

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:00 AM – 2:22 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange
Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 9:14 AM*)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: n/a

OTHERS PRESENT: Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director
Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel
Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Lett, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners except Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair, were present and a quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair, arrived at 9:14 AM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Lett, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Wagner. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett, Chair, called for a motion to approve the minutes. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Lett, Chair, 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

Executive Director Hammersmith reported no specific correspondence to address. Commissioner Lett, Chair, noted the Commission has received communication on public hearing locations and how to redistrict, all of which is taken into consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Line Drawing and Technical Services Proposals. Representatives from two potential line drawing providers presented proposals to the Commission and responded to commissioner questions.

a. Election Data Services Presentation

BREAK

Commissioner Lett, Chair, called for a brief break from 10:48 AM to 11:04 AM.

b. HaystaqDNA Presentation

BREAK

Commissioner Lett, Chair, called for a brief break from 12:40 PM to 12:53 PM.

2. Line Drawing and Technical Services Firm – Resolution 2021.02.09.

Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair, led the discussion on the proposals and the hiring of a line drawing firm.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.02.09 to hire the Commission’s Line Drawing and Technical Services firm. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes.**

AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION: Amend the motion to delay approval to allow commissioners more time for consideration. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. AMENDMENT TO THE MOTION FAILED.**

ORIGINAL MOTION WITHDRAWN.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.02.09 to hire either Election Data Services or HaystaqDNA as the Commission’s Line Drawing and Technical Services firm contingent that should Election Data Services be selected, the services of Dr. Lisa Handley be included in the contract price as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lange.**

Commissioner Lett, Chair, called for a roll call vote.

Voting for Election Data Services: Commissioners Clark, Lange, Orton, Wagner, Witjes, Lett, Vallette, Weiss

Voting for HaystaqDNA: Commissioners Curry, Kellom, Rothhorn, Eid, Szetela

Absent: n/a

**BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 8-5, THE COMMISSION APPROVED
RESOLUTION 2021.02.09 TO HIRE ELECTION DATA SERVICES
WITH NOTED CONTINGENT IN THE MOTION.**

3. VRA Legal Counsel Bidder Questions. General Counsel Pastula presented vendor questions to the Commission and proposed responses. The Commission unanimously agreed to publicly post all questions and responses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Office Portraits. Communications and Outreach Director Woods reminded commissioners to select their official photos.
2. Public Presentations. Executive Director Hammersmith thanked Commissioner Rothhorn for co-presenting with her earlier this week to the Blue Brigade. Director Hammersmith offered to co-present with commissioners, if desired.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Wagner. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:22 PM.

Future Meetings: March 5 from 1-3 p.m.; March 11 from 1-4 p.m.; March 18 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.