

Commission on Reapportionment Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: March 9, 2022 – 6:00 PM
LOCATION: Powered by Zoom Meeting by Dialing (646) 558-8656,
Meeting ID: 820 4911 2461
PRESIDING OFFICER: Regis Obijiski
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: 1st Deputy Chair Sarah DeStefano, 2nd Deputy Chair Andy Monk,
Donna Lutz, Kenneth Panza, Travis Rask, and Kathleen Waithe
ABSENT: None
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Ulster County Attorney Kristin Gumeaer, Ulster County Planning Dennis Doyle and Robert Leibowitz; John Quigley, UC Board of Elections; Mike Baden, Supervisor, Town of Rochester; John Valk, Supervisor, Town of Shawangunk, Patricia Doxsey, Kingston Freeman

Chairman Regis Obijiski called the meeting to order at 6:01 and made introductions.

Motion No. 1: To APPROVE the minutes of February 8, 2022

Motion By: Commissioner Lutz
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Commissioners Obijiski, DeStefano, Monk, Lutz, Rask, Panza, and Waithe
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED.**

Ms. Gumaer offered an opinion on two issues as requested. The first was that the commission could review the maps with only numbers to identify them but the user names and email addresses of the people who submitted maps would be available if they were requested under the Freedom of Information Act Law (FOIL).

The second opinion was in regard to gatherings of the committee members. Under the Open government laws a committee and/or subcommittee, even a subcommittee of two members or people would be subject to the open meeting laws and such meetings would require public notice.

See transcript for details.

The committee discussed 9 maps that were submitted, how best to view them, how Maptitude software scored maps, what that scoring means and some of the features they liked and didn't like in general.

Motion No. 2: To add an identifier EO to the mapping numbers of maps submitted by elected officials.

Motion By: Commissioner DeStefano
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Lutz

Discussion: See transcript.

Voting in Favor: Commissioners Obijiski, DeStefano, Monk, Lutz, Rask, and Waithe
Voting Against: None
Abstaining: Commissioner Panza
No. of Votes in Favor: 6
No. of Votes Against: 0
Abstain: 1
Disposition: **Motion APPROVED.**

The Commissioners discussed the remaining timeline and how they want to proceed to determine the recommended map for the public hearing.

Motion No. 3: To adopt the following schedule:

- Wednesday, March 23, 2022 – 6:00 PM (also deadline for all commissioners will submit any maps they are working on for consideration)
- Saturday, April 9, 2022 – 11:00 AM
- Wednesday, April 13, 2022 – 6:00
- Wednesday, April 20, 2022 – 6:00
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – 6:00 (deadline to approve final map for public hearing)

Motion By: Chair Obijiski
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe

Discussion: See transcript.

Voting in Favor: Commissioners Obijiski, DeStefano, Monk, Lutz, Panza, Rask, and Waithe
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Motion APPROVED.**

Supervisor Michael Baden expressed concern that the commission's decision to identify maps submitted by elected officials may create an unintended prejudice.

Chairman Obijiski asked if there was any other comments or business. Hearing none:

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Commissioner DeStefano
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 7:23 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo
Minutes Approved: March 23, 2022