

Commission on Reapportionment Meeting Minutes

DATE & TIME: December 16, 2022 – 5:15 PM
LOCATION: Legislative Chambers, 6th Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY
PRESIDING OFFICER: Commissioner Regis Obijiski, Chair
LEGISLATIVE STAFF: Fawn Tantillo
PRESENT: Commissioners Andy Monk, Kenneth Panza and Kathleen Waithe
ABSENT: Commissioner Sarah DeStefano, Donna Lutz and Travis Rask
QUORUM PRESENT: Yes

OTHER ATTENDEES: Keri Williams and Jen Fuentes, Ulster County Board of Elections, Tom Kruglinski and Jebah Baum, Gardiner residents; Carol Nolan, New Paltz resident; Jeff Collins, Woodstock resident; Supervisor Mike Baden, Town of Rochester.

Chair Obijiski called the meeting to order at approximately 4:02 and asked the clerk to call the roll.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Jebah Baum – felt that the public did not have an opportunity to see review the final maps that were being considered before the commissioners voted. He hoped there would be an opportunity for the public to comment on the final maps after hearing the Commissioner’s discussion but before they take their final vote on a map.

Motion No. 1: **To APPROVE the minutes of November 23, 2022**
Motion By: Commissioner Panza
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Waithe

Discussion: None.

Voting in Favor: Commissioners Obijiski, Monk, Panza, and Waithe
Voting Against: None
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Disposition: **Minutes APPROVED.**

Commissioners agreed by consensus on the following schedule and procedures:

All of these meetings will be in the Legislative Chambers of the County Building at 244 Fair St., Kingston

December 20th at 5:15.

- Commissioners agreed to review the maps on the Maptitude shared drive and/or enter their own maps on the shared drive by Monday.
- They agreed to pick their 1st and/or 2nd favorite map from among those on the shared drive and be prepared to explain why you chose them with the goal of choosing a map to start a mapping discussion. They agreed they would consider any maps on the shared drive regardless of who submitted the map.

December 21st at 5:15

- Finalize a map for the public hearing.
- (Commissioner Waithe will be on zoom from 1432 Lake Josephine Dr, Sebring, FL)

December 27th at 5:15 – Public Hearing

- Public Comment will be open for 24 hours
- Public will be invited to comment in person and on Zoom Meetings
- (Commissioner Waithe will be on zoom from 1432 Lake Josephine Dr, Sebring, FL)

December 28th - No meeting scheduled– Commissioners will review public comment

December 29th at 5:15

- Review and consider the public comments.
- Finalize a map to submit on January 3rd.

December 30th at 5:15 (only if necessary)

- Continue working on finalizing the new map

January 3, 2023 – submit finalized map

Public Comment:

Carol Nolan was frustrated at not being able to see more detail in the maps such as street names. Mr. Leibowitz showed how to add street names in Maptitude and would put street names on the .pdf file of the map that will be available to the public.

Supervisor Baden noted that the 2.5% difference equaled about 185 people. He suggested creating a spread sheet that showed the population by township for each district.

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

Motion Made By: Commissioner Waithe
Motion Seconded By: Commissioner Monk
No. of Votes in Favor: 4
No. of Votes Against: 0
Time: 4:45 PM

Respectfully submitted by: Fawn Tantillo
Minutes Approved: December 29, 2022