, who will provide legal commentary.
- **Community Engagement Forums**- Turn out has been low, with little community involvement. The MMD has had little success in getting residents to come out to the forums. Emails have been sent to all community-based organizations. There was agreement that the MMD will go to community events and where allowed, will take the maps and engage residents. An event at the African American Cultural Center will be on community event where the MMD will set a table with the maps to engage community members.
  - Commissioner Graves suggested reaching out to public access stations like Spectrum and Channel 9. Commissioner Campbell will contact the public access

stations.

- Commissioner Owens-Cody reminded everyone to sign up for next week's events on Sign Up Genius if they hadn't done so already.
- Still trying to schedule a forum at the North Albany Post. Commissioner Kissee should hear back on Monday.
- The community survey will be sent to each of us. We are to respond to ensure that it is ready to go live.

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

- The MMD needs to start working on its final report. An outline of the report will be shared with everyone. Each Commissioner is asked to select a section/sections to draft. Professor Wice said that he would provide Background on the Voting Rights Act, the purpose of MMDs, and a summary of Dr. Handley's findings are the relate to the law.
- Commissioner Bulluck moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Graves. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:04pm.