

# *CITY OF STAMFORD*

## *REDISTRICTING COMMISSION*

Members

*MICHAEL CACACE, Co-Chair*

*CHRISTINA FEENY*

*MICHAEL POLLARD*

*ROBIN STEIN*

Members

*CRISTINA ANDREANA, Co-Chair*

*JONATHAN HOCH*

*BILL McMANUS*

*GARY PALOMBA*

### **MINUTES OF MEETING**

The Redistricting Commission held its organizational meeting on

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

8:00 a.m.

Meeting was held remotely on Zoom.com

Matthew Quinones called the meeting to order at 8:11 a.m.

Present were Commission Members: Cristina Andreana, Michael Cacace; Christina Feeny, Jonathan Hoch, Bill McManus, Michael Pollard, and Robin Stein. There was one vacancy on the Commission. Also present were Matthew Quinones, President of the Board of Representatives; and Cindy Barber, GIS.

- Mr. Quinones administered the oath of office to Commission members present.
- Election of Commission Officers.
  - Committee members discussed electing co-chairs (one Democrat and one Republican)
  - A motion to nominate Mr. Cacace and Ms. Andreana to serve as co-chairs was made, seconded and approved by unanimous voice vote.
- Mr. Quinones reviewed the timeline from the prior redistricting process, noting that the Commission has 6 months from its appointment to complete its report.
- Commission members discussed the budget for the redistricting process. The proposal from the consultant received by the Board office will be sent to the Commission members.
- Mr. Quinones reviewed the requirements of the Charter and State statute.
- It was noted that in 2001, the Board of Representatives did return the recommendation to the Commission. The Board office will review the minutes from that meeting and inform the Commission members of why it was sent back.
- Ms. Barber reviewed the [attached maps](#) showing the population change in Stamford by census tract and by district. There has been a 10.45% increase in population in

Stamford. Mr. Cacace stated that a district within 5% of the target of 6774 would probably be acceptable; 13 of the 20 districts are currently out of range, with the largest variance being 52.05%.

- Items to possibly consider include race, ethnicity, comparison to the state district lines, effects on BOR members and members of town committees, and current polling places. GIS or the consultant would overlay that data on the Commission's recommendation.
- Commission members discussed whether or not to hire a consultant or to use the City's GIS service. It was noted that the current estimate from the consultant who did the work 20 years ago is for \$28,000. Ten years ago the Commission did not use a consultant. Commission members would like to meet with the consultant used 20 years ago as well as determine if other cities in CT have used other consultants. Ms. Rosenson will follow up on that.
- Mr. Quinones stated that administrative support will be provided to the Commission by the Board of Representatives office.
- The next meeting will be on Friday, November 19, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. by [www.zoom.com](http://www.zoom.com).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Submitted by,

Cristina Andreana, Co-Chair

Michael Cacace, Co-Chair

This meeting is on [video](#).