

**Citizens Advisory Commission on Reapportionment
Summary of Actions for the April 30, 2011 Meeting
Room 1417 City Hall, Buffalo New York**

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 9:15am.
2. **Roll Call**
 - **Individuals Present at this meeting were:**
 - **Commissioners:** Patti Bowers-Pierce, Lionel Davis, Bonita Durand, Phil Lowery, Marc Panepinto, (chair for this meeting), Marysol Rosado, Russell Weaver).
 - **Excused:** Matthew Brown, Brian Gould
 - **Staff:** Brian Bray, Laura Rucinski
 - **Others:** Representatives from the League of Women Voters.
3. **Approval of Summary of Actions from April 27th** Approved with necessary corrections by unanimous vote (Davis/Lowery).
4. **New Business**
 - Develop guiding principles for Commission Recommendation moving forward. The following criteria was agreed upon by unanimous vote (Davis/Weaver) of the Commissioners present:
 - 1) District must be of equal populations (within a reasonable standardⁱ) to ensure that the values of each individual vote is roughly equal;
 - 2) A plan may not intentionally dilute the voting strength of members of a racial or ethnic minority group;Redistricting Plans should strive to meet and include, among others
 - 3) Contiguity and compactness in shape;
 - 4) Avoidance of unnecessary splitting of “communities of common interest”;
 - 5) Consistent with natural boundaries marked by streets, rivers, railroad lines or other permanent characteristics of landscapeⁱⁱ
 - Review of revisions Southern Boundaries Map that leaves Starin Central in the Delaware District. Commissioner Lowery presented a version of the Southern Boundaries map to satisfy this request.
 - Review updated Equalization Map using more current neighborhood planning maps. Commissioner Weaver provided a map that identified Communities of Interest based on 2007 data.
 - Review the overlay of the neighborhood planning maps with the two work products that have been produced to date. Commissioner
 - Review and finalize the survey developed to collect input from Common Council Members and the Community.

5. Old Business:

- Commissioner Weaver will develop some questions that can be used to assist the Council Members with giving the Commission feedback on their respective district and will also serve as an instrument to collect feedback at the public meeting
- Chairs Panepinto and Brown will prepare a letter to accompany the questions to be forwarded to the Common Council members.

6. New Business: None

7. Future Meetings:

- Wednesday, May 4th at 5:30pm in Room 1417 City Hall
- Saturday, May 7th at 12:30pm in Room 1417 City Ha;;
- Wednesday, May 11th – Tentative Date for Public Meeting; time and location to be determined

8. Announcements: None

9. Adjourned: The meeting adjourned at 11:48am (Davis/Bowers-Pierce).

Respectfully Submitted,



ⁱ The common heuristic is +/- 5% of target population.

ⁱⁱ These criteria are adapted from George, et al.(1997) and New York State Education Law (2009).