

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, June 22, 2021

1:02 PM – 2:45 PM

at

Blue Water Convention Center

800 Harker St., Port Huron, MI 48060

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid (*arrived at 1:36 PM*)

Brittni Kellom

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:

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 Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Eid arrived at 1:36 PM

Commissioner Lange left at 1:57 PM and returned at 1:59 PM

Commissioner Rothorn left at 2:19 PM and returned at 2:24 PM

Commissioner Lange left at 2:22 PM and returned at 2:24 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review or approve.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. One individual provided public comment: James Gallant

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Kim Brace, Election Date Services (EDS) - The Data Cube, continued.
Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Kim Brace with Election Data Services (EDS) to continue his presentation from June 17th” which was

adopted. Kim Brace with Election Data Services (EDS) presented on the data elements of redistricting. Mr. Brace continued discussing the components of the “Second Quadrant of the Data Cube”. These included the impact of disclosure avoidance on data and the racial composition of the state’s population.

- b. Reflections on the Listening Tours. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Executive Director Hammersmith to present Reflections on the Listening Tour” which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith listed the critical success factors of the mission of the Commission. Director Hammersmith asked the Commission if they felt the critical success factors have been fulfilled, if there was an “aha” moment during the hearings they wanted to share, and if they were any recurring themes they had heard.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fairness & Decision-Making. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Executive Director Hammersmith to Discuss Fairness and Decision-Making” which was adopted. Executive Director outlined how the concept of fairness integrates into the Commission’s strategic plan and goals. Director Hammersmith also emphasized the importance of consensus decision-making, and addressed the necessary steps to do so, the required criteria, and anticipated outcomes.

RECOMMENDED FUTURE MEETINGS AND AGENDA ITEMS

- a. Redistricting Process Committee Meetings
 - i. Friday June 25 and Monday, June 28 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (virtual)
- b. Special Commission Meeting
 - i. Wednesday, June 30 from 9 a.m.- 1 p.m. (virtual)
 - ii. Agenda Topics: Redistricting Process: Future Meeting Schedule
- c. Change July 8 Redistricting Process Committee Meeting to a Regular Commission Meeting
- d. Resolution 2021.06.03 – Revised Committee and Commission Meeting Schedule. Sarah Reinhardt with the Michigan Department of State (MDOS) informed the Commission that meetings are required to be in-person after June 30th. After listing the logistical work that goes into meetings by

MICRC and MDOS staff, Ms. Reinhardt requested the Commission to estimate the number of hours they require to do their work and the MDOS/MICRC team would respond with a recommendation.

MOTION: Approve the Revised Committee and Commission Meeting Schedule. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Clark, Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lange, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes

Voting No: Commissioner Szetela

- e. Commissioners' Questions Regarding Redistricting Process Due: June 23 by 5 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Eid thanked the Michigan Department of Staff for their work.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.