

Albany County Redistricting Commission - Minutes: October 27, 2022

Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	MMD	Others
Joan Ramsey	Marie Allen Campbell	Mickey Cleary
Warren E. Hamilton	Constance Graves	Frank Commisso
Larry Volk	Dona Bulluck	Lars Dahl
Patricia Sibilis	Dominic Mazza	Frank Mauriello
Thomas Clingan	Adrienne Kisse	Mert Simpson
Sita Subbaram	Larry Mauldin	Sean Ward
Leif Hartmark	Keshana Owens Cody	
Julia Reeb		
McCumber Mark	Intern:	
	Nick Glass (ACRC)	

NOTE: THIS MEETING INCLUDED EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION THAT CANNOT BE FULLY CAPTURED IN THIS SUMMARY. INTERESTED PARTIES MAY WANT TO VIEW THE FULL VIDEO RECORDING FOUND at the following link: <https://youtu.be/it9J-SzEfyC>

Chairman Volk convened the meeting, held at the Guilderland Public Library, at 7:32 pm and called the roll (see above). The meeting began with a period set aside for public comment. The commission heard from three separate members of the public (County Legislators Frank Commisso and Sean Ward, and Lars Dahl) who discussed what changes they would like to see in the new set of maps. The public comment period officially ended at 7:58pm.

The minutes from the October 17th meeting were approved with one abstention. The chairman stated that he had earlier in the day received additional information from the Counsel to the Chair of the Legislature's office about their concerns; he also spoke briefly with the Counsel who had earlier had a discussion with Professor Wice. Further information is expected shortly. The chairman asked Marie to update the Commission about developments from the subcommittee's recent meetings. They reviewed for the commission what they have been discussing as it relates to their strategy for possible map revision. This led to some further discussion between members of the MMD subcommittee and the commission about the considerations that need to be taken into account when considering any map revisions. ACRC then discussed progress with contract amendments for both the commission and the MMD subcommittee and what steps still need to be taken to extend those contracts for an additional sixty-day period. The commission then voted unanimously to recommend increasing AppGeo's contract by up to \$10,000.

The commission then discussed how they wanted to move forward in terms of holding meetings and whether they wished to begin trying to revise the map before the MMD-Subcommittee finished their revisions. This led to some discussion about the potential consideration of a map with 6 MMDs, and the possibility of legal challenges related to that. The MMD Subcommittee

assured the commission that they have had extended talks with their legal counsel and their desire to feel confident that the map they release will pass legal muster. The subcommittee will be meeting on October 29 at 10 am. Marie noted that she will be away from November 9 to 20.

The commission then discussed tentatively setting December 1st as the date for the public hearing they will need to hold if significant map changes are made. The Commission then talked more about what options the commission and MMD subcommittee realistically had as it related to trying to create a map that the legislature would accept. An ACRC mapping workshop was set for November 2nd at 7:00pm via Zoom.

The next ACRC meeting was tentatively set for THURSDAY November 3rd at **7 PM** at the Guilderland Library, and the meeting adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Meeting notes prepared by Nick Glass and reviewed by Tom Clingan.