

Commission on Reapportionment Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: April 9, 2022 – 11:00 AM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, COB, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Regis Obijiski
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: 1st Deputy Chair Sarah DeStefano (via zoom), 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 Gumear, Ulster County Planning Dennis Doyle and Robert Leibowitz; Mike Baden, Supervisor, Town of Rochester; Carol Nolan

Chairman Regis Obijiski called the meeting to order at approximately 11:06.

The Commissioners discussed aspirations and aims for an “ideal” map with the understanding these may not all be possible or practical in the final map.

Considerations for COR Mapping

1. Use block groups when creating districts;
2. Use aeriels as much during the process;
3. Keep district numbering in the general current order;
4. Keep Denning, Hardenburgh, Shandaken, and Olive as one district (0% deviation);
5. Keep the City of Kingston boundaries intact by creating three City districts;
6. Keep each of the three Villages (Saugerties, New Paltz, Ellenville) whole and, where necessary, expand the village district into its host municipality;
7. Keep the remaining municipalities whole by limiting districts to two per municipality as much as possible; and
8. Consider that the geography and topography may match more in an adjacent town than to the rest of the town to which it belongs; for example, reservoir linkages, mountains and valleys (Marlborough, Lloyd, Esopus Wawarsing, Route 9W and the Hudson River corridor, the Rochester 209 valley link to Marletown and Wawarsing, and the mountain areas in Rochester to Wawarsing and Marletown.

Commissioners then collaborated on making a map but did not complete one.

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

Motion to Adjourn

Motion Made By: Commissioner Rask
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 4:18 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo
Minutes Approved: May 11, 2022