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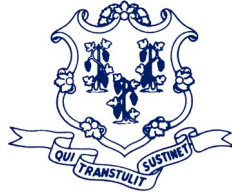
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MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 23, 2021
12:00 PM on Zoom and YouTube Live

I. CONVENE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 12:02 PM by Senator Kevin Kelly.

The following commission members were present: Senator Kevin Kelly, Senator Martin Looney, Senator Bob Duff, Senator Paul Formica, Representative Matt Ritter, Representative Vincent Candelora, Representative Jason Rojas, Representative Jason Perillo, John McKinney

Absent were:

II. OPENING REMARKS:

Senator Kelly commented on the Connecticut process and the collaborative effort that it is. He thinks Connecticut's process should be emulated across the country. He went on to thank his colleagues in the Senate Democrat office as well as House, both Republicans and Democrats. Also, thanks to the staff and especially to Senator Paul Formica, with additional thanks to John McKinney. Senator Looney then commented that he agrees with Senator Kelly's comments on Connecticut's approach to this process. He recognized and thanked members of his staff Vinnie Mauro, Courtney Cullinan, Nick Neeley as well as the folks on the Senate Republican staff. He also thanked John McKinney and all others who worked on this effort. Senator Duff thanked all and appreciated everyone working well together and within the deadline to come to a fair agreement. Senator Formica then thanked Senator Kelly and Speaker Ritter for their work in leading the group. He thanked Jack and members of his staff and all who worked on this. Speaker Ritter then congratulated all for getting the Senate map done. He then commented on the remaining work of the Commission and asked that they discuss that after the vote. Mr. McKinney then congratulated all members on reaching a bipartisan decision on both the House and Senate maps. His role has been to be available, if necessary, to reach a decision. Him not being needed to break a tie is the way it should be done, and he hopes that is a model for the future. Senator Looney commented that overall, the census numbers for Connecticut stayed relatively the same. Though that may make it appear this process should be easy, internally there were big swings in certain areas of the state with some areas gaining or losing around ten percent.

III. Certification of the House of Representatives Plan of Districting:

Senator Looney made a motion to adopt the State Senate 2021 districting plan. The motion was seconded by Senator Duff. Senator Kelly then asked for any comments. Seeing none he then called for a vote and it passed unanimously. He then asked if anyone from LCO was present. Speaker Ritter asked what steps were needed to request an extension. Michael Tellerico from LCO commented that he could look into precedent. He stated that per the Constitution if the Commission shall fail by November 30th to submit a plan to the Secretary of State, the Secretary shall notify the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and they can either compel the Commission to approve a plan or move forward as they see fit. Senator Looney recalled that ten years ago the Attorney General representing the Commission requested a three-week extension specifically to work on the Congressional lines. Speaker Ritter commented that they would have staff work on looking into that and the Commission could discuss early next week.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Kelly then asked for additional questions and seeing none, suggested adjournment. Speaker Ritter made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Senator Duff and was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:13 PM.

Beth Waters
Administrator