

Attendance Sheets

District	Last Name	Present	Absent	Present/Late
District 14 - Town of Wappinger	Amparo	✓		
District 19 - Towns of North East, Stanford, Pine Plains, Milan	Blalock	✓		
District 13 - Towns of LaGrange, Union Vale, and Wappinger	Bolner	✓		
District 3 - Town of LaGrange	Borchert	✓		
District 1 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Doxsey	✓		
District 6 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Flesland	✓		
District 18 - City of Beacon	Forman		✓	✓
District 21 - Town of East Fishkill	Horton	✓		
District 22 - Town of Beekman	Hutchings	✓		
District 15 - Towns of Poughkeepsie and Wappinger	Incoronato	✓		
District 10 - City of Poughkeepsie	Jeter-Jackson	✓		
District 25 - Amenia, Stanford, Washington, Pleasant Valley	Kelsey	✓		
District 16 - Towns of Fishkill, East Fishkill and City of Beacon	MacAvery	✓		
District 17 - Town and Village of Fishkill	Miccio		✓	
District 7 - Town of Hyde Park	Perkins	✓		
District 8 - City and Town of Poughkeepsie	Rolison	✓		
District 5 - Town of Poughkeepsie	Roman	✓		
District 4 - Town of Hyde Park	Serino	✓		
District 24 - Towns of Dover and Union Vale	Surman	✓		
District 23 - Town/Village of Pawling, Beekman and East Fishkill	Thomes	✓		
District 20 - Town of Red Hook	Traudt	✓		
District 11 - Towns of Rhinebeck and Clinton	Tyner	✓		
District 12 - Town of East Fishkill	Weiss	✓		
District 9 - City of Poughkeepsie	White		✓	
District 2 - Towns of Pleasant Valley and Poughkeepsie	Wilkinson	✓		
Present:	Total:	22	32	1
Absent:				
Vacant:				

Date: 1/30/13

Regular Meeting
of the
Dutchess County Legislature

Wednesday, January 30, 2013

The Chairman of Legislature called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call by the Clerk of the Legislature

PRESENT: 23 Amparo, Blalock, Bolner, Borchert, Doxsey, Flesland,
Forman, Horton, Hutchings, Incoronato, Jeter-Jackson,
Kelsey, MacAvery, Perkins, Rolison, Roman, Serino,
Surman, Thomes, Traudt, Tyner, Weiss, Wilkinson

ABSENT: 2 Miccio, White

PRESENT, LATE: 0

Quorum Present.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag; invocation by Legislator Jeter-Jackson,
followed by a moment of silent meditation.

Public Hearing:

Public Hearing on the proposed Local Law to Provide for the Election
of Members of the Dutchess County

The Clerk read the notice of public hearing on the proposed Local Law to
Provide for the Election of Members of the Dutchess County.

The Chairman declared the public hearing open.

Dare Thompson, President of the League of Women Voters, spoke in support
of doing the reapportionment process in an independent manner. She
encouraged the Legislature to put their self interest aside and do the right
thing. Comments attached.

Fred Donight, Town of Poughkeepsie resident, stated that he had no problem
with the map but added that it left him demoralized. He stated that the
Legislature should remain neutral and appear to the electorate nonpartisan

when it came to district boundaries and compared it to blatant corruption.

Constantine Kazolias, 47 Noxon Street, Poughkeepsie, spoke in support of the maps being developed with the census tracts.

No one else wishing to be heard, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

The Chairman entertained a motion from the floor, duly seconded, to suspend the rules to allow the public to address the Legislature with respect to agenda items.

No one wishing to be heard, the Chairman entertained a motion from the floor, duly seconded, to resume the regular order of business.



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Why Independent Commissions Should Redraw District Lines

Common sense suggests that those who have the most to benefit from how the lines are drawn should not be the ones to draw them. Voters should pick their representatives, not the other way around.

A truly partisan politician understandably has a win-lose mindset and (correctly) sees the redrawing of lines as an opportunity to strengthen his or her party's chances of winning seats in the next election.

Lines drawn by partisan politicians gradually weaken the opportunity for the opposing party to win seats. Gradually the weaker party has trouble getting candidates and often just gives up. The result is government decided by parties, not voters, and a demoralized electorate.

A carefully-selected independent commission will create districts that are closer in shape to a circle and therefore easier for the public to understand. Ideally it will seek out the views of the citizens and the entities (e.g. town boards) that represent them and try to create districts in which the citizens have many interests in common.

Independent commissions can create districts that make citizens feel better represented by their elected officials.

For more information:

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The League of Women Voters of the Mid-Hudson Region serves all of Dutchess and Ulster Counties except Saugerties, which has its own league.

At this time, Resolution No. 2013030, A Local Law to Provide for the Election of Members of the Dutchess County Legislature, that was laid on desks on January 22, 2013, was considered.

Legislator Borchert gave an overview of the process and the guidelines that the Legislature followed in developing the districts.

Legislator Jeter-Jackson spoke regarding concerns with comments made during the public hearing. She also stated that there were no complaints with the districts as drawn, just that an independent commission should have drawn the lines.

Legislator Tyner stated that he was concerned that the Ad Hoc Steering Commissioner had not met since July 2012.

Legislator Kelsey spoke in support of the map. He stated that he would be losing the Town of Stanford because Stanford wanted to be kept whole. He stated that the Legislators were the appropriate people to draw up the maps with input from the people.

Legislator Traudt spoke in support of the map. He added that the map served the county as a whole, served the representatives, and kept many of the municipality's whole.

Legislator Borchert stated that Legislative Districts 4, 11, and 20 did not change at all. He stated that eight legislative districts had less than a 10 percent change and six legislative districts had less than a 20 percent change. He added that eight legislative districts had greater than 20 percent change, mostly because of population growth.

Legislator Tyner questioned the amount of the contract for the Skyline Consultant that reviewed the legislative districts.

Legislator Blalock thanked the committee for their work on the maps but stated that she would not be supporting it.

Legislator Tyner stated that the maps were developed out of fear that there were now more democrats in Dutchess County.

Legislator Horton stated that she had no fear of any democrats and enjoyed working with them.

Legislator Traudt stated that he trusted the voters to elect the people that had their best interests in mind.

Legislator Borchert called a point of order.

Roll call vote on the foregoing Resolution No. 2013030 resulted as follows:

AYES: 17 Bolner, Borchert, Flesland, Forman, Horton, Hutchings,
Incoronato, Kelsey, Perkins, Rolison, Roman, Serino,
Surman, Thomes, Traudt, Weiss, Wilkinson

NAYS: 6 MacAvery, Doxsey, Tyner, Amparo, Blalock, Jeter-Jackson

ABSTAIN: 0

ABSENT: 2 Miccio, White

Resolution adopted.

Said local law was adopted subject to permissive referendum. No petition signed and acknowledged by electors of the County of Dutchess protesting against such local law and requesting that it be submitted to the electors of the County of Dutchess for their approval or disapproval, has been filed with the Clerk of the Legislature of the County of Dutchess within forty-five (45) days after the date of adoption thereof, or at any other time since said adoption. The effective date is March 26, 2013.

On motion by Legislator Kelsey, duly seconded by Legislator Forman and carried, the Rules were suspended to allow the public to address the Legislature on agenda and non-agenda items.

No one wishing to speak, on motion by Legislator Kelsey, duly seconded by Legislator Borchert and carried, the Regular Order of Business was resumed.

There being no further business, the Chairman adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m. subject to the call of the Chair.