

**MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING**  
July 30, 2022

## In Attendance

<b>Commissioners</b>	<b>Intern</b>	<b>Vendors</b>
Campbell, Marie Allen, Chair-P	Ramdani, Nassim-P	Mathur, Priti (ARCBridge)-P
Bulluck, Dona S.-P		Mathur, Sam (ARCBridge)-P
Graves, Constance -E		Wice, Prof. Jeffrey-P
Kissee, Adrienne-E		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 9:09am, followed by Roll Call.

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

- Commissioner Mazza moved the adoption of the June 25, 2022, July 2, 2022, and the July 9, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulluck. The motion passed unanimously.

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

- Professor Wice informed the MMD Subcommittee that the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act passed by the New York State Legislature aligns with spirit of Judge Kahn’s 2015 decision. Professor Wice reiterated that the plan (map) the MMD has submitted comport with the spirit of Judge Kahn’s 2015 decision and the legal causes of action. Judge Kahn found that different racial and ethnic groups may be considered, together, in the same district. We did that. We also considered the demographics of Albany County in the plan that we submitted which also flows from Judge Kahn’s decision.
- Although Governor Hochul has signed the legislation which take effect in 2023, implementation is down the road. Regulations relating the legislation must be drafted and promulgated which is a regulated process that can be lengthy. Professor Wice indicated that Ms. Zanfardino is drafting a memorandum of law addressing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Act, and he will provide the MMD with a copy upon its completion.

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

- We are in good shape regarding the map that the MMD has submitted.

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

- The final public hearing is on Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Patricia Sibilgia of the ACRC will provide a general overview of the mapping process and the criteria to be considered.
- Commissioner Campbell will provide an overview of the census data utilized to prepare the maps.
- The required Legal Notice advising of the public hearing has gone out and the final map should go out tomorrow as well. Commissioner Sibilgia also created a flyer announcing the public hearing which has been sent to those on our email lists.
- Commissioner Mauldin will distribute the flyers at various Stewart locations and they will be posted in the public library branches as well.

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

- Discussion relating to the Final Report and what sections are outstanding. As we are putting the report together, it should be put on SharePoint.
- Commissioner Campbell has requested a summary on Racial Voting Analysis and Effective Analysis from Professor Wice.

- Discussion of time frame for the adoption of the local law.
- Commissioner Owens-Cody updated the MMD on the survey and asked if she should close it down now or keep it up for a few more weeks. It was decided that we keep it active for a while longer.
- Commissioner Owens-Cody moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Bulluck. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:43am.