

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, January 7, 2021**

**1:30 PM – 3:38 PM**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom  
Rhonda Lange  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner  
Richard Weiss (joined meeting at 1:44 PM)  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff  
Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chair Lett called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 1:30 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners were present and a quorum was met.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Lett called for a show of hands to approve the agenda. **AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes. Executive Director Hammersmith offered two minor edits. Chair Lett called for a show of hands to approve minutes as amended. **AMENDED MINUTES 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](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org).

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR UPDATES**

The Commission's Executive Director Suann Hammersmith provided an update on her collaboration with MDOS and DTMB staff and gave a brief overview of operational tasks assigned to her.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Administrative Items. MDOS staff provided an update on the Commission's administrative requests.
2. General Counsel Hiring – Next Steps: Resolution 2021.01.01– Hiring of General Counsel. Commissioners discussed the draft resolution which includes an offer of employment and contract and made one change to the start and finish employment dates in the contract.

**MOTION:** Chair Lett called for a motion to approve draft Resolution 2021.01.01, as amended. **Motion by MC Rothhorn. Supported by Vice Chair Kellom. Chair Lett called for a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. Communications and Outreach Interviews – Next Steps: Resolution 2021.01.02 – Interview Recommendations for Communications and Outreach Director.

**MOTION:** Chair Lett called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021.01.02. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Szetela.**

**AMENDMENT TO MOTION:** Expand list of candidates to interview for the Communications and Outreach Director position to include:

Bill Froehlich  
Walter Sorg  
Edward Woods  
Janet Lebson  
Andrea Taylor

**Chair Lett called for a vote by a show of hands on the amended motion. AMENDED MOTION APPROVED 12-1.**

Commissioners selected Tuesday, January 12 for candidate interviews and changed the meeting start time to begin at 4 PM.

4. Draft Policy for Approval of Expenses: Resolution 2021.01.03-Policy for Approval of Expenses

**MOTION:** Chair Lett called for a motion to approve Resolution 2021.01.03-Policy for Approval of Expenses. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Chair Lett held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Draft Staff Organizational Chart: Resolution 2021.01.04 – Staff Organizational Chart. Commissioners discussed a staff org chart and opted to table discussion to a future date.
2. ESRI Correspondence (mapping service). Commissioners discussed the need to go through the RFP process before engaging with a mapping service.
3. Schedule and Agenda for January Meetings. Commissioners discussed remaining meetings in January and consulted with Executive Director Hammersmith on potential agenda topics and the need for a master calendar.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:38 PM.