



THE CITY OF NEW YORK 2012-2013 DISTRICTING COMMISSION

**253 Broadway, 7th Floor
New York, NY 10007**

PUBLIC MEETING

**Tuesday, September 4, 2012
1:06 p.m. to 1:39 p.m.**

**City Hall, Council Chambers
New York, New York**

Attendees:

Districting Commission Members:

Jamila Ponton Bragg
Scott Cerullo
Kamillah M. Hanks
Robert W. Hart
Linda Lin

Oscar Odom III
Thomas V. Ognibene
Frank Padavan
Roxanne J. Persaud
Madeline Provenzano

John Robert
Benito Romano
Gloria Carvajal Wolfe
Marc Wurzel
Justin Yu

Guest:

Wayne Hawley, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel
New York City Conflicts of Interest Board

Staff:

Carl Hum, Executive Director
City of New York 2012-2013 Districting Commission

Minutes by:

Jane Li

Chair Benito Romano began the meeting by welcoming Commission Members and stating that the main objective of the meeting was to publish a preliminary draft city council map.

The first order of business was to consider and adopt the official minutes of the Public Meeting held on August 24, 2012. Commissioner Jamila Ponton Bragg made a motion to adopt the minutes. Commissioner Oscar Odom III seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next order of business was a presentation on New York City Conflict of Interest Law by Wayne Hawley. Mr. Hawley, Deputy Executive Director and General Counsel of the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board, informed Commission members that they are subject to New York City Conflicts of Interest Law. Mr. Hawley emphasized that the Board provides free and confidential advice to public servants about their responsibilities under the Conflicts of Interest Law and encouraged members of the Commission to contact him with questions. Mr. Hawley also recommended that Commissioners seek assistance from Districting Commission staff on conflict of interest issues.

The next order of business was a briefing by Carl Hum on the preliminary draft map. Mr. Hum briefed the Commission on major changes in the city and focused his remarks on the modifications to the least and most populous district within each borough and discussed the consequent changes to the council district lines.

Following Mr. Hum's remarks, Commissioner Thomas V. Ognibene made a motion to publish the map. Commissioner Justin Yu seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. The Chair reminded the Commission that the map is preliminary and serves as a starting point for dialogue. Furthermore, he emphasized that the Commission does not purport to endorse any particular lines. The Chair stated that the next round of public hearings is scheduled to begin on October 2, 2012 and further logistical details would be provided.

Next, Mr. Hum provided a brief update on the Maptitude online mapping software, which allows members of the public an opportunity to adjust the boundary lines to create their own districting maps. Mr. Hum explained that the software is loaded with the same data that is used by Commission staff, including the 2003 Council lines and the preliminary lines. Mr. Hum confirmed that the software will be available on September 5, 2012 at 10:00 am at the Districting Commission's website, nyc.gov/districting.

With all business concluded, the Chair called for an adjournment of the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:39 p.m.