

## **Bylaws of the New York Independent Redistricting Commission**

### **ARTICLE I – MEMBERSHIP**

1. The Independent Redistricting Commission (hereinafter the “Commission”) shall consist of ten (10) members (hereinafter “Commissioner” or “Commissioners”) appointed in the manner set forth in Section 94 of the Legislative Law.
2. One Commissioner shall be designated Chair of the Commission by a majority of the members. Another Commissioner shall be designated as Vice Chair of the Commission, by a majority of the members. The Chair and Vice Chair shall have equal authority in all matters.

### **ARTICLE II – MEETINGS**

1. Seven (7) members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum as set forth in Section 94 of the Legislative Law.
2. The Chair shall preside over all meetings of the Commission. In the event the Chair is not in attendance, the Vice Chair shall preside. In the event that neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is in attendance, the Commissioners in attendance, by majority vote, shall designate a member to preside over the meeting.
3. The Chair or Vice Chair may call a meeting with the consent of at least six other Commissioners. Upon the approval of the Chair and Vice-Chair, the agenda shall be set and distributed to the other Commission members within a reasonable amount of time prior to a meeting of the Commission. Any changes by the Chair and the Vice Chair to the agenda may be made up until the start time of the meeting provided both the Chair and the Vice Chair agree.
4. If the Chair and Vice Chair cannot agree on whether an item will be on the agenda, that item will not be on the agenda for the next meeting but can be placed on the agenda for the following meeting regardless of whether there is agreement between the Chair and Vice Chair.
5. Notice of all Commission meetings shall be provided as set forth in Article 7 of the Public Officers Law (the “Open Meetings Law”).

6. All Commission meetings shall be open and public. The Commission may meet in closed session at regular or special meetings as permitted by the Open Meetings Law.
7. The Commission may meet by videoconference. To the extent feasible, all Commission meetings will be broadcast and posted on the Commission's website.

### **ARTICLE III – HEARINGS**

1. Upon the recommendation of the co-executive directors, the Commission shall promulgate rules for holding the public hearings as set forth in Section 93 of the Legislative Law, including conducting public hearings by videoconference, and shall publish one or more schedules for such hearings.
2. The co-executive directors shall develop, for the Commission's approval, a plan for holding the public hearings required under Section 93 of the Legislative Law, including a proposed schedule for such hearings.
3. In addition to the hearings mandated by Section 93 of the Legislative Law, the Commission may engage in any other form of public outreach or public engagement in order obtain input from any member of the public.
4. The Chair shall preside over all hearings of the Commission. In the event the Chair is not in attendance, the Vice Chair shall preside. In the event that neither the Chair nor Vice Chair is in attendance, the Commissioners in attendance, by majority vote, shall designate a member to preside over the hearing.

### **ARTICLE IV - ADOPTION AND AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS**

1. Upon the approval of seven Commissioners, these Bylaws shall be deemed adopted and become the Bylaws of the Commission.
2. These bylaws may be amended, repealed or modified by approval of seven Commissioners.

*As Adopted*  
*5/28/2021*