

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, July 30, 2021

9:04 AM – 12:28 PM

at

Cadillac Place, L150 Room

3044 West Grand Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (*left at 10:58 AM and returned at 11:28 AM*)

Anthony Eid

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn (*left at 10:13 AM and returned at 10:55 AM*)

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange

Brittni Kellom

Erin Wagner

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 Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:04 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioners Lange, Kellom, and Wagner. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Rosalind Denning.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Determining the Regions with which to Begin Mapping. The Commission continued their discussion on their region-drawing assignment.

MOTION: Adopt Regional Plan “Test Plan #5”. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 10-0**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Eid, Lett, Orton, Szetela, Curry, Rothhorn,

Voting No: N/A

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Prepare to Begin Mapping. Kim Brace and John Morgan with Election Data Services (EDS) introduced the AutoBound Edge software to the Commission. The Commission practiced drawing fictitious districts to learn the software.

RECESS

At 10:35 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 10:45 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:55 AM.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry
- Anthony Eid
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

- Rhonda Lange
- Brittni Kellom
- Erin Wagner

- b. Homework Assignment for August 5. Kim Brace and John Morgan with EDS explained the homework to the Commission for next week.

MOTION: Skip the Lunch Break to Continue the Agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes.**

**Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands.
MOTION APPROVED 9-1.**

Voting No: Commissioner Eid

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 22, 2021

The Commission discussed the meeting minutes from July 22, 2021. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 22nd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

- a. General Counsel. General Counsel Pastula provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates from MDOS.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commission discussed one item of correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Hammersmith informed about future agenda items.

MOTION: Schedule a Meeting of the Committee for the Review of Litigation Counsel RFP Submissions on August 5th from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM with the Full Commission from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Witjes provided an announcement.

ADJOURN

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.