

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Wednesday, October 1, 2020
9:00 AM –12:50 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
M.C. Rothhorn
Glenn Shaw
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Assistant Attorney General Tom Quasarano;
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Lett called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners were present and a quorum was met.
9:57 AM Commissioner Kellom left the meeting.

10:12 AM **Commissioner Wagner** temporarily left the meeting.

10:52 AM **Commissioner Wagner** returned.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Lett called for a Motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Shaw. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes and offered one minor edit. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Chair Lett called for a show of hand and voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lett opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment. A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Administrative Items. MDOS staff provided an update on the commission's administrative requests.
2. Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. Michigan Assistant Attorney General Thomas Quasarano presented and answered questions. [A full inventory of the presentations, discussion, and questions can be found at RedistrictingMichigan.org.]
3. Committees. The commission discussed various approaches.

MOTION: Form three subcommittees to review applications for the ICRC staff positions for executive director, general counsel and communication director. Each committee will be comprised of three commissioners: one commissioner who affiliates with the Democratic party, one who affiliates with the Republican party and one who does not affiliate with either major party. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. MDOS staff called roll for the vote of each commissioner.**

Voting yes: Commissioners Eid, Orton, Clark, Witjes, Wagner, Shaw, Vallette, Curry, Rothhorn, Lange, Weiss, Lett

Voting no: N/A

Absent: Kellom
MOTION APPROVED, 12-0-1.

Nominations for the three-member committee for the Executive Director job position include **Commissioners Eid (unaffiliated), Witjes (Democrat), Clark (Republican) and Lange (Republican)**

MDOS staff called roll for the vote of each commissioner to select the commissioner to fill the Republican seat on the committee.

Voting for Clark: Commissioners Clark, Wagner, Shaw, Weiss

Voting for Lange: Commissioners Eid, Orton, Witjes, Vallette, Curry, Rothhorn, Lange, Lett

Absent: Kellom

BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 8-4-1, COMMISSIONER LANGE WAS SELECTED AS THE REPUBLICAN MEMBER ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMITTEE.

Executive director committee members: **Commissioners Eid (acting chair/unaffiliated), Witjes (Democrat) and Lange (Republican)**

4. Thank you notes.

MOTION: Table discussion to allow Commissioner Curry additional time to review thank you notes. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

1. Code of Conduct. The commission discussed the draft. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.
2. Communications and Outreach Director position. The commission discussed the draft.

MOTION: Adopt as-amended position description for Communications and Outreach Director position. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Direct MDOS staff to post Communications and Outreach Director position. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. Draft resolutions on commissioner compensation. Tabled to next meeting.
Drafts available on RedistrictingMichigan.org.

4. Next Meeting Agenda Items.

Administrative updates

Thank you notes

Code of Conduct

Subcommittees: General Counsel, Communications Director positions
commissioner compensation

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lett called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.