

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Hybrid Public Hearing held in-person and via Zoom Webinar due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, pursuant to 2020 PA 254 (MCL 15.263 and 15.263a), and in compliance with Section 6(10) of Article 4 of Michigan's 1963 Constitution

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Thursday, June 24, 2021

5:04 PM – 8:08 PM

at

MRCC Banquet Center

23401 Mound Rd., Warren, MI 48901

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton (attending remotely from Battle Creek, MI)
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom

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

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 5:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except for Commissioner Kellom and a quorum was met.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, put the motion "to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Szetela provided a history of the MICRC including its strategic plan.

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Director Hammersmith outlined the purpose of the MICRC and the public hearings.

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, put the motion "for the General Counsel to provide a presentation" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula articulated the guidelines for providing public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 82 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Chip Werner, Ronald Himmler, Ginny Preuss, Mary Hall-Rayford, Nancy Duemling, Jerry Demaire, Michael Jacobs, Spencer Calhoun, Ned Apigian, Iqbal Hussain, Bill Crews, Joel Rutherford, Kenneth Hyatt, Michael Petroff, Veronire Gawrye, Larry Wynn, Robert Dindoffer, Paula Kaczmarek, Carole Chi, Jonathan Matthews, Benjamin Orjada, Md Hasan, Syed Hoque, Carmi Finn, Khaja Ahmed, Delwar Ansar, Sumon Kobir, Mahfuzur Chowdhury, Michael Chehub, Md Rahman, Tarun Aggarwal, Daniel Jones, Cardi Demonaco, Jake Lovrince, Eric L Jones, Muhammad Shahid, Muzadded Abdullah, Am Mandlajeg, Rose Shuryan, Shania Chehab, Frederick Nienstedt, Susan Diliberti, Mark Forton, Kristine McLonis, Vivian Johnson, Mohammed Uddin, Kristen Carson, Paula Veselanak, Mohammed Aziz, Mohammed M Rahman, Muhibul H Chowdhury, Walter Kolodzie, Gerald Larouche, Jen Richmond, Majkur Kawsar, Jim Winne, Sheila Cohoon, Julie Gabon, Jazmine Early, Rachel Eichhurst, Rezaul Chowdhury, Lisa Papas, Md Alam, Nayeem Chowdhury, Briana Mignacca, Isha Iahar, Azizul Chowdhury, Shamim Ahammod, Sarah Shervish, Ronald Singer, Denni Ringle, Christine Howson, Jeremy Fisher, Lynne Muth, Roy

Wilson, Lynda Wilson, Munni Rahman, Bernadette Banko, Lorraine Beeman, Don Wiggins, Genevieve Peters, Terry Carroll. There were two individuals who provided remote public comment: Gary Bresnehan and Rebeka Islam.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at www.michigan.gov/micrc.

RECESS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, put the motion "to recess for ten minutes until 6:43 PM" which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 6:45 PM.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry
- Anthony Eid
- Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton (attending remotely from Battle Creek, MI)
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette
- Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Kellom and a quorum was met.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, put the motion "for the Executive Director to

provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith thanked the community volunteers and individuals who gave public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Adjourn the hearing. Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The hearing was adjourned at 8:08 PM.