

## Commission on Reapportionment Meeting Minutes

**DATE & TIME:** December 20, 2022 – 5:15 PM  
**LOCATION:** Legislative Chambers, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, County Office Building, 244 Fair Street, Kingston, NY  
**PRESIDING OFFICER:** Commissioner Regis Obijiski, Chair  
**LEGISLATIVE STAFF:** Fawn Tantillo  
**PRESENT:** Commissioners Donna Lutz, Andy Monk, Kenneth Panza and Travis Rask  
**ABSENT:** Commissioner Sarah DeStefano and Kathleen Waithe  
**QUORUM PRESENT:** Yes

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Robert Liebowitz, Department of Planning; Kristin Gumer, County Attorney's Office; Tom Kruglinski, Stephen Weir, Gardiner residents; Carol Nolan, New Paltz resident; Supervisor Mike Baden, Town of Rochester; Lanny Walter, Saugerties; Laura Hartman, Town of Ulster, Patricia Doxsey, Reporter.

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Chair Obijiski called the meeting to order at approximately 5:15 and asked the clerk to call the roll.

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There was no public comment.

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Chair Obijiski told the committee that their attorney, Michael Cook, would be meeting with the judge tomorrow, December 21<sup>st</sup> in the afternoon to get clarification on two issues:

- First, in light of the tight timeline, could the court suspend parts of the open meeting law requirements that require all Commissioners attending remotely to be at a public location.
- Second, could the commission submit two maps at the Public Hearing.

Chair Obijiski discussed updates he is preparing for the Commission's website.

Commissioners discussed a deadline of 3:00 – 3:30 for submitting maps to the shared files on Maptitude so they can be reviewed and discussed at the meeting tomorrow evening.

Chair Obijiski reviewed the timeline for upcoming meetings.

December 27 – 5:15 Public Hearing

- December 28 – Public Hearing remains open for public comment
- December 29 – 5:15 – Meeting to discuss public comment and approve final map for submission to BOE on or before Jan 3, 2023
- December 30 – 5:15 – Meeting only if necessary

Commissioners were asked to select one or two of their favorite maps and explain their choices. They reviewed several maps including one submitted by the petitioner of a lawsuit and discussed the pros and cons of each one in detail

Public comment

Mr. Collins shared concern about dividing the hamlet of Zena and discussed the importance of keeping most of the towns in Southern Ulster in two districts where possible

Supervisor Baden discussed why he kept the hamlet of Clintondale whole in his map submission and discussed issues he had trying to create a map where both Plattekill and Shawangunk were only in two districts.

Ms. Hartman expressed concern about how the Town of Ulster was divided. She preferred maps that moved the Town of Kingston outside the districts with the Town of Ulster. She noted that the town of Ulster is a business center in the county and needed to be able to elect a legislator to address these unique issues, She also discussed a disconnect in the district that put part of the Town of Ulster with part of Esopus. Even though she feels there is nothing in common between southern Town of Ulster and norther Esopus, she would accept it if the rest of the town were kept whole.

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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:** 5  
**No. of Votes Against:** 0  
**Time:** 6:35 PM

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