

Commission on Reapportionment Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: November 23 2022 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: KL Binder Library, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Commissioner Regis Obijiski, Chair
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: Michael Cook, Counsel to the Commission; Legislator Phil Erner; Carol Nolan, New Paltz resident; Tom Kruglinski, Barbara Graves-Poller, Gardiner residents; Kelleigh McKenzie, Rosendale resident; Nejla Liias, Saugerties resident, Jeff Collins,

Chair Obijiski called the meeting to order at approximately 5:19, and asked the clerk to call the roll. He introduced Attorney Michael Cook.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Gardiner resident Tom Kruglinski assumed the Commission would act in good faith and was disappointed. In addition to the districts being outside state limits he felt that the Town of Gardiner with a population of approximately 5550 people, well below the 7815 target mean for the average district, was gerrymandered for political reasons. Dividing the town into two districts when it could remain whole was unfair. He asked the Commissioners to keep an open mind and

Kelleigh McKenzie of Rosendale urged the Commission to redraw the map and avoid going to court. If someone brought a lawsuit saying they were not authorized to redraw the map after the deadline stated in the Charter they could then justify spending the tax dollars associated with the lawsuit.

Motion No. 1: Moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending lawsuit and allowing Attorney Cook to remain.

Motion Made By: Commissioner Lutz
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Rask

Discussion:

Voting In Favor: Commissioners Obijiski, DeStefano, Monk, Lutz, Panza, Rask, Waithe
Voting Against: None
Votes in Favor: 7
Votes Against: 0

Disposition: Commission entered Executive Session at 5:26 PM

Motion No. 2: Move to end the Executive Session

Motion Made By: Commissioner Monk
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe

Discussion: None

Voting In Favor: Commissioners Obijiski, DeStefano, Monk, Lutz, Panza, Rask, Waithe

Voting Against: None

Votes in Favor: 7

Votes Against: 0

Disposition: **Commission ended Executive Session at 6:14 PM**

Public Comment: None

Chair Obijiski asked if there was any other business, hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion Made By: Commissioner Monk
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe
No. of Votes in Favor: 7
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 6:15 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo