

Attendance

ACRC Commissioners	ACRC Interns	MMD Commissioners
Joan Ramsey (no video)	Nicholas Glass (no video)	
Warren E. Hamilton	Liane Espino (photo)	Adrienne Kisse (photo)
Larry Volk		
Patricia Sibia		
Thomas Clingan		
Sita Subbaram		
Leif Hartmark		
Julia Reeb		
Mark McCumber		
GUEST(S):	Caitlin O'Brien (no video)	Patrick Collins (no video)

Discussion Items

(Note: no attendance was taken, but most attendees were visible and those without video were identifiable.)

Patricia introduced Nick Glass and Liane Espino, our newly-hired graduate interns.

Larry began with follow-up on Mapping RFP issues from the last meeting. Purchasing opposes electronic submission of bids. Purchasing also wants to stay with the 12/22 revised bid opening rather than 12/23 (day before a County holiday.)

On the Counsel RFQ, Larry approached Albany Law School, which is not interested. NY Law School's Jeffrey Wice remains interested but inquired about the RFQ's requirement that counsel be admitted to the NY State Bar (which he is not.) Tom looked at Local Law 8's description of redistricting counsel, which requires expertise in the redistricting process and the federal Voting Rights Act but is silent about admission to the NY bar. Wice has served as counsel to several other NY State local governments. There was extensive discussion for 32 minutes. Patricia moved and Warren seconded to reply to Professor Wice that the requirement of admission to practice in NY is waived. After more discussion, Patricia amended the motion (with Warren's agreement) to ask Wice to explain how he'd handle any need to go to court. The amended motion passed with 7 in favor and one opposed (Joan.) There was even further discussion about approaching other possibly interested firms.

Patricia reported that she is seeking updates to our web site from the County's webmaster. Discussion about what steps to take if we need more assistance from County departments.

Warren asked what our expectations are about the work of the MMD subcommittee on mapping the MMDs. He would like to hear more discussion of this. Patricia asked what the status of the MMD subcommittee was, and Adrienne reported that they were doing interviews now, and hoped to fill the remaining positions soon so they could hit the ground running after the holidays. There was discussion of the role of the MMD subcommittee; Patricia feels that it is important that the direction of what the MMD subcommittee does come from the subcommittee itself.

Tom spoke about our outreach to the public and publicity. The public will be more interested in our work once we announce our first public hearing and even more so when we have draft maps. Discussion followed on holding the first hearing, especially technical support. Pat Collins does the technical work for the County Legislature's hearings himself. He will assist us in setting up our own Zoom account to run our meetings. Joan asked about outreach for public hearings, and Patrick explained that by law there must be a legal notice published, with further information available on the County website. Patricia and Joan spoke of the need for more outreach than a newspaper legal notice. Warren asked why each legal notice is only printed once; Patrick responded that the law requires publication at least once.

[The recording ended suddenly at 1:01:44.]

[These notes made by Tom Clingan from the 12/20/21 meeting video.]