

## **Commission on Reapportionment Meeting Minutes**

**DATE & TIME:** April 20, 2022 – 6:00 PM  
**LOCATION:** Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, COB, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Regis Obijiski  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo  
**PRESENT:** 1st Deputy Chair Sarah DeStefano (via zoom), 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice 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; John Quigley, Commissioner UC BOE

Chairman Regis Obijiski called the meeting to order at approximately 6:02.

Motion No. 1 To table active group mapping and in favor of selecting an existing submitted map from which the commission can choose to adopt and refine.

Motion Mad By: Kathy Waithe  
Motion Seconded By: Andy Monk

Discussion: Chair Obijiski noted that the committee made a good start with group mapping especially in areas like the City of Kingston but expressed concerns that the group seemed to get bogged down as they moved to the southern end of the county might not have time to finish a map this way. He noted that several of the submitted maps were very good and respectfully suggested the commissioners could select one in which the numbers worked and together “tweak” it as a group.

Commissioner Lutz said if the members could agree on an existing map to start with, she would support that rather than starting over.

Commissioner Rusk was disappointed, noting that the committee worked hard on Saturday, but would support the group.

Commissioner Monk felt that work the committee did on Saturday was not wasted. He himself learned some mapping skills. He was interested to see how similar the individual mapping solutions developed since Saturday might be.

Commissioner Panza agreed the discussion and interaction was valuable and the work done redistricting the City of Kingston could transfer to any map the commission develops but he did not believe that the map they had been working on was anywhere close to being done for the rest of the county.

Commissioner DeStefano suggested a procedural change to the motion, replacing the word “suspended” with “table” so the work on that map was “paused” if the commission decided to go back to it. The commission accepted this change as a friendly amendment.

Commissioners discussed briefly discussed the pros and cons of the map they were currently working on.

Voting in Favor: Obijiski, DeStefano, Monk, Lutz, Panza, Rask, Waithe  
Voting Against: None

No. of Votes in Favor: 7

No. of Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Motion Approved

Commissioners discussed how to proceed in selecting the best map to begin with and discussed each person scoring for themselves.

Several Commissioners presented various maps and discussed the pros and cons of each then selected.

Commissioners agreed to start with the map that was submitted under the label “Sarah.Destafano/Submitted Plus Updates – April 19 Submission Version 2”.

Commissioners then collaborated on making a map they labeled “Plan\_Rob/April Sub Ver 2- draft 042022”  
Commissioners agreed to study the map and bring their comments back to the April 21 meeting.

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 Lutz

**No. of Votes in Favor:** 7

**No. of Votes Against:** 0

**Time:** 7:23 PM

**Respectfully submitted by:** Fawn Tantillo

**Minutes Approved:** May 11, 2022