

City of Albany Reapportionment Commission

Virtual Meeting

Thursday, August 11, 2022

5:30 PM

Members Present			
Shawn Morris, Chair	Scott Allardice	Dylan Carey	Dale Getto
Carol June-Washington	Emily Loughlin, Secretary	Judith Mazza	Dr. Brenda Robinson
Paul Webster (joined at 5:38 PM)	Charles Williams (joined at 5:44 PM)		
Staff Present			
Danielle Gillespie, City Clerk	John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq., Counsel to the Common Council		

- Shawn Morris called the meeting to order at 5:35 PM with a quorum.
- Shawn Morris confirmed the dates for the two public hearings: August 24th and September 7th at 6:30 PM. Both meetings will be held in a hybrid format.
 - Discussion of how to present maps during the public hearings.
 - John-Raphael Pichardo, Esq. suggested the Commission have any proposed maps printed. Per city code, specialty printing would need to be acquired from a unionized shop.
 - The public will be able to register to speak at both of the public hearings.
- The Commission will continue to meet weekly on Thursdays at 5:30 PM. On the week of 9/19 when the Commission will meet on Tuesday, 9/20 given the proposed map is due to the Council by Friday, 9/23.
- Shawn Morris presented a list of items to add or change to the Commission website.
- Emily Loughlin provided an update on the community survey.
 - Danielle Gillespie received a quote of \$480 to translate the survey into Spanish, Arabic, and Karen. The Commission approved the expense.
- Dylan Carey and Emily Loughlin met on Monday, 8/8 at City Hall to view Maptitude. Dylan Carey provided an update on the usability of the program.
- Discussion of the utilization of the adjusted population figures that incorporates the address of record of incarcerated persons.
- Confirmation that a majority-minority district can only include Black and/or Hispanic persons. Shawn Morris will confirm with Jeffrey Wice, Esq. the percentage threshold that constitutes a majority-minority district.

- Dylan Carey presented mapping of majority-minority Census blocks within the current ward lines.
 - Emily Loughlin advocated for basing the proposed mapping in community centers first and the math second.
 - Shawn Morris advocated for minimizing population groups that are separated from the rest of their wards by large institutions, parks, etc.
 - Shawn Morris proposed creating a hierarchy mapping principles to guide decision-making.
 - Dylan Carey advocated for incorporating other maps, such as of the neighborhood associations.
 - Carol June-Washington advocated for maintaining the existing ward boundaries where possible and making changes, as needed.
- Dylan Carey will coordinate a meeting of the mapping subcommittee before next week's meeting.
- Dylan Carey will revise the majority-minority block maps to reflect the percentage Black and Hispanic populations.
 - Paul Webster advocated for separate maps for the Black and Hispanic populations.
- Dylan Carey suggested discussion next week of the outreach strategy and plan for the results of the community survey.
- Shawn Morris will coordinate a meeting of the outreach subcommittee before next week's meeting.
- Carol June-Washington asked if the Commission could receive a copy of the legislative proposal for the 2010 mapping. Shawn Morris will provide it to the group.
- Judith Mazza motioned, and Carol June-Washington seconded to adjourn at 6:47 PM.