

**MAJORITY MINORITY SUBCOMMITTEE
MEETING
August 6, 2022**

In Attendance

Commissioners	Intern	Vendors
Campbell, Marie Allen, Chair-P	Ramdani, Nassim-P	Mathur, Priti (ARCBridge)-P
Bulluck, Dona S.-P		Mathur, Sam (ARCBridge)-P
Graves, Constance -P		Wice, Prof. Jeffrey-P
Kissee, Adrienne-A		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 9:07am, followed by Roll Call.

II. Approve Meeting Minutes

- Commissioner Mazza moved the adoption of the July 23, 2022 and July 30, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Owens-Cody. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Legal Discussion/Update

- Commissioner Campbell has asked Professor Wice to provide the subcommittee with a brief summary of Dr. Handley’s report for inclusion in our final report.

IV. Mapping Discussion and Public Hearing

- Commissioner Campbell initiated a discussion relating to the public comments received during the August 4, 2022 joint public hearing. The comments were sorted by categories as follows:
 - 7 comments-5th District
 - 3 comments-Menands
 - 1 comment-27th District
 - 1 comment-14th and 3rd Districts
 - 1 comment-16th District
 - 1 comment-28th and 29th Districts
 - 1 comment-Watervliet
- Most comments related to District 5 and Menands becoming part of District 3 and District 14.
- Discussion about comments of concern. One that by creating 7 MMDs we were potentially diluting the black vote. Professor Wice reminded us that our recommendations are based upon a political science analysis, “effectiveness” rather than speculation about what someone “thinks” will happen.
- ARC Bridge noted that the proposed District 5 does not include any of the current District 5, and that Districts 5 and District 7 are entirely new districts. Professor Wice reiterated that the 5% variance did not allow us to implement some of the recommendations submitted/requested by the public. He also reminded us that you do not have to have 50% minority voters in a district to elect a minority preferred candidate (effectiveness). Dr. Handley’s effectiveness analysis found all seven of the MMDs to be effective, there was public support to go into Menands, and the public overwhelmingly supported 7 MMDs.
- Some concern was expressed about dilution of the black vote and discussion ensued. Consensus was to move forward with the map as currently configured.
- Commissioner Bulluck moved that the MMD Subcommittee move forward with the map as currently configured with 7 MMDs. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mauldin. A roll call vote was taken. Commissioners Bulluck, Campbell, Graves, Mauldin, and Owens-Cody responded in the affirmative. The motion carried.
- Note: Commissioner Mazza left the meeting at 10:03am, but prior to his departure stated that he would go along with whatever was decided, and Commissioner Kisse was absent.

VI. Final Report

- Work continues on our report. We should have a decent first draft this week. Rather than sending out various sections as completed, the entire draft will be sent to all when completed to cut down on confusion by having multiple reiterations of the report on SharePoint.
- The ACRC has a mapping meeting tomorrow at 7:00pm.
- 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 Graves. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.