

# *CITY OF STAMFORD*

## *REDISTRICTING COMMISSION*

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### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Redistricting Commission met on

Friday, December 3, 2021  
8:00 a.m.

The meeting was held remotely on Zoom.com

Co-Chair Andreana called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m.

Present were Commission Members Cristina Andreana, Michael Cacace; Christina Feeny, Jonathan Hoch, Bill McManus, Gary Palomba, Michael Pollard, and Robin Stein. Also present was Professor John Flateau

**1. Approval of the 11/19/21 Draft Minutes -**

A motion to approve the 11/19/21 draft minutes was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

**2. Review communications from Board of Representatives (if any)**

Ms. Rosenson stated that there were no communications from the Board of Representatives.

**3.. Redistricting Procedure/Efforts/Discussion**

**a. Interview with Prof. John Flateau, Ph. D.**

Dr. Flateau joined the meeting at 8:09. He described the work he is currently doing with the NY State redistricting commission. Dr. Flateau asked many questions regarding the factors being considered by the Commission, including state boundaries, the standard of deviation, the public participation process, incumbency and the timeline. He noted the need for the Commission to create a calendar. In response to questions from the Commission members, Dr. Flateau stated that he uses Maptitude software, and has never worked with a municipality the size of Stamford. He has only worked with New York State, which has a staff and has hired Redistricting Partners consultants. He recommends that the Commission hire them. He estimates his costs to be \$35,000-445,000 with an hourly rate of \$150-\$200. He does not have software. Dr. Flateau then left the meeting.

**b. Review proposals and vote on service provider**

Committee members discussed the two consultants. It was noted that Dr. Flateau does not provide data technical services, which TSI would provide. TSI's proposal is \$20,500, and he uses his own software, which is Mapinfo. TSI has worked with Stamford in the past and is familiar with the City. A motion to approve the hiring of Steve Carr, TSI was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.

Commission members discussed the priorities they wish to consider in reapportioning the voting districts which were to be communicated to Mr. Carr. The list of priorities, in order of importance (the first 2 are believed to be legal requirements) is:

1. Reapportioning with a standard deviation of less than 5%
2. Reviewing ethnic and racial data to ensure that districts are not being overpopulated or diluted
3. Current polling place locations
4. Alignment with State house and senate districts to avoid confusion to residents (There will not be complete overlap, since there are different numbers of districts)
5. Alignment with districts of current members of the Board of Representatives
6. Alignment with districts of current members of the Republican Town Committee and Democratic City Committee

Commission members also noted, however, that the districts should make geographic sense.

The Commission anticipated beginning to review maps in early January, doing a few multi-hour sessions on Tuesday or Thursday evenings. Commission members felt that in order for that to work, they would need hard copies of documents prior to the meetings

The meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cristina Andreana, Co-Chair  
Michael Cacace, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).