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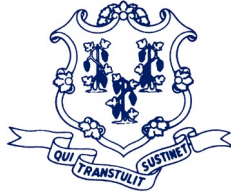
REAPPORTIONMENT COMMISSION

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Speaker of the House Matt Ritter
House Minority Leader Vincent Candelora
House Majority Leader Jason Rojas
Representative Jason Perillo

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MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 19, 2021 12:30 PM on Zoom and YouTube Live

I. CONVENE MEETING:

The meeting was called to order at 12:39 PM by Senator Martin Looney.

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.

Absent were:

II. OPENING REMARKS:

Senator Looney opened the meeting by asking if anyone had opening remarks to share. Representative Ritter remarked that he was looking forward to working with everybody within the timeline of the Constitution. Sen. Looney agreed and pointed out the shorter time frame due to timing of census data being released and mentioned the commission's current deadline of the end of November. He then stated there were two matters to be discussed. The election of Co-Chairs and the appointment of the 9th member of the commission. He then asked Senator Kelly if he had any additional opening remarks. Sen. Kelly then remarked on the unique opportunity the commission has to complete their task and mentioned that they welcome comments and insight be sent to the Reapportionment Commission's email address. He went on to mention the two websites - davesredistricting.org and redistrictr.org - that are interactive and can be used to create maps. He encouraged people to utilize those tools. He further remarked that the House will deal with the House maps, Senate with the Senate maps and that the commission would reconvene for work on the Congressional districts. He further stated that he looks forward to working on the process. Sen. Looney then asked if there were any additional comments. Senator Duff commented that he looks forward to working with everybody. Sen. Looney asked if there were any other remarks.

III. ELECTION OF CO-CHAIRS:

Sen. Looney explained the tradition of co-chairs for the commission and how it changes each decade. For this time around it would be the Senate Republican Leader and the House Speaker. He then made a motion that they be named the co-chairs of the Commission. Sen. Duff seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously by voice vote. With that, Sen. Looney asked that one of the Co-Chairs take over the rest of the meeting.

IV. APPOINTMENT OF 9TH MEMBER:

Senator Kelly moved on to the appointment of a 9th member for the commission and asked if there were any nominations. Sen. Looney nominated Kevin Johnston, former State Senator and State Representative from Northeastern Connecticut. He mentioned that in addition to previously being a Senator from the 29th district, a House Majority Leader, and a State Auditor, Mr. Johnston was the 9th member in the 2011 reapportionment process. The nomination was seconded by Representative Candelora and was approved unanimously by voice vote.

V. ADJOURNMENT:

Senator Kelly asked if there were any housekeeping items to discuss before adjourning. None were noted and Sen. Duff motioned to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Representative Ritter and was approved unanimously by voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:45 PM.

Beth Waters
Administrator