

MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
July 23, 2022

In Attendance

Commissioners	Intern	Vendors
Campbell, Marie Allen, Chair-P	Ramdani, Nassim-P	Mathur, Priti (ARCBridge)-E
Bulluck, Dona S.-P		Mathur, Sam (ARCBridge)-E
Graves, Constance -P		Wice, Prof. Jeffrey-P
Kissee, Adrienne-E		Zanfardino, Marissa-E
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 9:11am, followed by Roll Call.

II. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Adoption of the June 25, 2022, July 2, 2022, and July 9, 2022 minutes will take place during our July 30, 2022 meeting.

III. Legal Discussion/Update

- Nothing new at this time. Commissioner Campbell advised Professor Wice that the ACRC intended to contact him about the local law. Professor Wice stated that the ACRC did reach out to him.
- The final map must be submitted as a local law that describes each district's boundaries in "metes and bounds." This traditional method of describing a district, provides the inclusion of the names of the streets that make up the boundaries of each district. However, this year the New York State Law allows the use of census geography printout, which includes the names of whole villages and whole towns, or the towns or villages that were split, to describe the district. Professor Wice has asked the county legislature for their preferred method.
- The software used by ARCBridge is capable of preparing the descriptions in either format.
- The New York State John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act. Professor Wice will provide a brief paragraph about the legislation. In essence the law encourages any election law where multiple racial or ethnic groups are combined or joining non-compact but adjacent areas together.

IV. Mapping Discussion/Update

- The ACRC adopted a 39-district map at its last meeting. Commissioner Clingan provided a detailed overview of the districts drawn by the ACRC. There was a discussion about providing a thorough overview of the mapping process that produced the ACRC's final map, rather than discussing each individual district in detail for the August 4th public hearing.
- Commissioner Volk has asked that a brief description be written explaining how/the district was configured as it is. Commissioner Clingan is taking the lead on this. Professor Wice suggested that it may be helpful for the MMD to do the same for the districts it created.

V. Public Hearings and Community Engagement Forums

- Commissioner Campbell prepared the legal notice for publication in the Times Union. Commissioner Clingan of the ACRC is moving forward with having the map published in the Times Union and other local newspapers.
- Commissioner Mazza may participate remotely in the August 4th public hear. Commissioner Graves is unable to attend the August 4th public hearing. Professor Wice will in flight at the time of the public hearing however, Ms. Zanfardino will be in attendance.

VI. Open Action Items

- Discussion relating to the Final Report and what sections are outstanding. As we are working on the report, we should also look for items that should be placed on SharePoint. It is likely that some of these items will appear as attachments to the report.
- Commissioner Graves moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens-Cody. The motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.