

# MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

April 23, 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-P	Ramdani, Nassim-P	Mathur, Sam (ARCBridge)-p
Graves, Constance-P		Wice, Prof. Jeffrey (Legal Counsel)-P
Kissee, Adrienne-P		Zanfardino, Marissa (Assistant to Prof. Wice)- P
Mauldin, Larry-P		
Mazza, Dominic-P		
Owens-Cody, Keshana- P		

## Agenda Items

### I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Owens-Cody at 9:06am.

- Commissioner Bulluck moved that Marie Allen Campbell be appointed as Chair of the MMD Subcommittee. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauldin. The motion carried unanimously.

## **II. Approval of the April 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

- Commissioner Graves moved that the minutes of the April 16, 2022 meeting be approved. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulluck. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Professor Wice provided indicated that the process of identifying the ethnicity of candidates for the County Legislative and other countywide offices is ongoing. He also updated the group with respect to the ongoing litigation regarding the maps created for Congressional seats and State Representatives and State Senate. The map created by the Legislature were rejected once again. A final hearing on the matter will be held April 26th before the New York State Court of Appeals. Finally, Dr. Hanley has experienced some difficulty with matching the GIS geography maps from the Albany County Board of Elections with the census data and is work to rectify the situation.

### **Action Items:**

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

- Ms. Mathur of ARCBridge updated the Minority Districts Map based on the in-state adjusted population
- Ms. Mathur shared the revised draft of Plan A with the commissioners.
- The revised version of Plan A provides a better representation of each district without crossing municipal boundaries and taking population from the Village of Menands.
- The definition of “minority” population is inclusive and may include individuals of Asian descent and South Pacific Islanders, among others.

### **Action Items:**

- Send the revised Plan A Map to the commissioners
- Schedule a MMD Subcommittee mapping meeting for the upcoming week to discuss and review the revised Plan A map.

## **V. Discussion Public Hearings & Community Engagement Forums**

- Commissioner Owens-Cody shared that an advertisement in the Times Union announcing the May 4<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing at 5pm (Zoom and in-person). A transcriptionist will be present to prepare a transcript of the meeting.
  - Flyers were created and distributed to the MMD and ACRC Commissioners.
- A recent radio interview with Commissioner Campbell, promoting the MMD, will be broadcast on WCAA 107.3 FM in Albany on April 23, 2022.
- Commissioners Bulluck, Kisse, Campbell, and Owens-Cody developed a calendar for the commissioners conduct Community Engagement Forums (CEF) within Albany County. The purpose of the CEFs is to educate the community about redistricting, why it is important and its impact communities and individuals. In addition, the CEFs will present opportunities for the MMD Subcommittee to receive community input on any maps that are created.
- Commissioner Owens-Cody shared a list of dates for the Community Engagement Forums, set to begin on April 30<sup>th</sup> and run through May 26<sup>th</sup>. Some dates and locations are awaiting confirmation.

### **Action Items**

- ARCBridge will plan to attend the MMD Wednesday mapping sessions moving forward.
- Commissioners should plan to attend events and distribute flyers to spread more awareness of the MMD's mission and the need for community input.
- Commissioner Bulluck will leave dates open for organizations like Central Civico and a meeting at Green Tech Charter High School.
- Commissioner Maudlin will confirm the dates for the Wellness Fair being held at the African-American Cultural Center.

## **VI. Review Open Action Items**

- Commissioner Mauldin indicated that expenses have been paid on behalf of the MMD Subcommittee, but there has been no separate accounting between MMD and ACRC expenses within the budget. Expenses totaling \$3,000 have been invoiced.

### **Action Items**

- Commissioner Mazza will follow up Mr. Lee with regarding a budget meeting for the MMD Subcommittee

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

N/A

### **Action Items:**

- Await response from ARCBridge regarding a weekly mapping meeting.
- Try to set up a Mapping Meeting for 6pm on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to review the revised Plan A map.

## **IX. New Business**

N/A

## **X. Meeting Adjourned**

- The meeting was adjourned at 10:18am by Commissioner Owens-Cody.