

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, December 10, 2020

9:00 AM – 1:48 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
Dustin Joseph Witjes (left at 9:28 AM; returned at 9:49 AM)

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: 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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Lett called for a show of hands to approve the minutes, as presented.
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
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OLD BUSINESS

1. Administrative items. MDOS staff provided an update on the Commission's administrative requests.
2. Executive Director hire. The Commission discussed the proposed employment contract for the Executive Director hire.

MOTION: Delete mention of "Executive Directive 2019-09" from draft "Non-Discrimination" section of contract language. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Leave "partisan considerations" in "Non-Discrimination" section of the Employment Contract. **Motion by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. Chair Lett held a vote by show of hands. BY A VOTE OF 6-2-4 MOTION FAILED.**

MOTION: Chair Lett called for a motion to remove the words "partisan considerations" in section 4.5, "Non-Discrimination", of the Employment Contract. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Chair Lett call for a roll call vote.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Weiss, Lange

Voting No: Commissioners Lett, Szetela, Rothhorn, Curry, Vallette, Clark, Eid

BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 2-7-3, MOTION FAILED.

MOTION: Chair Lett called for a show of hands to approve the Executive Director employment contract, as amended. **MOTION APPROVED 10-2.**

3. General Counsel interview questions. Vice Chair Kellom led the Commission in a discussion to identify agreed upon interview questions for General Counsel candidates and the process for asking questions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. General Counsel candidate interviews. The Commission conducted interviews of the four finalists for the General Counsel position.

9:45AM – Monifa Gray

10:30AM – Katherine Kerwin

11:15AM – James Lancaster

12:00PM – Julianne Pastula

2. Post-interview discussion. The Commission discussed impressions from the interviews. Further discussion was tabled until the Commission's next meeting on December 17.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Lett called for the meeting to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.