

# Albany County Redistricting Commission - Minutes: November 3, 2022

## Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	Interns	MMD
<del>Joan Ramsey</del>	Nick Glass (ACRC)	Marie Allen Campbell
<del>Warren E. Hamilton</del>	<del>Nassim Ramdani (MMD)</del>	<del>Constance Graves</del>
Larry Volk		<del>Dona Bulluck</del>
Patricia Sibia		<del>Dominie Mazza</del>
Thomas Clingan	Guests:	<del>Adrienne Kisse</del>
Sita Subbaram	Jeffrey Wice	Larry Mauldin
<del>Leif Hartmark</del>	<del>Priya Sankalia</del>	<del>Keshana Owens Cody</del>
Julia Reeb	<del>Ashley Tardif</del>	
McCumber Mark	Marissa Zanfardino	Also present:
	<del>Lisa Handley</del>	

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/5pWpFOo6nLo>

Chairman Volk convened the meeting, held at the County Office Building, room 930, at 7:27 pm and called the roll (see above). The minutes from the October 27<sup>th</sup> were unanimously approved.

The commission began the meeting with an update from the MMD Subcommittee. They are looking at 2 five-MMD maps to determine the feasibility of adding a stronger sixth district. A six-MMD map submitted by the public is also under review. The Subcommittee hopes to hold a meeting to take in public comment on November 7<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Volk heard back from County Legislative counsel; the data the Legislature hoped to provide about past minority voter turnout does not exist. The possibility of County Legislative leadership receiving a presentation from the Commission's legal counsel on the interplay between the federal and state laws that govern redistricting was discussed at length, including the desirability of including all the members of the Legislature.

There was further discussion of the Subcommittee's review of possible maps. They are reviewing maps to see if a better product is feasible. As for a timetable, the Subcommittee Chair stated her hope that their 3 upcoming meetings would lead to a vote on a recommended MMD map by the third meeting, mindful that ACRC may need time to finish maps for the rest of the county and a public hearing may need to be held.

The commission then discussed scheduling some future meetings and potentially some additional mapping sessions. It was decided the commission would meet on November 10<sup>th</sup> but would wait to hold another mapping session until after that next meeting. The commission then discussed what the potential mapping changes were going to look like if there is a change in the MMD's

and they also briefly discussed some of the public comment that the Commission has received so far. They then further discussed some of the issues the commission is experiencing as it relates to public comprehension of the variables involved with redistricting.

The next ACRC meeting was set for THURSDAY November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the Guilderland Library. The possibility of a further ACRC meeting the following TUESDAY November 15 was discussed, as were several potential dates for mapping workshops. The meeting adjourned at 8:27 pm.

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