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For the purpose of the public watching and the public record, I will now turn the Michigan Department state Staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good morning, Commissioners.

Please say present when I call your name If you are attending the meeting remotely from by stating county, city, township, or village where you are attending the meeting remotely.

I'll start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present. And I am attending the meeting remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?  
>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?  
>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present. Attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?  
>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?  
>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?  
>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?  
>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present. Attending remotely from Eaton County, Michigan.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?  
>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present. Present attending remotely from Charlotte Michigan  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?  
>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?  
>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissions are present and there is a quorum.  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt. As reminder of the public watching, you can view agenda at [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC). I will now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda.  
>> So moved.  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Motion made by Commissioner Rothhorn.  
>> Second.  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Motion seconded by Commissioner Lett. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Hearing none, it is moved and seconded that we approve the meeting agenda. All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.  
>> Aye.  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.  
The ayes prevail and the motion is adopted.

Without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will proceed with topics and Department of State. Do we have any in-person public comment this morning?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: We do not.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Individuals who signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will be allowed to do so. I will call your name and our staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are on the phone, a voice will say the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute.

I will call on you by your name.

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Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public comment is James Gallant. Please allow a moment for staff to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me, Madam Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir, go ahead.

>> James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition, and these are my opinions. And from now on I think I will be leading the community in the pledge of allegiance because it is controversial for some of you folks. And I'll be doing that from now on and so.

[ Pledge of Allegiance ]

We can start doing that from now on, and that will be my volunteering my time.

And, you know, the Pledge of Allegiance is for, for the Commissioners.

Fundamentally coming up with a problem here and there is a block, there is a breach.

And it's not for you Commissioners.

It's not about you.

This is not about you. This process is not about you.

You were just put in place to proceed with a process. And it was provided by the people of the State of Michigan and Roberts Rules of Order and it was always determined to you by the Secretary of State. This is the way our Constitution works. And you folks are not wanting to participate and do that. But this pledge is for people that want to. And our society and our community, this is what keeps us together unity.

For the Veterans, the men and women serving now and the Veterans and people who we have lost and protecting this freedom that all of you are enjoying right now. And I'm assuming the check has cleared.

So you are doing a job here. You are supposed to be doing a job and. I think we have a fundamental problem with this thing about the are you folks actually affiliated with the

republican, democratic party. Your colleague, Commissioner Clark, testified, you are not doing it like that. The Constitution says we have republican, democrats and people who are neither to do this and work this out as human beings. And now you see and you testified you are not doing it. And y'all tried to attempt to change the definition in the Constitution.

So this is what I want to see to you folks and need to get back in line and back to the rules of procedures and fundamental procedures of parliamentary law in America. That doesn't change. And the process is not changing. And it's like you said, provide for the rules. It's like incidental rules that all Commissions across the state and we have been using Roberts rules in the Commission in the State.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Your allotted two minutes has ended. Please conclude your statement Mr. Gallant.

>> Yeah.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. Individuals who have signed up for a second remote live public comment will now be allowed to do so.

We will use the same process as the first round with the individual being given two minutes to address the Commission.

First in line is Mr. Gallant. Please allow a moment for our staff to unmute you.

>> Can you hear me, Madam Chair?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, sir.

>> All right. Well, this is James Gallant again, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition and it's my personal opinions. And I think it's unreasonable in your Open Meetings Act, there is one rule. Silly. You have to have reasonable public comment. And it's not reasonable for you to cut me off like that knowing I'm the only one signed up. It's not in your notice. The Secretary of State has fraudulently provided information to the public. On the notice that I got today from your staff, it does not this.

It does not say you get a public comment. Everybody before has been denied the opportunity in advance to say, hey, we will prepare for it and ready for it. And like I said it should be in there. And one person and they are next should have continuous.

You get a prison sentence like that they kind of go in succession and you know but we don't get that here from you. So this is a fundamental breach of the way we do it in America.

I think you folks are going for the brass ring out there somebody's brass ring to fundamentally change the rules and boot the system to be willy-nilly consensus building, blah, blah, blah stuff.

It just changes every time.

The facilitator and it's not facilitated, dialog thing. This is why it's inappropriate for the Chair on a business item, new agenda item and approved to assign a floor to facilitate the discussion to the Vice Chair.

The tag team bullying. This is victim bullying.

It's called bully victim now.

Everybody is a bully and a victim at the same time.

That is the highest risk for suicide. It's in the research.

This is why it's so hard to do this now. You have been fighting how you will do the consensus thing and you missed the rules and would be twice as far along. The AI thing you did yesterday, the thing about artificial intelligence, no, human beings are supposed to do this. And contact a lawyer and a waste of time. And I think you folks should have to pay that money back it cost us for that meeting yesterday. You could have just deferred approval of minutes until today. You just wasted our time and everybody's time. And I go back to the budget and see the stuff is wasted and you are getting it deducted out of your checks. But, yeah, we will try to get back with a lawsuit. And they said that, you know, the democrats or republicans were denied their due process and affiliation and so am I.

If you are not really democrats and you are not really republicans, my due process of affiliation to cause you an actual democrat or actual republican and a person who is actually not neither.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Your two minutes has concluded. Please conclude your comments, Mr. Gallant.

>> Thank you for your time and we need to tighten this up. And it's crunch time. And I think some of these definitions need to be actually.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for your comments, Mr. Gallant.

Thank you for your comments to the Commission.

At this point I will note for the record that our Chair, Brittini Kellom, has arrived in the room so I will hand over the meeting and remaining agenda items to our Chair Brittini Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Vice Chair Szetela. And that concludes as she said our public comment for this afternoon. There is no unfinished business for today's meeting so we will move on to the next agenda item. We will now move forward to new business, agenda item 6A, emergency procurement for AV for the July 22-23 meetings. And resolution 2021.7.4. Without objection, I will ask Executive Director Hammersmith to provide information on this agenda item and resolution.

Hearing no objection, please proceed Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Again we have provided for your consideration and notice of emergency procurement per our policy, notification was sent to the Commissioners as soon as we knew we would have to do this emergency procurement. For your use today as a resolution.

That indicates that the Commission can formally receive notification of this one-time procurement.

It was necessary because the AV staff could not get into the room until yesterday and did not have the bid until that time so if you have any questions please ask.

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>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I need one of those.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Any other questions for director Hammersmith? Commissioners have no questions, director Hammersmith you can move to the resolution if you have some more to say about it.

I'll entertain a motion to adopt resolution 2021.7.4.

>> So moved.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Motion made by Commissioner Rothhorn. Is there a second. Second made by Commissioner Lett. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Hearing none we will now vote on the motion to adopt the minutes of the July 8, 2021 Commission meeting.

All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it, the motion is adopted.

We will move forward to 6B consideration over time off for staff and Commissioners. Commissioners have requested this agenda item so without objection I will invite any Commissioners to weigh in regarding this.

>> Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes. Commissioner Eid, yes.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Did we vote to approve the resolution that was seconded?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: That's what I believe the resolution was for.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm sorry I thought I heard meeting minutes I must have misheard.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No worries so.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I heard the same thing.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I must have misspoke my apologies Commissioner Clark you have the same edit?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I put my hand up to talk about the next subject that we are going to get to.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange and Commissioner Eid for the correction.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay the subject could you repeat exactly what the subject was again?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Consideration for time off for us and the staff.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I want to issue an apology to the two individuals staff that I interviewed.

This subject came up I'm sorry not interviewed but made the job offer to.

The subject came up from Sue and from our communications director.

And we weren't prepared to talk about it at the time.



And I never followed up on it.

So I apologize and I think it's very appropriate that we discuss this today.

And bring resolution to it because I think time off is well deserved by anyone.

And that is working full time and we need to address that.

So I yield back.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay thank you Commissioner Clark for that thoughtful apology. And is there anything else that Commissioners would like to add about time off with that? Commissioner I'm sorry Commissioner Lange I thought that was from the first time.

Go ahead Commissioner Lange.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Imperfectly time with time off for staff.

I know they put in very long hours.

In conversations even with our legal counsel I told her myself to try and take some time for herself.

I know with the work that we are doing and being the first Commission that has done it, it's probably easier said than done.

As far as time off for the Commissioners, I think we are at a crucial point.

Our hours are going to pick up and I see it as when the hearings ended the July 1st, the last hearing we kind of did have a week off to where our next meeting was not until a week later.

So I would be a little concerned.

And again I would be concerned because I've already seen it in public comment.

We are getting paid and we are coming at a crucial point and now we are talking about Commissioners taking vacation.

If you have to miss you have to miss.

We all have things going on.

Some of us work.

Some of us have family emergencies what have you.

Some instances like that but to actually plan a vacation I think as in terms of the Commissioners themselves maybe not the best idea at this time.

And I understand about self-care.

We all need it.

And I know that all so well myself.

But I do worry about public perception especially at this stage in the game, we start scheduling vacations for ourselves.

Like I said I'm all on board for staff though and that is just my thoughts.

I yield back.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange.

Okay go ahead Commissioner Rothorn and then I have some thoughts.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you, this is Commissioner Rothorn I would agree and I want to suggest there is something about the it's also holidays that we haven't given staff nor Commissioners holidays so I guess what I'm suggesting is some sort of acknowledged break I'm thinking about the holidays that are coming around December, November, December, something like that so I want to offer a refrain because the time off is really kind of it's the self-care piece and I also want to suggest I don't want to -- I want to make sure we are not mandating that staff I want to give some autonomy to ourselves because I think Rhonda said it very well we take time off when we have to and we do have flexibility as Commissioners and the staff at our direction. If we don't give them a frame that says please right you have a holiday, something like that where when other people have holidays there is a certain amount of, yeah, I won't call that time off but it's a holiday and recognized by yeah, the nation.

And I also want to suggest that we I'm looking at the self-care as Rhonda mentioned and I think as Doug has pointed out we didn't recognize how long that we would be doing this.

We are Sprinting in some ways and I think what we are talking about now is trying to we are recognizing that we are on a marathon kind of right.

So we have got some schedules.

We didn't know what we were doing.

And we are still trying to figure it out so right now it feels like if we are going to Sprint all the way until January 1st that is a long time to keep Sprinting so what I'm suggesting is somehow that we not only frame this around time off but we consider sort of holidays and giving staff maybe the resources so that they can take care of themselves and have time for their families and maybe take time off if they can.

Right the idea they also have jobs and are committed to this work just like we are and that we will each have the autonomy if you will to get it done so that we may actually need to talk about additional staff or you know however so that they can actually take that time off, that there is places they can actually delegate the work so they can even take time off.

So I guess what I'm suggesting the way that it's called right now consideration of time off for staff and Commissioners I think it's been addressed very well.

We didn't know what we were doing in the beginning and I think we recognize that we need to do something especially for staff.

But let's consider how we give relief if you will to the staff and frankly to ourselves.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I quickly wanted to say that without you know be laboring a point I'm in favor of time off for staff and Commissioners because I think I mean we can't really repair the past or the pace that we had but I'm always concerned about burn out. And you know we have fluctuating even though we do have the option to, you know, take care of our own personal needs to avoid Commissioners, that behavior being sporadic.



I think to be proactive we should use some time and define some time to take care of ourselves so people don't feel like if we don't have time off, I have to kind of fix myself on my own.

I think as a body and there are other public bodies that have breaks for business purposes in the summer as well as their staff, they are working with so I do think we need to think about what that kind of consideration would look like.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Well, I better take a very unpopular position.

This job when all the Commissioners signed up to do, we didn't know what was going to be the extent of it.

But it became very clear very soon that basically it's going to be a lot of work for about a one year period.

The staff certainly that was interviewed and hired, if they didn't realized it should have realized it that it was going to be that type of operation.

As has been said we are coming into the final quarter and to really the work that has to be done between now and whatever date that we end up finishing it up, hopefully before, sooner than later and I don't see where we have the time or the ability to slack off at this point.

All the points about self-care, et cetera, are all valid and certainly a staff member who comes to us and says hey I need a couple days off because of this or that it would not be denied or not approved.

But to say we are going to set up a two week vacation for somebody or a one week vacation for somebody I think is totally inappropriate.

If you were in private setting, there would be no anticipation or expectation that there would be any type of vacation in the first year of your employment.

And so for all of those reasons and the staff is doing a great job.

Yeomans work, no question about it it's just we are coming into the crunch time we need all hands on deck and that's my feeling.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lett.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I agree that now is not the time that we can take time off.

When I was thinking about this, I wasn't thinking about time off for Commissioners.

But I do think it's unreasonable that our staff can't even take a holiday off.

I think holidays should be off.

They should be able to do what they want on you know like labor day coming up, and fourth of July I know they worked and that should have been off.

So I think that that needs to be addressed.

And then like MC said maybe it's not certain days off but maybe they need an assistant or something that can take some of the workload because they don't need to be working 24 hours a day seven days a week.

That is a little unreasonable.

We need to balance it out a little bit because we don't want anyone to burn out and not be able to complete the work.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Orton.  
Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: I agree with Cynthia.  
I too think that a week or two weeks' vacation is not appropriate.  
I do wish that they would take the holidays off.  
I think that they are so committed they are probably not going to.  
Because I know they tell me that they worked every day, all day long.  
Which, yes, they do need to take some time off and I also think we need to look into some help for them.

That would loosen up, yes, so they are not working 24/7.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Wagner?  
>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I just wanted to say I agree with Steve and Rhonda.  
I think Commissioners I honestly don't and I can't speak because I have not traveled like you all have, but I think we can take time off as needed for ourselves.  
And I also think maybe we can correlate staff time off with MDOS since state workers do get holidays off, that might be appropriate to look at.  
But other than that I think we are in crunch time and repeated time off is not necessary.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Szetela?  
>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I was just going to chime in that I think the concept that you shouldn't get vacation time in the first year you work someplace is sort of kind of antiquated concept.

Every job I had I got vacation time my first day of work and often it's 20 days for a year.  
And that's typically a combination of instead of it being called vacation time now it's sick time and vacation time combined together so it's personal time off.

I think it's reasonable.

I think everybody agrees on the holidays.

I think our staff should have paid holidays.

I heard from staff members every single one of our staff members worked a full day on the 4th of July while we were enjoying our friends and family and barbecues and I don't think it's fair for the staff to work and make the choice to not work and not get paid because we are getting paid and the holiday should be consistent and not disagreement on the Commission.

I think offering ten days or five days of PTO that can be used for sick time or for vacation time for the next six months or the next year would be perfectly reasonable

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because the reality is as we all know you know, people have doctor's appointment people have things they have to take care of, people may need to go to the Secretary of State and right now we have it set up where the staff has no ability to take time off and I don't think that is reasonable.

The person who work for us are not slaves and should have reasonable time to take off and be paid for that time off and be able to take care of their personal affairs.

I think that is perfectly reasonable.

I don't think we need to give them five ways but five or ten days is perfectly to be used PTO or sick or just personal time.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I would have to agree Vice Chair Szetela and just quickly because I know there are other hands and other thoughts and this might be unpopular. I know we have a hard job and this is crunch time and we have work to do but I feel like the mindset shift has to be away from this Sprinting or we are going to tire ourselves out.

There is going to be a lot of conflict and unnecessary absences so what I do know historically about self-care is to get ahead of that you have to take time off from staff or Commissioners just to identify and observe and honor everything that has already been spoken about in Commissioner and things we don't know about people's health, schedule and personal lives.

I see Commissioner Clark's hand and then Executive Director Sue Hammersmith has something to say.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

I agree with what Rebecca said.

I think not having time off for the first year of employment is an antiquated process that some companies still do.

Some don't.

I would recommend that we consider accruing for every month worked one PTO day for the staff.

And that would equate to 12-PTO day as year and excluding the using the PTO days on the holidays, holidays they should have off as everybody does.

So that is what I would recommend.

I'm not putting it forward as a motion at this point but I think that is a reasonable thing to do so I yield back.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Clark.

Sue.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I agree and I make that as a motion, this is Commissioner Lett.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you hold on a motion I was recognizing sorry Executive Director Sue Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you Commissioner Kellom. I think we just kind of wanted the discussion today so we could listen and hear and I would like for the staff to be able to come back to you with some options. We have listened and heard if there are other options, please let us know. We do currently have contracts that state there is no time off. So contracts will have to have some sort of addendum which I'm sure our General Counsel will be happy to draft something for that. Also I do want to state we do work flex time so I know if we need to take a couple hours off for an appointment, we certainly would work eight extra hours in the evening so I mean the work is getting done. The hours are being given. And you know I think every staff member is working probably 60-70 hours a week right now so I just want to acknowledge that Edward and Julianne are hard workers. Commission hired wisely you hired people who are very dedicated to getting their work done so and to supporting this Commission. So we certainly appreciate your efforts and want to work in tandem with you to make sure that this is the best that all of us can do. So if we could maybe come back next week and with further discussion, I would appreciate that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM:

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I would like to make that clear because I'm concerned if we mandate or even have a proposal it may not give the kind of relief the staff needs and may not be able to take time off because they don't have anyone to delegate it to for example and the work has to get done. As we said it's crunch time so I feel we should listen to the staff and try to get some kind of response to some recommendations they have given us.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Rothorn. Any other thoughts? Commissioner Weiss I'm sorry go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Thank you Madam Chair. I listened to all the comments and I think everything is correct. Everything makes sense.

I guess the staff that we have I find them very capable.

Very good at their jobs.

I guess my suggestion would be if they need a day off maybe they should come to us and say, hey, we need a day off or a few hours.

Maybe that's the better way to handle this rather than trying to set up some days off or whatever.

I guess I would like some input on that.

Let them make that decision if they need a day off or time off, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair good morning to the Commission.

So the contracts and I know during my contract negotiation I also advocated for holidays or paid time off options and such.

So all of staff contracts follow the same template which they are silent on that topic.

So a contract addendum I'm using a wrong word a contract amendment of 6.9 of staff employment contracts.

The other thing I would want to highlight is you currently have a combination of salaried employees and hourly employees.

So it would also be a decision of if the Commission or if the recommendations are going to be brought forward from staff for those two different categories.

But I think that the accrual method or whatever recommendations are brought can be clearly reflected in an amendment that would enable the staff to have that time and the Commission to achieve its goal of granting that accommodation.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you General Counsel.

I'm so sorry Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Thank you.

I think that if we are going to give any time off it should be where they could have some kind of assistant to take over, it should be preplanned and give them time off.

But it should be preplanned if they have an assistant or somebody who can step in for them that is adequate to do their job or adequate to hold the job down until they come back but I think all of our staff needs paid vacation.

And that if they can get somebody to hold their job down that would be perfectly fine.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Curry.

Commissioner Lange and then Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I just want to comment on Richard's.

After listening to everybody I'm leaning more towards Richard's idea, if you need time off you ask.

Doing addendums to contracts which contracts were agreed upon and signed, I'm not saying nobody needs time off.

But I think that we have been generous.

If somebody needs it off, they have been able to take it off.

And I understand they work long hours and they work very hard.

Like I said I've had conversations with Julianne about that and told her myself.

But to change contracts at this stage in the game I think it should just be if they need time off, they just bring it forward to the Commission.

We approve it.

And they plan it out the best they can.

For the times when hopefully we are not super engrossed in the work and really need them.

But and then my other question would be because I'm hearing a lot about extra staff, extra staff.

I know we just hired on administrative assistant and I would have a hard time giving vacation time to an administrative assistant that just started.

And then I'm kind of curious about the update about the legal aid.

I know we had approved for Julianne to get some help with the legal aid to come in from a company or something so I'm kind of curious what the status is of that.

And that's it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Lange.

We will wait to see if General Counsel has an update about that, but general Clark, Commissioner Clark.

Good morning.

General Clark that is your new name.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I appreciate that.

I disagree with what Richard said.

I don't think they should come to us and get permission to take time off.

It's personal time off.

I think it should be accrued.

But any way, what I would like to do is put a motion forward to table this discussion until the staff comes back with recommendations next week.

And then we will further the discussion at that point.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I second.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay I have a motion to table this topic until next week and then I have a motion from Commissioner Clark and a second from Commissioner Orton. Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Commissioner Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I want a comment on the concept of us having people come to us to ask for time off.

That is the level of micromanagement I don't want with our staff.

I want our staff to be able to arrange that between themselves when they have you know personal things, they need to take care of or doctor appointments or so on and so forth.

It's not efficient use of our time having every time someone wants to take time off to come before the Commission to get a vote.

And it's not going to work in emergency situations anyway or short notice situations any way.

All right that is all I have to say.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Vice Chair Szetela.



All those in favor of tabling this until staff comes back with proposed dates for consideration of time off, please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All those opposed please say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: The ayes have it, the motion carries and we will anxiously await to see what staff proposes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: For clarity I think the original motion was postpone the line item.

I know general Clark likes to say table but the original motion was postponed, the line item to next week and I believe when you called the result it was or excuse me when you reiterated the motion it was to postpone the line items until staff comes back with the recommendation so I think the clarity would be that the original motion that was moved and discussed was to postpone this line item until next week's agenda.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: With staff input, okay.

Do we need to restate that then? Or.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I wanted it clear for the record, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: All right, thank you General Counsel.

Okay do you okay Executive Director Hammersmith wants to answer your question, Commissioner Lange and then Commissioner Wagner I see your hand.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Commissioner Lange had asked about getting legal assistants, temporary legal assistants for Julianne.

I believe that proposal was put out twice and didn't get any bids on that and we went with litigation counsel that is out for bids and those bids are due this week I believe on the 29th.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: General Counsel.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I will definitely add to that that much like the communications and Outreach Director and Executive Director that I was intending to come to the Commission to ask for accommodation such as they received with Kristin Taylor and other individuals.

So through a group such as Robert half legal or another established entity that we were hoping would bid on that RFP.

So we are hoping to move forward with that as well.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you General Counsel.

Commissioner Lange is that sufficient for the moment? Okay, Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you, Chair Kellom.

I just wanted to make a comment that we are their employers and our staff are very intelligent people and we have already had one staff already take personal time.

And we handled that quite well.

I think notifying the Commission would be a good idea.

And I think they can work their time off between themselves.

I think Julianne pitched in for Executive Director Hammersmith when she had time off.

So I think we can manage this without the hoopla and pomp and circumstance.

That was my comment, thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Wagner.

I'm of the opinion that we don't need to micromanage, but I'll wait to see what happens next week.

Any other thoughts? General Counsel?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I just did want to reiterate again that our contracts are currently silent.

So it wouldn't...it would just be a contract amendment similar to the appendix that was attached to the EDS contract where it's just a separate sheet of paper for whatever, if any, terms or accommodations were made.

So the staff would be unable to engage in that without those amendments to our contracts because they don't speak to that topic.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you General Counsel.

Okay I think we are ready to move on to the next item on the agenda.

But there are no minutes to approve at this time so we will move to staff reports.

Director Hammersmith provided a report yesterday and today, without objection I will ask General Counsel Julianne Pastula to provide a staff report.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair.

I also had the opportunity to provide an update yesterday so I have nothing to state on the record today.

Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you General Counsel.

Without objection I will ask communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods III to provide a staff report, hearing no objection please provide your report Edward Woods III.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Just at 1:00 today we would like to present Kristin Taylor with a certificate.

She will be able to come her for her work that she did and just wanted to alert the Commission on that.

And also want to bring back proposal once we have our budget updated for June 30th with regards to some things, we can do to fill in some gaps for the communication plan to increase awareness and engagement but also looking forward to doing a documentary of the Commission so making sure that happens and that we have an accurate story.

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Earlier this week I mentioned that we did not have clips but I did share with the Commission that we do have an increase in national press in terms of awareness and so PBS news hour is coming August 19th.

So I just want to give you the date of the 5th or the 19th.

But it's the 19th of August.

So just wanted to make sure that you're aware.

We are working on the details on how that will take place.

We've heard from Reuters.

You know about the NBC national Article.

I reached out to the Brennan center they are a research firm so hoping to hear back from them but I do know that all eyes as they say are on Michigan and particularly the 13 of you because there is a belief that if Michigan can get this right this could be a model for the nation to follow as relates to Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission.

So kudos to each and every one of you for the outstanding work you are do.

Thank you so much for taking my request to speak.

There is more coming.

And so just continue to say yes and we will greatly appreciate that.

But knowing that self-care is important obviously we will balance but the presentations are coming in still virtual just so you know but as well as in person.

So thank you, thank you, thank you.

And continued thanks.

For that.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Edward Woods, III our communication and Outreach Director.

Are there any comments or questions for Edward? Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Actually I have two.

And Edward, I don't know if you've had a chance to see this week's MGGG report that was sent, the weekly one for communities of interest and how the online tool is going. Have you had a chance to see that?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I will pull it up right now.

Hold on.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Once you pull it up if you would look at page 12 that is what I'm going to reference.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That would be the last page correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: COI coverage maps.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Are you seeing the big blank areas where there has been basically no input? I'm looking at it.

I actually highlighted it.

I don't know if you guys can see the yellow.

I have a concern that the outreach is not reaching these areas as well as we should.

So I'm hoping we can come up with a plan or maybe you already have a plan to reach these areas that haven't been putting in input.

Specifically if you look at the bottom left hand one, this one strikes me really big time I guess you would say because it consists of Mason, Lake, Osceola, Clair, Newaygo and Mecosta, that is my area, that is where I live.

So I'm kind of curious if there is a plan, an action now that we have this data that kind of summarizes where we are getting input from to reach out to those communities if we are not.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We are putting a plan together, Commissioner Lange. Once we understand where our numbers are.

As you know we did cutback a little bit on our video production.

And so trying to make sure that we have adequate fund but yes there is a plan in place to fill in the gaps of our communication and outreach plan to ensure that everyone can participate while they are submitting public comments, submitting maps or submitting communities of interest.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay.

And then my second one, I just want to go on the record as saying I am very much against doing a documentary and using taxpayer money to do a documentary and I just want to go on record as saying that.

I don't feel that it furthers the job of this Commission, which our goal is to draw fair lines and I don't see how that helps us do our job and so I just want to be on the record as saying I am very, very much against using taxpayer funds to do a documentary about this Commission.

And that's all I got.

Thank you, Mr. Woods, for all of your hard work.

I do appreciate it.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Lange.

And I appreciate your comments and feedback.

But let's be clear the documentary is not to feature the Commission.

But it's to actually document its work and its process.

So that others may learn and glean from that as a best practice model.

The Commission has done a tremendous job with regards to public speaking, with regards to engagement and reaching out.

You yourself did a great job last week in terms of outreach.

There is different things that are happening.

To ensure that our communications and outreach become second to none and does it rest on its Laurels.

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You would be amazed about some of the reporters' comments that have taken place, Sergio from bridge Michigan was in Utah last week and shared how all eyes are on Michigan and what they are doing.

And how they can make a difference.

Michigan is the only state in the country where the communities of interest reflect the state's diversity and communities of interest is the third ranked criteria.

So I just want to make sure I'm clear and maybe you do understand but for the record this is not a documentary highlighting the Commission.

It's a documentary highlighting the work of the Commission.

And how it can possibly be replicated as a best practice.

As you remember when I interviewed for this position, not only did we talk about the historical nature but we also talked about the Commission being a best practice and a model to follow.

And that should not be lost for other states to consider.

And I just want to highlight not only your work but the work of your 12 colleagues in terms of everything that is going into this process to make it successful.

So once again, this is not about individual people.

It is about the work of the Commission and documenting it because it's going to be researched, it's going to be analyzed by think tanks, for dissertations and what have you.

So I think it's important that we capture it, having said that the documentary is not going to be an rah, rah, rah of the Commission.

There will be contrary voices.

There will be ballots.

It will be fair.

You will see that with the PBS news watch.

When I talked to the gentleman, he wanted to know who was supporting us and who wasn't supporting us so they can give a balanced interview.

So this will not be a biased documentary.

A root root cheering documentary but one of integrity and transparency that speaks to the work of the Commission and the fine job each and every one of you have done to ensure fair and transparent maps with citizen input.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much Edward woods III.

Commissioner Clark if you don't mind, I'm going to let Sarah Reinhardt Michigan Department of State jump in really quickly you have the floor.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I just wanted to speak to Commissioner Lange's point about filling in the maps that are on the most recent MGGG report, sorry I lost a G there. Certainly I acknowledge the importance of ensuring that all communities of interest submit public comment through the portal and draw the geographic area of their

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community of interest and you know our goal and hope is to have this entire map filled with lovely colors, so there are no blank or white spaces.

And we continue to do that, sorry, we continue to do outreach to individuals who have submitted written public comment, talking about many of these areas, encouraging them to come in and draw their maps.

But the one thing I just did want to point out about the map that Commissioner Lange was referring to, is that this is a representation of only about 130 public comments in the public comment portal.

As we mentioned before, there is close to about 1300 public comment submissions in the portal right now and only about 130 of those are mapped COIs which is what this map represents.

So while there may be some blank spaces on this graphic, there are certainly plenty of commentary about many of these areas in the public comment portal via written submissions and you may have also received many public commentary about these areas as well through verbal comments that we received at some of our hearings.

So certainly while we are encouraging members of the public in these areas to help us fill in these blank areas with COI maps there is also a wealth of public comment out there addressing some of these areas as well so I just wanted to address that point Commissioner Lange that although we are still encouraging folks to come out and draw maps there, we have heard from several members of the public from these areas and continue to do outreach there to encourage more.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you MDOS for that information.

Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thank you.

Thank you for the promotion from general to Commissioner.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: You're welcome.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to ask something of Edward.

Could you come back to us and I don't know next month or so and give us an outline of what is going to be in this documentary? So we understand all the subjects that are going to be discussed and maybe a brief overview of who is going to do the work and I believe the funding is already taken care of and the budget.

But if you could get us a lot more detail on that, I would appreciate it.

I think it's a good idea.

And that we are promoting our work.

And I think it's we will do a lot of really good publicity work for the State of Michigan.

So I support it at this point but I'd like to get more detail at some point in time.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Commissioner Clark.

Yes.



>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, Commissioner Clark that would be part of the process so when we also raise the funding for the documentary the statement of work will include all the information that you just requested.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Anything else for our communications and Outreach Director? All right without objection I will ask Sarah Reinhardt from the Michigan Department of State to provide a report if she has one.

Hearing no objection please proceed Mrs. Reinhardt.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

I have no update.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It was a great intro thank you.

We will move on to correspondence but there is no correspondence to discuss today and next on our agenda is some actual mapping with Kim Brace.

Commissioners, do we need, okay, that is what I was intuiting.

Without objection we will now recess for 15 minutes.

>> Sure.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Hearing no objections we will stand in recess until, what do we think it's 9:57, to 10:15, okay, 10:15.

[ Recess ]

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:18 am.

Will the Michigan Department of State staff please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely.

Good morning, Commissioners.

Please say present when I call your name and please state the location if you are attending the meeting remotely from by stating county, city, township, or village where you are attending the meeting remotely.

I'll start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present. Attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present. Attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 12 Commissions are present and there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Michigan Department of State staff and continuing the agenda and geographic with which to begin mapping and this part of the agenda will be led by Kim Brace.

And Kim Brace, you have the floor.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you, Commissioner.

This is Kim Brace with Election Data Services.

We are happy to be here once again.

I wanted to take a moment of personal privilege to cite two stories to you.

You will discover that I am one that is heavily interested in the history but I wanted to give you some history on the redistricting front.

And the reason why your discussion this morning was so important regarding people's health.

Back in 1990 I was a consultant for Florida's redistricting task force and Commission.

And staff that they had.

And became good friends with the staff director.

His name was George Myer.

George did some very innovative things in redistricting.

One of the most intriguing things is that with his staff he created or he had created a wooden block in the form of the state of Florida where you had little cut out pieces of every County in Florida.

And the requirement for staff was to put together the state of Florida, all the counties and he would time them.

Obviously at the beginning of the -- of their efforts they took a while to put together the state in terms of these cut outs.

But over time they became very much more aware of where each County was and the names, he was able to take the names off of the counties and just by shape, could put together the state of Florida.

It was an intriguing effort to make sure that people understood what Florida was made of.

It will be intriguing if somebody tries to do that with Michigan.

Because you have so many square counties in that regard.

But you will become much more familiar with them.

I point out the story about George because George did this for the 1990 round of redistricting for the state of Florida.

He ended up retiring later on that decade.

And went out on his own.

And the 2000 round of redistricting was a consultant around the country.

He was consultant to New York City's Redistricting Commission.

And unfortunately, because he did not take care of himself, he ended up passing away with his hands on the mouse, helping New York City do their redistricting.

We don't want to see that happen to other people.

So by all means take care of your health.

That's the most important thing.

Other people have cited that there was an NCSL conference state legislature's conference last week in Utah.

I attended that.

We had over 480 people that were at this conference.

About 75% of them were what we called newbies, they had never done this before so it was a great learning experience and taught by a number of us elders on that front.

Unfortunately, one of those elders was there last week on Thursday when we all broke up.

He went back to Louisiana and Glen kept the Secretary of State passed away this Monday.

So he was old like all of us but just take care of yourself.

That is the most important thing so with that personal privilege what we are here today to talk about the various things that are possible and we are going to run some sessions as it relates to map drawing.

What we design and we cleared it with Sue in terms of the process and we are going to end up starting off today drawing regions.

We have talked about regions.

I had introduced the concept of the Jurgs if you recall.

They are in essence regions.

What I thought we would do use the development of regions and let people participate in this process.

And design the regions and let several people design the regions so what I want to do is show some of the software, use the region building process as a training tool.

So that people understand how some of the software can work.

I asked Sue to send the links to three of the more technically inclined individuals, general Clark himself there as well as Anthony and MC to be our guinea pigs in this session.

But we will have or let everybody do it as it goes on.

What we are going to do is we are going to I want to start off and show you the software that is my Districting piece.

This is the public interface software and we are going to use that for right now to draw these regions.

It's something we can do because it is a web based system.

It's not a piece of software that you install.

As Sue has mentioned to you, we are still in the process of getting okayed in terms of installing the more robust Autobound edge on to each of your notebooks and so hopefully that will come about so that we can have for you next week and do another more extensive training on that side next week we have to get passed the mechanics of getting this on your machines and it has delayed a little bit.

We will start with my Districting because we don't have to worry about that thing. It's web based and it's something we will put up on the...your website so that anybody and everybody in the State of Michigan can come on board and draw their own boundaries and draw their own concepts of districts.

We are going to use the creation of regions today to kind of introduce this concept to everybody and how the software can work.

So that is the general goal.

We want to do regions today.

And we are in the process of finishing up the database that we will work with the more extensive Autobound end system and getting that so that could be something that we are envisioning to be able to do demonstrations on next week for you and having everybody being able to use next week to be able to start line drawing yourself with the software on your system.

To experiment and see how that operates also.

So that is what the goal is for today.

The other piece of the goal is that we are going to try to get everybody signed up into this software, the MyDistricting software.

And then the task for each of you as Commissioners is to go forward over the weekend and first part of next week and experiment.

Draw your own kind of regional areas of the state, what you think so that we can next Thursday at your meeting review everything with everybody. And see how people were able to deal with the software.

So, Doug, I see you got a question.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I do, Kim.

I missed, I had an Internet connection bounce so I missed a little bit of what you said so I hope I don't repeat anything.

But is the objective today to solidified our regions? And cast them in stone? Or is it just to practice putting them together?

>> KIM BRACE: Today is really practice putting them together.

Because I want to let everybody have a hand at this over the weekend and first part of next week so that we can next Thursday come back and kind of look towards solidifying everyone's ideas and maybe come up with two different regional concepts and plans and that sort of thing.

So today is really just demonstration and how the software functions and works.

And not necessarily to settle on something.

I'm going to call on a couple of you guys to be the guinea pigs today as this process goes forward, but we will all be able to be guinea pigs over this next week so that then we can come together next Thursday, kind of talk about what makes sense regionally in the state because what we will also do then as part of next week's exercise, after we kind of ultimately kind of finalize on where we stand on regions, we are going to put together within Autobound edge an experimental redistricting process.

We are going to take a region of the state and segment that off as something that we can call the state of region X or Y and we will end up taking the populations that is better there.

And create, say, that the state allows for 19, 21, whatever number we come up with districts to be drawn.

And we will do that as part of using Autobound edge next week in doing that so that you start seeing the more extensive capabilities of the edge product as opposed to the MyDistricting.

But you start understanding how some of that comes together.

We are going to also ask you as part of your homework assignment for this coming week is to start looking at some of the comments that people have put in to place, particularly that are in the area that you are creating as the subset of the state.

So that you can start saying as we get into this region, hey, we've got this comment over here, and we should put together the Townships together or split them apart, whatever the case may be.

So we want you to be able to look at what the comments are that you've gotten back as we are doing this practicing session.

This is not, you know, drawing the number of State House or State Senate districts in this particular region as of yet.

We want to do it as keeping apart this from redistricting itself to really education.

And testing and seeing how things work so that each of you get the experience that will be necessary as we do get into the line drawing of the State House and the State Senate and ultimately the Congressional districts on that side.

So that's a long winded answer to your question, Doug.

But that's what our goal is, is to try to give some of the training background, use it as experiments, let people see how it operates.

And it will be you know live before everybody because that's the great experience, the experiment that you guys are doing is doing this all live.

Any other questions? Before we begin? Nobody.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: No questions.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you there.

Okay so I'm going to end up sharing my screen.

So that you can see what we are going to be looking at.

And let me get everything set here.

Okay can everybody see my screen that's got my browser up? It's got pictures of.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, we can see it, Mr. Brace.

>> KIM BRACE: Great.

So what this is, this is the MyDistricting software.

And it has two different component pieces to it.

There is an administrative piece that lets people really kind of control behind the scenes and take a look at where things are and set things up.

And there is a user side of the screens where the users would end up having a dashboard that has message board on it.

If there is messages for the users.

It has a plan manager system where the plans that you create are shown and listed.

And then it's got a plan editor function where you can draw districts based on different things.

So this is just some early experiments in terms of getting that together as a plan.

So the system ends up letting the user draw districts on that side and create districts.

And so that's what we are going to do today as it relates to the user side of things.

As I mentioned, also on the administrative side, the administrator ends up having a more complete look at where things stand.

We would envision the administrator of this be both myself, as well as our staff, but also Sue from the standpoint of the -- of your staff to be able to see what's coming in because part of what comes in is not only the users and being able to verify and we will do that with each of you so that you will become users on this.

And adding that on that side.



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So we know who is in on the system.

The public will be listed here too.

Whoever is signing up in the system will show up here as users.

The plan manager side of things, these are the various regions or plans that are being created in the system.

They are utilizing what the system calls plan types.

So we have set up the Congressional State House, State Senate as plan types in that regard.

And a plan type of Jurgs so that will be our regions that we are going to be creating on that side.

But these plan types are set or have been set up here within the system so that we can draw or people can draw any of these three types of districts on that side.

It does have a community of interest component.

We are still working with Moon Duchin to see how we can get her communities of interest into the system and so we are waiting for that kind of plan.

And effort.

It also has the capability of keeping track of when a plan that goes live for everybody to review, they have the capability of putting comments on that plan.

And those comments will be part of this administrative side of things to see those and they will end up being viewable by the public also of comments that you could attach to a plan or a given area of a plan on that side.

So that's all part of the administrative side of the MyDistricting system.

And the user side of my Districting.

User side is more focused on just the plan itself and creating and mapping that plan in that sense.

So that's the kinds of major functionalities that there are in my District.

The Autobound edge system has a lot more things.

So this is kind of a user portal into the whole operation and using my Districting, which is again a web based system as opposed to a desktop system like Autobound edge is.

So that's kind of the big, big overview.

Are there questions on the big overview side of things? Rhonda, go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just real quick for clarification, you are going over the administrative side.

When you said that comments would be put on it and the administrator will be able to see it will the Commissioners as user be able to see comments?

>> KIM BRACE: We will end up ultimately putting all of you as Commissioners also being a user account so that, yes, you will be able to sign on that way and see all the comments of the COIs and that sort of thing.

Right now we are going to have you come on as a user so that you can see how it's used to draw.

But, yes, my vision is each of you will become an administrator so that you can see what all these comments are and plans when they are approved.

I say approved but what the system does is it lets you draw the plan yourself as a user.

Nobody at that point in time really sees what your plan is.

That is your plan.

As a user.

As a member of the Commission.

Or as the public, they can draw their plan and when they get to a point where they are satisfied and they want it to be viewable and we have other people do that, they have the capability which I will show you of being able to finalize the plan.

The effect of that is that it gets logged in to the system as the plan that then is viewable by anybody on the system.

So that's when your concept or your plan, quote, unquote, is then viewable by anybody on the system.

And that will ultimately, those plans would be posted into the users.

This again is the user dashboard.

In the user's plan manager.

So as you come up with, you know, concepts or the public comes up with concepts that they want to show everybody, this would show up both in the plan manager side as well as in the administrator's plan manager side.

Okay? So you kind of see how things kind of migrate together and work together on that side.

Does that satisfy you, Rhonda? Great, okay.

Any other questions?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: No questions, Kim.

>> KIM BRACE: All right, good, okay I also have Ryan Taylor of my staff on this call so that if there are things that he wants to add in or provide me directions, that's what you may see him coming in for also in that regard.

So what I want to do is I want to start off by letting somebody come on.

And designate themselves as a user.

I have sent to Sue a link, and I asked her to send that link to Doug, to MC and to Anthony so that you guys could end up coming on.

And the goal would be, at least on my side is make use of the Zoom capability.

And I see that MC has come on with his machine.

I don't see Anthony yet.

And Doug I don't know if you Linked into the Zoom session with that separate one off of your computer.

That's the goal so that we could see on your machine and help direct you to become a user so it's not the link I'm sending to you that Sue is but the link from Sarah and getting your computer on to Zoom.

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Doug, you have video on yours.

MC, I see you.

I'm assuming that is your computer as opposed to because MC you're in the auditorium there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just hit the link.

So it brings me a log in screen.

>> KIM BRACE: Don't go any further.

That is the log in for what we want to ultimately do.

But we want to see your computer.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want me to share?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay got it.

Can you see that?

>> KIM BRACE: I can see that, great, okay.

So this is the log-in screen that a user would see when they first come on and the link that I had sent to Sue that she sent to Doug and to MC and Anthony, this is the link to the system we've set up for the State of Michigan on the MyDistricting system.

And this is what appears when they first click that link.

As I said, we will put that link up on the Commission's page.

So that the general public could click on this.

And come in and sign up.

And draw and use the MyDistricting system.

So that's kind of the goal is that this link would live on your guys' page somewhere.

We will have to see where we want to put that.

So that then the users could come into the system and use it to draw District configuration concepts, okay? So when the user comes on, it's asking for an e-mail address and a password.

Well, obviously the first time they do this they don't have an account.

And so that is where, go ahead Doug and click on register to set up the account.

So this is the account that you want to set up.

And it looks like you've got, yep, there you go, good.

All right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I messed up, okay.

>> KIM BRACE: That happens many of times.

So, yeah, and then you select each user selects whatever password they want to utilize.

Keep in mind that this is internal to you and you need to remember that password.

So on that side.

So now what happens is, wait a minute, hold on, what happens is there is a verification phase that happens.

It gets sent to your e-mail address that you have used here.

This way we can ultimately make sure that we don't get Russian bottles or that sort of thing with fake e-mail addresses coming on.

It's a mechanism to help verify that you are really you and that you're doing this as opposed to some macro sitting up and signing up for everything someplace else.

So that's the -- go ahead and close that.

This is the verification link.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want me to close it?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

Go ahead.

And what that does then is it sends an e-mail to your e-mail box.

The Clark D32@Michigan.gov.

And it asks you to verify that it is you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You want me to do that?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

Now, Doug, before you go any further, let me share my screen because I want you to see what I'm seeing because I see that you've signed on, on that side, so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've got the e-mail but I have not clicked the link.

>> KIM BRACE: Good because I don't want you to.

I want to show you what is going to happen.

So go ahead and unshare your screen so that then I can share my screen again.

I'm going to now show you what I'm showing on my screen.

Can everybody see this now?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Can you I'm sorry maximize your screen? It's easy to see but just hit that, yep, you got it.

Thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you for reminding me.

I meant to do that.

I apologize.

So here I am as the administrator I'm seeing that Doug as well as MC and Anthony have come on to look to be a user and Anthony has gone one step further.

He has verified himself.

So he is responded to that e-mail and said that he is legitimately him.

So he becomes in the system a verified user.

Doug has not said that he is verified, so we have two capabilities, the e-mail you have been sent is your way of verifying just like what Anthony did or the administrator here if there is any kind of problems, I could end up verifying that it's you in that regard.

But go ahead, Doug, and verify yourself off of the e-mail.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I got to get to it.

I clicked the link.

>> KIM BRACE: What I have to do on my side to see what Doug has done, I need to refresh this screen.

And there we see that Doug has been verified.

And MC has verified himself also so this is how we know that you guys are legitimate. You've responded to that e-mail that was sent to you and you have become a verified user in the MyDistricting system.

As I said we will probably have a whole bunch of people.

Certainly by the time we get you guys through this in this next week all of you will become verified users of the system.

And then it will be opened up to other individuals, public individuals on being able to be a verified user.

This again is a user on my Districting system.

It's not a user yet on the Autobound edge system, okay? But this is how we let people and the general public utilize this.

So all three of you guys are now verified users I can look at if there is any issues with any of you signing up, if we need to reset the password, the administrator has that capability.

If you set up a different password from everything else you use and you forget it, I can go in here and reset it on that side and Sue would be able to do the same if we have got people that are saying oh, crap, I can't remember what it is that I signed or what password I used.

So all of that is capable.

I could also end up going in and editing and basically this is where editing a user is where you have the capability.

Right now we are going to keep you as a user, but ultimately, we will be able to flip you to also be the administrator.

Okay? So that's how we will end up graduating you guys from a user up to an administrator so that you can end up seeing the plans that are coming in and communities of interest and that sort of thing.

So that's how that operation takes place again within this administrative side of things, with my District.

Now, let's go over to plans and, Doug, if you want to be our guinea pig again, I'm going to give you back control of the screen so let me stop share on mine.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: And go ahead and log back in to share your screen.

That is what I want to see, exactly.

So this is the user side of things.

You will see that Doug Clark is the user here in the upper left hand side.

So that you know where we are.

You have become ultimately you will become a user down in here too.

But we do have you into the system because it's logging you in with that part of the screen up in the upper left.

So you are in dashboard right now.

What we are going to want to do is we are going to want to look at first off, the plans.

So go down to plan manager.

And right now there is nothing.

Because you haven't created a plan.

In this system there is a way of importing a plan which ultimately is what we are doing but right now we want to create a plan.

We will import a plan when we get to the stage of making modifications on existing districts or creating a whole new plan which is what you know we have heard a lot from the public also who is just scrapping it.

So this will be the mechanism that one could do that.

Again users would have that capability if they wanted to start from the existing State Senate District and use that to draw and modify for their area, that is a way of dealing with it and so they can start with something and draw off of that or they can start from blank and that would be create plan so that is what this screen lets the user do.

So go ahead, Doug and say create plan.

Okay this is where you get to name that plan.

So, Doug, whatever name you want to give to this plan.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This is a test plan?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

So you can say Doug's test one or put your name in there so that we, you know, I'm sure we are going to have test plan, lots of them, so for the individuals.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do we normally put the name at the beginning or the end?

>> KIM BRACE: Doesn't make any difference.

The sort would take place.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want all the tests to come together.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, good idea.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay whatever description you want to give it.

You've got space there to.

Okay plan type, this is where go ahead and click.

You will see then these four scenarios, these four plan types that we had identified before.

Congressional, State House, State Senate and Jurg so you want to select Jurg.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I select region, okay Jurg.

>> KIM BRACE: And right now it's set up to be a Jurg setting up for nine districts.



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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I change that?

>> KIM BRACE: That is what I'm not sure.

We are experimenting as much as you are too so see if you can change nine to.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, I can't edit that.

>> KIM BRACE: That is what I wasn't sure.

I didn't think you could.

That does bring into play something that we had discovered also yesterday.

Is when we set up the plan type with Jurgs, we initially set it up with nine districts.

What we can do is we can set up a plan type of Jurgs-10 or Jurgs-11 or any different plan types so you can select how many districts in that way.

And that would be a process of selecting the plan type.

So that we will have multiple Jurg plan types on a number of regions.

Once that plan is set in terms of how many districts, it is set.

Okay? So we will need to if we want to give people the capability over this next week of looking at different number of Jurgs or regions that they want to set up we will need to set up as additional plan types.

So you checked off the start with a blank plan which is what we want to do.

So go ahead and hit submit.

And so now it's setting up and showing that you in the plan manager have set up to create this plan.

Now give me back control because I want to flip back to what I'm seeing here, so you understand what the administrator sees.

Let me go back in to share of that.

So I'm back in the administrator and we know this is what we have seen before with the plan.

With the users but the plan manager we click on there and we see that Doug's plan is getting logged in, okay, as the administrator of the system.

So we know that Doug is there, starting with his plan.

Now we could, once he approves his plan, then we can end up seeing that on here.

He is editing right now and I'm not sure whether or not I can end up opening the plan.

I don't want to do that yet but certainly until you say you want to let everybody see it that is what we are looking at is being the test.

We know that you're in there creating a plan, but we don't really see what you're drawing yet in that regard.

So that is what the administrator will end up seeing in this regard.

Now one other component that is here as an administrator is showing what's possible in terms of creating a plan.

So you see on my screen we can set up a threshold on what is the percent deviation range that is acceptable.

We can enable that.

So this is set up for 5% above 5% below.

So you could end up you know if you wanted to set up another plan that would have a different deviation range that can be set up in the administrator on that side.

These other two buttons are kind of important to realize what is taking place. This is, again, set by the administrator of the system and the first set of buttons is kind of a control of what plans are being submitted.

And the system will allow you to verify a plan and only once a plan has been verified does it become an official plan.

So that invalid plan is potentially somebody that has not drawn the entire state for example.

If you wanted to redistrict that as one of the validation processes that everything has to be assigned and no duplicate assignments is kind of a verification.

Right now we are going to allow submissions from valid plans with a warning in this instance.

That way if indeed Doug only wants to create Jurys for the upper part of Michigan and that is his whole goal just to do that the rest of the state, down state is not put into his regions.

By hitting this button here, when he goes to submit, it would come back and say hey, you have assigned.

If we have this button here clicked, that is okay.

You could come in with a plan that's got less than the entire state assigned in essence.

So that is what controls a plan submittal in that regard.

The other plan editor type function is also important from everybody understanding what happens.

There are to major functions in creating a plan.

One is selecting what layers you're going to select with.

And how you could switch back and forth between layers.

And we are going to keep this right now on option B, which basically says and when we look at these plans you will see you have a drop-down menu that you set when you want to start drawing plans of what layers do you want to use for selection.

Counties, Townships, precincts and census blocks are the default characteristics or default geography to use to create a plan.

And so by having option B there, that drop-down menu is what controls.

If we were to go to option A, suddenly you start seeing what's called an ungrouping and regrouping process taking place.

That's a little bit harder to explain and to understand.

So for right now we are keeping this on option B as the option for selecting and selecting which layers you want.

So that is what takes place behind the scenes in terms of set up and how it would appear for people.

Again, we have already talked about plan types on that side but this is what takes place within the plan manager.

Again, from the administrator user standpoint.

The administrator's capability.

So Doug is properly logged in with his plan.

He is going to create the Jurgs with nine districts.

So, Doug, I'm going to give it back to you.

I'm going to stop sharing my screen, give it back to you so we can see what you see as a user.

So this is Doug's screen and for his plan and for this plan that he wants to create.

So go ahead and open the plan, Doug.

Yep.

Okay, what this does is it kicks off the plan and it's set for the State of Michigan.

And let me show you a couple of component pieces of what this is.

If you want to expand your screen, Doug, so that we see it, yeah, that button there, okay, that's better, good.

Okay, so what Doug is seeing on his screen is what any user will end up seeing.

That will be a map on the top part.

And on the bottom is a spreadsheet.

That spreadsheet changes characteristics, changes population counts, as you draw.

On the left hand side it's the plan overview.

And so that is where it highlights as you start creating a plan, what is the highest and the lowest population deviation so that you can start seeing are you building it within the tolerance that ultimately you want to do.

Now, for our purposes today, we are creating regions that don't matter what the population is.

You will see it as we create it.

But we don't care to get things within 5% or 10 percent, okay? In these regional plans.

Because what we are trying to do is validate or create a regions without regard to the number of people there.

So that is important to recognize in this regional plan that we are creating.

So it will when Doug gets finished, we will, you know, show probably a wide deviation range with regions, that's fine.

We don't care about that, in that regard.

So what -- and then on the bottom of the screen is your spreadsheet.

And you select the District number that you want to.

And that's what you end up starting.

So we are going to start with District one.

You need to select the color that will trigger, okay.

And you see how that changed.

And it lets you set the color of that District.

That's fine, purple.

And it switched the bar on from being the unassigned, which was what it was before, now to District one.

Okay, stop there.

What we will do is let me look at the other parts of the screen so you can see what is going to happen.

So first off what Doug wants to do is he will want to use what level he wants to deal with.

So Doug next to your name it says select assignment area, yep.

So this is where you see what I have just been talking to you about.

Whole counties can be assigned.

Whole Townships can be assigned.

Precincts can be assigned or down to census blocks.

That's the four tiers of geography that we have available within this right now, where we want to go and work with.

So, Doug, go ahead and select counties because we want to do these regions on the basis of whole counties.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Can I change that later if I wanted?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

And I will show you that too.

But right now we are going to try to do regions on the basis of whole counties.

Certainly when you get down to starting to draw on districts, you are going to select, you know, whichever region you want to, to start playing with the deviations and you will be down at the block level in no time on that regard.

But for right now we are going to stay at the County level for purples of this exercise.

Now, let me explain a couple more things on this screen.

The upper right hand side you have map scale.

That's important to recognize.

Right now this is scaled to a five.

That's the Zoom level.

Not styles.

The blue bar down below.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Wait a minute, I got the pictures in front of me.

Hold on.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, all right, I'm not seeing the pictures so go ahead and do map tiles.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I moved the pictures, okay, map, Zoom, scale?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

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>> KIM BRACE: We are at the Zoom where you will see the counties.

You can end up going down to different layers as you Zoom in, being zoomed in with either the plus or minus button on the left hand side or select from map scale what is kind of a preset.

So counties are set up as a Zoom level of five but you see Townships are a Zoom level of 11.

And precincts are also at 13 and then census blocks to get down there, your Zoom level is going to be at 15.

So you're going to end up in order to see the census blocks you got to be zoomed in real far, okay? It's not going to put census blocks on a whole statewide map because it will be drawing boundaries for God knows how long in that regard.

So it's governed by what Zoom level you are in on and what you can see.

So the map Zoom scale is important to comprehend what it's doing and in the system that's what's giving you the capability of seeing the different levels of geography that can be assigned to a District in that regard.

All right, Doug, why don't you click up on where it says map or satellite.

Click on satellite.

So what that does for the user is do a different background, okay? So you can end up the user can look at either just the map without a background or satellite images if they wanted to see, you know, where is that church I want to put into my District I'm trying to create.

You can use the satellite view as a way of seeing that kind of capability in that regard.

All right, go up to map styles.

Okay, this is different ways of looking at the data.

So right now we are at default.

Go to night.

So you see the different views that you have.

Go to retro.

You're not seeing satellite imagery.

You can see kind of the image of a highway map.

As you Zoom in you would see more detail.

So why don't you, we will keep it on retro and, Doug, go over to the lower left hand side with the plus and minus button.

You see in the lower left.

That is the within the map, sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Within the map, what do you want me to hit?

>> KIM BRACE: Hit plus so that is going to Zoom you in.

Go ahead and hit plus again and that is going to Zoom you in closer.

Notice the County boundaries are there.

So we are now at Zoom level seven.

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If you look back over on the right hand side, you will see that you're at Zoom level seven.

What you're looking at right now.

Go ahead and Zoom one more time.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay hold on.

Yeah.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep, okay, so now you are at Zoom level eight.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Click another time.

That's nine.

Click once more.

All right you want to move the map, you can click on any part of the map and just kind of drag it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: So you have the capability of mapping and, you know, seeing anywhere in.

So let's stay up here in Traverse City area and Zoom, so you are at 10, now Zoom in one more time.

And you're now at 11.

Ah-ha, I have new pieces of geography.

So at Zoom 11 you start seeing the Townships, okay? And while it says, this is what you need to keep in mind, you can Zoom on in and you can see the Township boundaries but right now your assignment level is the County.

So while you could see the Townships here you are not really selecting Townships unless you drop down that box that we looked at before to the Township level.

But let me show you what happens.

So, Doug, go ahead and you're set to assign to District one.

And you're in.

You can see the Townships but keep it at the County assignment level.

Yes, that's fine.

So right now let's go to, okay, you see the warning that came up?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Your assignment failed because you are at the County level and you are down attempting to assign at the Township level, okay? So you can -- while you're doing it, Doug, go ahead and change that box assignment in the bottom, next to your name, to be Township level as opposed to County.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What box?

>> KIM BRACE: Where it says counties, largest, that drop-down box that we had set before, we set it to counties.

I want to change it to Townships.



>> CHAIR KELLOM: Doug near the bottom in the white space.  
>> KIM BRACE: In the white space.  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Down here.  
>> KIM BRACE: Up above, right there.  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I got it, thank you Brittini.  
>> CHAIR KELLOM: No problem general.  
>> KIM BRACE: Change that to Townships.  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.  
>> KIM BRACE: Okay, all right, now when you click on a Township you should be able to assign it.  
>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me get the peninsula, okay.  
>> KIM BRACE: Now you are selecting that piece of geography or that Township to go into this District.

Now it's not letting you do it yet.

It will show in yellow what territory you selected, okay? Now, hold down your control, your left control button.

I think it's a control button.

And move your mouse over to the left for the other Townships.

Okay.

It's not that.

Do the shift button instead of the control button.

Yep, there we go.

This is how you can assign a whole bunch of territory, okay? Notice as you move your mouse over it, keeping the shift button down, you're selecting more and more territory at, in this instance the Township level to assign.

Okay? So that's how you can select a large area or a large number of entities depending upon what level you're at and assign them in a more global kind of a fashion. If you don't hold down the shift key, then you're clicking one entity at a time.

So that's the two mechanisms that you can assign territory on that side.

Now.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: How do I get rid of one?

>> KIM BRACE: So what you want to do see where it says clear selection.

No, down below, next to, yeah, on that line, no not there, on the right hand side you see it says clear selection, unassign.

So clear the selection and it eliminates your selection, okay? If you wanted to assign, then you would hit the assign button.

We don't want to do that yet because we want to stay up at the County level.

So clear selection.

But this is the way that people would end up drawing, okay? So we are going to go back up to the County level so that we can draw our regions.

So, yep, that's correct, Doug.

Okay, you do have the capability on that right hand side of not only clearing the selection but if you hit assign and you say, well, I don't really want to do that, you've got the unassign button too, okay? So you can see some of the mechanisms you can work on in that regard.

So while we are down here at this level go down to the silver level in terms of the view. In the upper right hand side, you see where it was default before and we did night.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Go down to the silver level.

It's a different way of looking at the maps.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's still Townships.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, because you are at that Township level.

Go up to blue.

Okay, it's a little bit dark, but not too bad, but it shows you just a different depiction on the map.

And then go back to default.

And the default is that aerial, okay? That is because right now we have those two buttons up on the top of that, of the box there.

You clicked on satellite.

So click on map instead.

And there is your map.

Okay, so the user has multiple ways that he can see what he wants to see.

And so that's both in terms of the map or satellite buttons up there.

Or it's part of that, the selection of map styles on that regard.

Okay? Questions from anybody on this? Yeah, go ahead and hide it, Doug.

Questions from anybody?

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Eid has a question, Kim.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes Anthony.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thanks Mr. Brace.

Is there a way for the software to display the County names doing this?

>> KIM BRACE: If you go back there is some labeling so Doug go ahead and Zoom back.

We want to get back to a different Zoom level.

You can do that in the plus or minus so it would be.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That's correct.

>> KIM BRACE: In the minus one.

Okay, so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: All right how far do you want me to Zoom back?

>> KIM BRACE: That is fine.

You are back down at six.

Do in a little bit more.

No, that is Zooming out.

Use the plus sign.

Okay, the dots there is where you have the capability of seeing characteristics the way this is set right now.

And it is set for, as Doug is showing you, the value and right now the value is set at the total population, I believe.

And Ryan, what's the way to make the change from the value? I don't remember.

Ryan, are you there? You need to unmute yourself, Ryan.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Mr. Brace this is Commissioner Szetela I noticed when Doug had the drop down menu, he is above right now it said Township available at level 11 and it's saying current Zoom is 7 and so I'm wondering if it just goes to a 11 and plus or minus would show the Township name and it looks like it is programmed in but it could be totally wrong.

>> KIM BRACE: It's partly there.

I'm trying to remember what the label functions are.

And that's where I was looking for Ryan's help on this regard.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Kim, he responded in the chat.

>> KIM BRACE: Let's see.

He is showing unmuted.

Well, that is an interesting fact.

Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: There is eight.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: This is Sarah with the Department of State.

Ryan is experiencing some technical issues and he is going to log off and log back on and hopefully that will resolve it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you Sarah.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you, Sarah, by all means.

Okay.

Okay.

Let's see.

All right, Doug, at some point in time you had selected the validate plan.

Go ahead and clear that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I cleared that oh, here.

>> KIM BRACE: The blue bar, yeah, okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I go to the blue bar it doesn't give me the arrow to click anything.

Where it says clear?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's not working.

>> KIM BRACE: Huh, okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can do that, but then it just comes back.

>> KIM BRACE: It comes back, that is the validation process again.

Okay, well we will have to see what is doing on that side.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, the other thing is next to the plus or minus where we were Zooming in and out, there is a little map box.

Click on that.

So this, okay, this is where, this is partly what I was looking for.

What this is, is that it lets you select, if you remember when you moved your mouse around it had a number, right now that number is set up in all three instances to be the total number of persons in the geography you are selecting.

So keep the top one as TA persons.

And do the second one and click on that.

We are going to set that to be something else.

So you have within the system you will notice on the bottom part on the spreadsheet we've got total persons, we also have Hispanics that is TA Hispanic.

And VA Hispanic is the voting age Hispanic.

And then we have the total persons that are white alone.

The ALN is alone.

So this is in the census designations.

And so we have set up the spreadsheet to show Hispanics and Hispanics of voting age, then whites, Blacks alone, American Indians and Asians.

Those are the data items that are in your columns, that are on the bottom, but it's also as part of you're selecting what numbers you are seeing.

So on the second one put that to Hispanic of voting age.

The VA, yes VA Hispanic.

And then the third one let's put African/Americans.

That would be the TA Black alone.

Okay, so this is now the three numbers that you will see, okay? So go ahead and hide the map tips.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Where do I see them here?

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, now I think it's also governed by the scale, but that's where I'm waiting for Ryan to come back in.

>> Ryan: Can you hear me, Kim?

>> KIM BRACE: I can hear you now.

>> Ryan: Got that connection problem figured out.

You might have to change the Zoom at one level to get the map tips to update.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Increase it?

>> KIM BRACE: Increase it there Doug.

>> Ryan: Hover over it, huh, okay.

It's still just showing the total population?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, just a single number, yes.

>> Ryan: I will look on mine.

The topic of the idea of adding county labels we need to talk to the developers about that function.

Because right now they only have it set for the population data.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, all right, Ryan is taking notes as we are going through this so that he's got stuff to feedback to Fred and his people that are doing this.

Good question Anthony on that side.

And try doing clear again on the validation.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't even get an arrow.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold on.

No, I don't get an arrow.

>> Ryan: So what Doug has to do is he has to keep the tip window open so I would say open up that little map tip window.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This one, styles?

>> Ryan: The one where you chose the fields to display.

>> KIM BRACE: That one to the left.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This one.

>> Ryan: Now when you hover over now that is updating.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, now it's updating.

But my validation plan I can't close that, validate plan.

>> KIM BRACE: I'm not sure.

>> Ryan: Just press clear.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't get an arrow, yeah.

I don't know if you can see it on the screen.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, I can see.

I don't know.

We will have to talk to Fred on this one.

Doug you can hide the map tips menu on the left-hand side.

See if the blue bar works.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, yeah, yeah.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, see that one works but the clear is not working on the validate plan.

So, okay.

>> Ryan: It's working on mine.

I have the exact same set up here.

I'll add that in the notes to the developer.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: I wonder Doug if you just click inside the box under validate plan to just sort of select it anywhere in the box and then try to click clear.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No, see I don't get an arrow when I get down to the clear.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, so, okay, so we will take that back and look towards getting that one fixed.

On that side.

All right so Doug go back and Zoom out so that we see most will I counties.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Like that.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, so what we are going to do is go back and do what everybody thought we were starting to do we are going to assign to District one so this will be region one the territories and which counties you want to assign to it.

Now let's think about what we are really doing.

We are starting to build regions and what you will see is like building Directors it partly depends on where you start so Doug this is going to be your plan for regions.

Where do you want to start? At U P or Wayne? Or during the state.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to start UP and the reason I want to do that is because I don't want to paint myself in the corner on regions but I have more population in the southeast part of the state to manipulate things so I think I want to start at the northwest.

>> KIM BRACE: Remember these regions are not governed by how many people there are.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: That is true.

>> KIM BRACE: Just trying to assign territory.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: How I perceive the state.

>> KIM BRACE: That is correct.

I want to make a couple of comments.

One of the things we heard in the hearings is the lakeshore communities want to be together but half the counties on the lakeshore or on the lakeshore there are territories on the lakeshore but the rest is farming areas which is not considered lakeshore communities, so I would break it down to townships at that point would I not?

>> KIM BRACE: That is probably true but for the purposes over doing regions I'm going to restrict you to whole counties.

But you are correct you've got the right thought process down to really start showing some of the things that maybe I want to do that is an important concept and right now I will be the terrible person in the crowd and say you can't do that for the region.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Go by counties.



>> KIM BRACE: Where do you want to do region one? This is District one we will assign.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I will start down in the southwest corner.

>> KIM BRACE: So you want to Zoom in a little bit.

And again you can move the map around.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can go down, yes.

>> KIM BRACE: So that is not a bad level of geography to show what you are doing on that side so okay so you are assigning to District one and if you click on a county down there.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: It's not showing yellow, is it?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: No.

>> KIM BRACE: Ryan current selection what is it doing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Click on the dot or the county?

>> KIM BRACE: Should be just the county because you are so you have assigned that first county.

Now before you do anything let's see what the spreadsheet looks like if you look down below on the spreadsheet in the yellow color, that is the current selection so on the one county it has 76,258 persons in it.

Okay and the various racial mixes.

Now this right now is 2010 data.

And for purposes of this exercise we were able to put in just the 2010.

We will have next week some of the more ACS data and the Esry data for example but right now we have got the 2010 data.

Part of the other thing to recognize is that in the in my Districting system you're basically set for 20 columns of data.

Right now we done have up to 20 in there right now but it does let you select up to 20 columns of data.

So we will probably expand that as we start taking a look at this.

But for right now you're set at what Ryan had set up originally.

So Doug select another County that you want to be part of this region.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So what I'm looking at is rural areas really.

So when I look at all of this, all of this is rural.

So I have to move the map.

I looked at this as rural too.

Okay so I look at that as rural.

And now I come up here and I really, I guess I would look at, see I look at Kalamazoo different than I do.

>> KIM BRACE: Right, good point, the regions.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So I would look at that as the region.

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>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, can I assign a name to it?

>> KIM BRACE: It's preset for just District numbers.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Go ahead and hit the assign button there, yep.

And now it goes and assigns all that territory to District one and you will see how the current selection is now blank.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This is Commissioner Orton I think it's very important that we do not use the word District because we are not doing districts right now.

We need to use the word region.

>> KIM BRACE: That is true.

>> Ryan: The name is Commissioner Clark can change the name.

It's the square with the pointer just to the right of where it says District one and the name column.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> Ryan: Right there, click that and you can change the name to whatever you want.

>> KIM BRACE: There you go.

I forgot about that one.

>> Ryan: Just to leave District one.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Oh, this, okay, I got it.

Just type in what I want.

>> KIM BRACE: What you want.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: You can call it region two Doug if that is easy just region one, region two, region three if that is simpler.

>> KIM BRACE: It depend on your personal choice how you want to you have the flexibility yes you can call them region one or region two or you know Doug in this instance wants to give it a name so maybe he will recognize it in a later group by the time he gets to other ones what was region six and what was region eight and that sort of thing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: What was my criteria for choosing that region which is it's southern rural.

And the ones in the middle so far just north of cold water.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

So, okay.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: You can do it either way.

>> KIM BRACE: You can do it either which way so you can see what kind of flexibility you have in that regard.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, so now what we want to do is you are set with that configuration as District one.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I guess so.

>> KIM BRACE: Do you want to include any other territory up above it in the one?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Right here.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure, something like that.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Or in here, yeah, I could.

So oops, yeah.

I don't want to do it because what I do is I block in Kalamazoo.

>> KIM BRACE: That's true, but you know maybe that is a good region in itself.

I mean that is your choice on that side.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: But when I block in Kalamazoo like that it may not be enough population.

>> KIM BRACE: Again we don't worry about, these are regions.

These aren't districts from that side.

But you only have nine of them.

So if you were to make Kalamazoo its own, then somebody might argue Flint needs to be its own, you know, Grand Rapids needs to be its own and suddenly you have used more than nine.

Now that's where you know we can expand the style so that you get more of the nine or whatever so you've got choices there so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I want to include Kalamazoo because the outline of Kalamazoo is rural too.

>> KIM BRACE: Keep in mind everybody is that we are going to let Doug create his regions now and then after lunch we are going to come in and critique his regions with the second person to make changes to it so we will come out today with two regional plans on that side.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So now I want to get another region which would be two so I go down and check the color.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, check the color, okay and now you are setting the colors so now you can draw region two.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Region two what I want to draw is this.

Oops.

I want to draw that.

Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: That is region two?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Correct.

>> KIM BRACE: Now, your spreadsheet on the bottom, you have scrolled down, so you're not seeing the top part of it.

On the right hand side there is a scroll bar.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Over here.

>> KIM BRACE: So move that up.

Go up.

Now you will see, okay, yep, what you have selected.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay so I want to change this name to I want to change it to Detroit.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Even though it includes Ann Arbor, it's a distant suburb but okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Now you've got to assign those two counties.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I assign those two.

Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: You may have to go back and redo the name again, Doug.

I'm not seeing that changed.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I didn't see it either.

Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Now it took it.

So what you have discovered is that you've got to have something selected and then you can rename that selection.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay so I do that.

Then now I'm going to go choose another region.

So I go choose the color.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Choose the color.

Now I want to do Detroit suburbs.

Metro Detroit is what I want to do, okay?

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Metro Detroit I assign that.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Then I can go to, that is District three, and I can say Metro Detroit, okay.

All right so then I want to move the map.

So I choose District Four and select the color.

Okay I want to assign this as the thumb area.

Okay, I tell you what this takes a lot of thought once you start getting into it.

>> KIM BRACE: You are discovering a key part of redistricting, Doug, exactly.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Clark I was just thinking you are doing an excellent job.

This is good stuff.

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Thanks but I think if I go back and look at it after lunch, I might want it different, I don't know.

>> KIM BRACE: That's possible.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So then I want to do the next District.

Just this.

So I look at the state from here.

Did I choose the color for District five?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, oh, the shift key is what I want.

So Midland.

I don't want these guys.

I don't want these guys.

So I see that from a perspective of the state, I see this as an industrial area.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: So District five, I see that as industrial.

Okay? And now I will put this together.

>> KIM BRACE: You need to select number six.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Select number six but I'm thinking about number three, going back to three because this area right here.

That is not really Metro Detroit.

So what I want to do, this is interesting, oops, I got to go to six.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So what I want to do is this is heavily populated area.

So I'm going to go here, here, here and here, which to me is heavily populated.

That leaves me this or those two.

See this is sticking out by itself.

It's farm area.

>> KIM BRACE: Right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, where this is more you know you got Lansing, you have the Lansing suburbs and the Grand Rapids and the suburbs.

This is more City.

Central cities.

So what I'm going to do, oh, no, I don't want my computer to restart.

I put it on snooze.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Just wanted to highlight I'm not sure if Commissioner Lange has a hand raised but I did not want you to get too far into the woods.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I just have a quick question are we all going to be doing this today, an opportunity to do this because I'm a hands on learner and watching is fine but I prefer to do things hands on so I'm curious if we all get the chance while you're here today Mr. Brace to start doing our own in case if we do have questions.

I know we have homework.

But I think I can only speak for myself personally because I am a hands on learner, that it would be more beneficial for me personally so I was just curious if we are all going to have that opportunity today.

>> KIM BRACE: Well, we can end up setting it up, we have until what 3:00 and we can see how many other people we could get through.

I mean certainly that is possible.

I want to do after Doug, you know, let somebody go in and make changes to a plan would be the -- a goal.

And then once we made a change to a plan and created this other plan, then, yeah, we could end up having as long as we are still playing it within 3:00, we can let you go. Because I would love to have you do it too Rhonda.

I agree.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: This is Sarah Reinhardt with the Department of State, Commissioner Lange I just wanted to add that I circulated the link to the MyDistricting user portal to all Commissioners so you are welcome to follow along with the steps that Doug is currently completing as well on your own right now.

So hopefully you find that helpful.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sarah.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So that is six.

Central cities.

So I got three left.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: So number seven, I want to jump to folks.

I don't want to do that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Clark we have one minute until our break.

But just no pressure.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, is that the lunch break?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I can continue this and wrap it up so somebody can modify it.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, general.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I don't know about that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It's a term of endearment, thank you Commissioner Clark.

So hi Commissioners, I'm going I want to jump in now.

We have been working for a long time and learning.

This has been incredibly valuable to myself.

I agree with Commissioner Lange I'm also hands on so I pulled it up on my laptop and I will be tinkering around as well but if there is no objection, we will now recess for 75 minutes.



And yep, I did not think I was going to hear any objection for that.

So we will stand in recess until 1:15.

1:15.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have two more districts.

Can you stay on with me Kim?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: This is Sarah with the Michigan Department of State and over breaks in you stay on and discuss things our interpreters also have to do so. So in order to allow them to take a break whenever we take a break, I would encourage you to not continue staying on.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, I won't.

I can wrap it up when we come back from lunch.

How do I save all this stuff?

>> KIM BRACE: Well, you can -- you could, I mean you are going out of Zoom and that sort.

You are still in the system so that you could complete it on your own.

It's just that as Sarah points out you can't ask me questions on that side.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay I got two more to do and I'm going to do it real quick.

>> Ryan: I just had a couple, I have a couple points.

You don't need to set the color each time you click on a District.

There are default colors there already so I want to save you that step.

If you just click on like on the District name like then you are good to go.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I just lost it.

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah.

[ Recess ]

[ Music ]

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Hello, Commissioners and members of the public that are watching, I call this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 1:18 p.m. Will the Michigan Department of State staff please call the roll.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely. Madam Chair.

Please say present when I call your name and please state the location if you are attending the meeting remotely. I'll start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present. Attending the meeting remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

Brittini Kellom.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present. Attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present. Attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 11 Commissions are present and there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Michigan department of state staff and before we move into our training and conversations with Kim Brace, I'm going to turn the floor over to Executive Director Sue Hammersmith who has a short announcement for us and then we have one item one other item of business to take care of. Sue, you have the floor.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: Thank you so much you might have noticed that Kristin Taylor popped in and we asked her to pop in so we could say thank you to her for her work with the Commission.

So if she would come forward, I believe Edward has a certificate to present and a small gift on behalf of all of us.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I do but it would be nice if Sue, Brittini and Rebecca could come up with Kristin so we could have a picture for the record. And, Sue, I will give this to you and make a few remarks before the formal presentation. You guys can just stay there in the middle. I know that I need to stay out on the mic so let me do this real quickly.

You know, part of the thing with regards to the Commission is we always want to be intentional and deliberate with our thanks and for those who have done an outstanding job with fair maps with public feedback.

As we know Kristin Taylor helped with event planning and kicking off the road for 16 public events across the state.

She did it with class and dignity.

She helped us out with our signs.

You see your table tents were done by Kristin and making sure you were well taken care of and most importantly making sure we executed a flawless event with intentionality so that anyone who came through the doors would feel welcome in partnership with the Michigan Department of State and submitting public comments or attending our public hearings.

And so we just want to take this opportunity to recognize Kristin for her stellar efforts and achievements and assisting the Commissioner and without further ado if there is someone who wants to say something I will give you an opportunity to say it at this time. All right.

Hearing none we will take the picture, kiss -- Kristin you have to be in the middle somehow.

So let's see how we can do this.

Let's kind of do Sue and Rebecca switch.

That looks great.

[ Laughter ]

Go ahead and smile.

Thank you.

[ Applause ]

Thank you so much for having me be part of this historical event really so it was my honor.

>> This is the interpreter speaking can we speak into a microphone that way we can hear what is being said? Thank you.

>> Thank you again for having me.

This was truly an honor for me to be a part of this historical event, to serve our great state in such a way, so thank you again and I hope to maybe look forward to working with you again in the future so thank you so much.

[ Applause ]

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Thank you so much, Kristin, we really appreciate you and we know that you're going to continue to do amazing things because we definitely have the benefit of all of your expertise and hard work.

At this time we also have another element of business to discuss.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Executive Director Hammersmith has brought to me an e-mail from the state and I'll read it since everybody has not pulled it up, I know please

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review the following statements for the Autobound edge desktop software and reply to this e-mail whether you agree with the statements below, agree with caveats or would like to pursue a security plan.

I confirm that all of the data and Autobound edge is public data collected from 2020 census.

The Michigan election redistricting data access program Google maps and other public sources, because the data is classified as public, this results in a low risk to the state in the event that the data were breached.

I understand that because both the integrity and availability impact the levels were identified as moderate and the DTMB3544 data classification form, MDOS and Michigan cyber security recommend that the security plan be completed for this application.

However, due to the extremely tight timeframe required by the Constitution the MICRC wishes to forgo the completion of the standard system security plan.

MICRC understands that installing an Autobound edge on state computers may introduce vulnerabilities through state machines and pose a risk to the entire state network.

without the completion of a standard systems security plan and more information on the application the state is not able to properly evaluate the level of risk to the State of Michigan and its network.

MICRC acknowledges the risk both known and unknown involved with foregoing the Michigan security accreditation process and accepting these risks in order to meet the timelines and vulnerabilities required by the Constitution.

And they are requesting that Executive Director acknowledge this, sign it and that we move forward with this.

Therefore, I move that having read this that we authorize the Executive Director to respond in the affirmative that we wish for the MTDMB to move forward with the what is in essence a waiver of the security plan and be able to install them forth with on the computers.

If I have a second, I'll speak to it.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Motion made by Commissioner Lett second made by Commissioner Rothhorn.

I'm so sorry Commissioner Curry, that was such an assumption on my part is there any debate or discussion on the actual motion?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Rhonda.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Commissioner Lange then Commissioner Wagner.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm just curious and maybe Department of State or legal counsel because this is obviously in the legal realm, if there was a security breach, what would the responsibility be of MICRC? Is this something that monetarily we would

be responsible for something? Or what exactly, if there was would be the ramifications of that?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: That is an excellent question Commissioner Lange and apologies that is an excellent question Commissioner Lange it's something I'm happy to connect with our folks internally on and come back to you with an answer and I'll refer or defer also to your General Counsel if she has any additional information to add.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you very much.  
I would concur with MDOS' statement and need to follow-up on that as well.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you General Counsel and Sarah, Commissioner Lange you can go ahead.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Just a quick follow-up when you say you would get with them and get back, I see there is time of the essence on this.

Is that something we could have an answer by the end of our meeting today?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I can certainly try.  
And if I do receive a response from them, I will alert your Executive Director.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Lange, thank you Sarah, Commissioner Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you, Chair Kellom.  
I just want to go on record as saying if this is going to put the whole state network in jeopardy in I which way I'm not comfortable going forward without a security plan in place.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Wagner and Commissioner Weiss?  
>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes, thank you Commissioner Wagner that is kind of my thoughts.

I guess my suggestion because this is kind of holding us up, we do have the ability to access this online.

My thinking is let's for go this download to the computers, which I think maybe there is a cost that we could be returned on this because of a licensing.

And let's just use the online thing and we can move forward much quicker withdrawing lines and get going on this.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Commissioner Weiss.  
Vice Chair Szetela, please.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yeah, I just wanted to point out in the statement that Commissioner Lett read excuse me, one second.  
In terms of the privacy concerns the data and the reading from the statement itself is 2020 census the Michigan Districting data access program Google maps and other public sources because the data is classified as public, this results in a low risk to the state in the event the data were breached. So we are talking about public data to begin

with in terms of data privacy, so there is little to no risk if the data is breached because it's already public.

In terms of installation of the software, with all software I can tell you worked in the IT industry for over 15 years, all software incurs the risk of there being malicious code and vulnerabilities.

That is part and parcel of the software industry.

But that being said I think the functionality of the web version is significantly diminished compared to the actual desktop version.

So my preference would be to have that desktop version even if there is potential for security risks.

I'm sure our state computer program is robust.

We have adequate security.

We have programs in place and a security team that is identifying vulnerabilities and will work to identify any issues that come up that might be introduced by the software so I'm comfortable there with the I'm sorry with the State of Michigan's security team being able to identify vulnerabilities and I don't want to lose the functionality you get with the desktop version versus the web version.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you Vice Chair Szetela.

Sue, Executive Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I wanted to reiterate I mentioned this yesterday but if we do wish to go through the security plan it will take up to six months to conduct that plan.

And any decision that hold on making and wait until next week's meeting that will set back the installation of software on the laptops a week just so you're aware of those issues.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you director Hammersmith.  
Commissioner Rothhorn.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: District Hammersmith can you let us know who asked for the desktop version?

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: It's one or two I'm waiting on an answer from one or two people.

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Thank you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay Commissioners we have a motion on the floor.  
All those in favor, you would like a roll.

>> For the benefit of public record and for our own clarity Commissioner Lett do you mind restating the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: The motion is to in essence waive the security clearance from the DTMB and move forward with the installation of the program as presented.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Michigan Department of State staff? Can we have a roll call for the vote.



>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm sorry one second director Hammersmith you have the floor with the clarification.

>> MS. SUANN HAMMERSMITH: I'm unsure if it's waiving security clearance or waiving the Michigan security accreditation process.

So I think we want to be really clear exactly what we have been asked to forgo in the essence of time.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I don't know that there is a difference but waiving the accreditation process and allowing you to acknowledge that to the DTMB.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners indicate support of the motion with "Yes" or "No" when I call your name I will start with Rebecca Szetela?

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I'm sorry, Commissioner Wagner, can you repeat that?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry he is not present.

Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I'll abstain I don't have enough information to make a decision.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm abstaining also.

There is just not enough information about the implications.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: One moment, please.

Thank you for your patience, please give us just one more moment.

By a vote of 7-3 with two abstentions the motion carries.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sarah Reinhardt.

And thank you Commissioners.

At this time we are going to move on or return to our agenda.

Sorry.

You guys have to help me thank you Commissioner Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Thank you Madam Chair and Commissioner Lett.

If we could still get that information that the Commissioners who abstained requested for information purposes, that would be great.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, so we are returning to our determining geographic regions with which to begin mapping with Kim Brace.

Kim thank you for your patience.

And you have the floor.

Sorry Kim Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Actually this question is for Kim because I do want to follow along.

I did register during my lunch period.

And I'm going to flip my laptop around because I'm on my desktop just so you can see this and maybe direct me and tell me what's going on because it has can you kind of see that? I got a light because of the light.

It's been like that for a half an hour.

I logged out, logged back in.

And it came back up with that and it's showing Washington D.C. and doing nothing.

So I didn't know if that is something you can direct me at real quick before we got started so I can follow along.

>> KIM BRACE: Possibly.

I noticed I got your text in the chat and then I was trying to direct that chat to Ryan.

However, Ryan has gotten stuck into never, never land and I think Sarah and her team, can you delete Ryan from this call so he can get back in? He was -- he texted me that he is not able to connect and so I think the way around that is so somewhere getting Ryan deleted and letting him come back in.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Absolutely, happy to help.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: For the meantime I will sit back and take notes, thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Sorry Rhonda.

I did see your thing and I was trying to get to Ryan so that he could do it.

So, let's see here.

Yeah, all right, so let me send this to Ryan.

Which is Rhonda's communication.

Ryan is still not in the system it's saying.

So he is on YouTube so he is listening but he is not able to participate right yet.

So I'll continue on and we will try to get your problem solved, Rhonda on that side.

I apologize but we will work around it and see what we can do.

So what I wanted to do is that start off by saying from what I'm observing you guys have been busy bees in the last 75 minutes while we have been -- we had supposedly lunch because I'm seeing all sorts of activities on everybody's part so great.

Let me share with you what I'm seeing so that you can end up seeing this too.

So what I'm seeing, move the chat box out of the way, what I'm seeing is first off, we got a heck of a lot of people that have signed on, which is great.

And it looks like everybody has verified themselves on that side.

I know that early on or towards the tail end Janice had not verified yet but she is now showing as being verified.

So it looks like just about everybody has gotten on, which is great.

So you are officially users of the system in that regard is what I'm seeing in the administrative side.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: I'm sorry to interrupt you can I get you to maximize your screen again?

>> KIM BRACE: As soon as you started speaking, I know what she is looking for good catch.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Low vision sorry about that.

>> KIM BRACE: We got just about everybody or at least a whole bunch of people signed on which is great including Edward is on there too.

So that is great.

So in terms of plan manager, I'm also seeing a lot of good work already.

With different variations on the theme.

People have begun to start drawing their own District configurations.

Their regions.

We have done a bunch of different stuff to take a look and see where things are.

I'm able to call up and look at the various plans, so I called up Doug's plan, his test plan one and saw that he had completed all nine districts in the meantime.

On that side.

In fact, if I open so that everybody could see, let's see, well, let's see, I'm not seeing now the ninth District.

Oh, yes, the ninth District is in there as white, which is why it looks like it's not there but it is there.

You can see on the screen here there is a number nine highlighted.

The system lets you change the colors.

So you can go in there and change colors so that you can end up seeing a little bit better.

So for example, I'm going to set District nine's color there.

And I can see it a little bit better.

So you can see what you can do to make changes as you are going along and seeing things on that side.

So from Doug's standpoint he does have a completed plan.

We can see.

And we've got a lot of other people that also have gone about setting up plans in that regard and what I thought would be useful to do, and I don't see Ryan quite in there yet but he is probably working on it, we've got Doug's plan here which is just what we were looking at.

Doug, if you want to, I'd like you to do the next step so if you can go in.

I'm going to unshare mine.

And share yours then.

So let me.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Let me get out of here and I'm going to stop share.

Now, Doug, you should be able to share yours.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: When I did it, I did not have white set as the Upper Peninsula.

I had the blue, what you are seeing now.

>> KIM BRACE: Interesting, okay, all right, it may be a function of me being administrator that could have caused that change.

I think I did see when I originally went in at one point in time, I did see it was blue.

So I don't know what caused that, Doug, but.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: One of the things I noticed on the view that you had just showed I have two backups that got created for some reason.

I didn't do that.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, I know you didn't do that.

That is actually something that we were doing because we were trying to test out the next function that I wanted to show you.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: So, first off, Doug, increase the size of your screen so that everybody sees your.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Hold on an sec.

>> KIM BRACE: Don't X out.

Right next to it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, but I got something blocking it right now. Something blocking that.

Let's see if I can bring this down.

Up here I have something from Zoom, muting and stopping the video and all that stuff. So I don't know why that is up there and I can't resize the screen.

>> KIM BRACE: All right.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Let me unshare and see if I can share again.

See if the same thing happens.

Yeah, I still have something up there where I can't get to that button.

>> KIM BRACE: That's interesting.

That is more of a.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It's a Zoom thing.

>> KIM BRACE: And it's Sarah so, all right, we will work around that for the time being.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: On that regard, okay.

Well, what I'd like you to do, Doug, is this is your plan that you have created, okay? And I want you to go back to the plan manager there on the left-hand side.

Yep.

Okay, this is your plan and if you take that bar on the bottom there and move it to the right, see the rest, okay, you want to drop down the settings window.

Okay, this is what I want to show everybody and what we are doing.

There is what Doug has created is a plan that's there.

If other people came in to look at the plan, you got to be careful that they could make a change to that plan.

And so what the system has got set up is the capability of cloning as well as sharing.

And it's an important distinction for you to keep in mind.

What we want Doug to do is clone this plan, which is in essence making a copy of that plan.

And calling it slightly different as opposed to sharing the plan.

We are not going to share the plan yet.

But we want to clone so that it basically becomes a backup, which is what we had done with Doug's plan before which is why he was noting properly that he saw backups which is our terminology and our word and so Doug if you want to change the plan name so we know it's distinctively different back up or Doug Clark back up or however you want to or clone that is fine too so.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Good, all right, so what Doug has just done is he has created two plans within his system, which is important to be cognizant of and if I go over to mine, my administrator, I end up seeing two plans now that Doug has, that he has done.

I see his clone number one and his original one.

So I can see that he has done that, which is good because that's what I wanted to see.

What we are going to end up doing is that we are going to hand off Doug's plan, clone number one.

We are going to hand that off to a different member of the Commission.

Doug has completed his plan.

He is ready to submit it basically.

But I guess before he does let's do one other thing while he has got that.

On his plan, the ID number 17, which is clone number one on his screen, Doug, if you go and do the validate function.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: On the clone one.

>> KIM BRACE: That's correct, under clone one.

Okay now don't close it yet.

Let's see what there is.

This is part of the validation process of what takes place on a plan.

So it's checking to make sure all the geography is assigned and we have assigned all the counties, which is good.

It checks whether or not the districts are contiguous and Doug has been successful in keeping things so that everything is contiguous within his regions.

If he had had a say, for example, a region of just the center cities, if you remember my ones, I think I had dis-contiguous ones in my Jurgs because I had the core center cities altogether as one big one without the intervening territory in them.

Doug has successfully navigated that so all his districts are of contiguous territory.

If I had put mine through this process, it would have said, hey, this is not contiguous or what this one of the districts is not contiguous.

So then the question is each District falls within the District deviation.

Well, why is that the case? Well, if you go back to the way we had set up that original plan idea for Jurgs, we had an acceptable deviation of 100%.

That was one of the defaults because we knew that the regions were going to be so wide and different that we were trying to make sure that they were everything was acceptable on that side.

So indeed that's why this is showing that each District falls within the District deviation. Just because we had set it so wide.

And it says the overall District deviation should be between 100 minus and 100 plus.

That failed the overall deviation simply because it's more than 100 because of the like Doug's Wayne County or that District is so much larger.

So that's why this one failed under that mechanism.

It does not cause it to suddenly fail and not be accepted.

What it does is it puts a flag on it.

If you remember when I was showing you the administrative side, it had a plan submission control that had restrict invalid plans for submission but we had it set for allowing submission from invalid plan with warning.



Well, that's the warning that you're going to see.

So that's why Doug is there but he can go ahead and submit the plan.

So, Doug, hit the blue button there.

And go ahead and proceed.

So in this instance when you submit a plan for people's considerations, you can put comments there.

So go ahead, Doug, and say how great your plan was or whatever you want to put on that side.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, let's see, plan, submit.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay, what you can see is that Doug has completed and submitted it, the plan.

So which is good.

Let me refresh my screen.

Okay, Doug, let me have the screen back.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay.

>> KIM BRACE: Unshare on your part and I'll share mine so that you can see what I'm seeing as the administrator over here.

Can everybody see my screen? So what I have here in my administrator side of things, I can see plan 17, Doug's clone one of one is basically a completed regional plan.

That's the remarks that he typed in.

And it shows it's been submitted as opposed to being in an edited phase.

So we can see from an administrator side of things what -- where things are and as people are playing around and practicing the sessions on that side.

So it's something that we can end up seeing and it does change some distinctions in terms of that.

If you notice, I could, as administrator I could export Doug's plan, the shape or individual districts or if I'm in a position here as administrator of even deleting the plan.

We are not obviously going to do that but you've got the capability of taking this to a next step if you wanted to create a map in like arc or something like that, you can get the shape file of Doug's regional plan out of the system in essence.

Let me go back and, Doug, go ahead and share your screen again.

COMMISSIONER CLARK: Do you have it now?

>> KIM BRACE: I can see it.

Run your mouse over to the far right again, down on that bar, yep, okay, so, yeah, go to settings.

Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Nothing is happening.

>> KIM BRACE: Hum, okay, and we validated, we submitted it, it's showing submitted, okay.

Let me ask, Ryan, did you get in?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: This is Sarah with the Department of State I'm working with Ryan right now to get him back on.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay thank you there, thank you there, okay.

What I was thinking of getting into the next stage of the settings, which is what we had talked about if you remember, there was a clone function and a share function.

So I'm not sure why once you submit it it's no longer, well, maybe.

I know, if it's submitted then it is in essence shared with everybody.

That's probably what we are talking about.

Doug, if you go back up to that first plan, the original one and do settings.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: So this is where you know we went through and did the clone operation there.

And then we submitted that clone.

If Doug were to, don't do it now but if you were to simply share the plan in this phase what you can do, go ahead, let's see what sharing does.

Do share of that plan.

Okay yep this is where you can end up sharing a plan amongst the people who are here, okay? So you can select an individual name if you wanted to share a plan with another Commissioner or to me or Ryan or whomever, you can end up sharing a plan.

Now, I recognize that we probably need to get Julianne into the mix of whether or not individual Commissioners can share individual plans, that is probably a legal question.

I'm not going to get in the middle of that battle.

But I will say that the function is there to share with an individual Commissioner.

I presume you can check off a number of Commissioners.

I think you know that is something that Julianne needs to think about and that mechanism it is possible within the software to share a plan amongst the other people that have come on board.

Presumably we get a number of users, the public on board, in theory I guess you could end up sharing a plan of yours with somebody else outside of the Commission.

Again the functionality is there for sharing how you want to use it.

I think that's a determination we ought to have with Julianne in terms of what to recommend to you guys in terms of that capability. That's what sharing a plan does. It lets them see the plan to be able to share it on that side. I wanted to kind of show you the difference between cloning and sharing. It's an important distinction to keep in mind in how you want to operate on that side. Go ahead and don't have to update it. I just wanted to show that distinction.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Hi, Kim. Apologies for the interruption. I just wanted to let you know that Commissioner Wagner has her hand raised.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you. My question was on that last screen, how you had it open and I was wondering if the administrators have that option to share

or is it limited to users. I did notice Doug up there. I thought you had said you had changed him to administrator at that point. So I wondered if administrators cannot share plans. Do you see?

>> KIM BRACE: Yeah, that's a good point.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I don't see Doug's name up there if he has been granted admin user.

>> KIM BRACE: He is, himself, already, that's why he would not be listed up there. It is a valid point. We want to take a look. I'm sorry, go ahead. Come back on, Erin. Unmute yourself.

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: I was just wondering if we can figure out if admins can share between admins. I expect I would like Julianne and she would pop on and let us know. I don't think we will be able to share plans amongst ourselves. I would like general counsel to be ran on that aspect.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Thank you, commissioner and general counsel. Thank you so much. To Commissioner Wagner's question, we had addressed that in the previous meeting we had. To reiterate my statements at that meeting, yes, activities in the web version, we want to avoid a Quorum. We want to avoid open meetings and violations where a Quorum of either the commission or any formed committees would be assembling or discussing redistricting business that's currently before the MICRC or anticipated to become brought before the commission. Thank you. Thank you, general counsel.

>> Commissioner Wagner, did you still have a question or a thought?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Thank you. Julianne answered that. I wanted it to be apparent.

>> Kim, you have the floor.

>> KIM BRACE: I'm glad we were able to use this to reiterate the experiments we were looking towards. What we have is dug has created a clone of his plan. The reason why we've got him creating the clone is that we're going to share it with one other member. So he could end up making changes to it. I'm going to show you that. The question would be, who is the other member. And I know M.C. is online. I think Anthony is online. Rhonda is having problems with her machine. We are trying to get that fixed. Who would like to be the second Guinea pig of changing Doug's plan?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'll do it.

>> KIM BRACE: Doug, if you want to unshare. So, Anthony, if you can sign in and show your screen. Just wanted to let you know that Ryan is now in the meeting.

Ryan, you can unmute yourself so you can speak.

>> RYAN TAYLOR: Zoom decided to blacklist my desktop computer. I can switch. So if you have any questions that I didn't, wasn't able to cover earlier, let me know.

>> KIM BRACE: I think we have clarification on that side. Anthony, I see, is coming on to Zoom and his audio. There we go. We're starting to see his screen share. Great.

All right. What you are seeing now is Anthony's plan manager. And, Anthony, go up and hit dashboard again so we just see that one on your left-hand side.

This is message board. You see we have more people online. So you can send messages or whatever. You can see that in the dashboard itself. So if there is an issue or something like that, you can send a message that my machine is working strangely or whatever so the administrators can see that. So, Rhonda, with your issue in terms of the problem with doing D.C., that would be something you could send to me or whomever as a message with the message board too. We don't necessarily have to be online with Zoom to chat the issue or that sort of thing. So that's one thing.

So, Anthony, if you can then go back to plan manager. So Anthony has a plan there but he is not seeing Doug's plan. So the issue is Doug has submitted the plan and so the question I would have for Ryan, a submitted plan should show up here in plan manager, shouldn't it.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: This plan manager of Anthony is only Anthony's. If you submitted one, it would show in the admin portal if he submitted a plan.

>> KIM BRACE: What I'm talking about is Doug's plan that Doug had done and being able to see Doug's plan here. I don't know if it is imported a plan that Anthony needs to do to get Doug's plan. I don't know if that's the case.

>> Did Doug mark Anthony to be shared?

>> KIM BRACE: It is submitted. If it is submitted, it is not set up that it is shared something.

>> I haven't tested the effect of submitting plans very much.

>> KIM BRACE: So the issue is, should we have had Doug share the plan with Anthony before he submitted it?

>> What's what you and I have tested to success, yes.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes. So, Doug, why don't you go back into your system and bring up that you have already submitted the clone one. Bring up your plan before you set the second one as the clone.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. You want me to share the screen to do it?

>> KIM BRACE: Sure, yeah. That way, we can see what you're doing.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. Okay. Yes, this is it.

>> KIM BRACE: So let's go up to your first plan, Doug.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And share it with Anthony.

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, let's do the sharing with Anthony, okay?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay, there it is.

>> KIM BRACE: So go ahead and knock that off, yep. So, now, go ahead and bail out of your machine, Doug, and let Anthony be the Director of the Zoom. We'll go back to Anthony's machine.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Okay. I'll stop my share then.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep. Anthony's share is trying to start. We see that Doug's plan has got over to Anthony. Okay? Now, what this is, however, is it is Doug's original plan. It's not the clone. So we may have to be careful in, Anthony, in making change and does Doug lose control of it? I don't know the answer to that. That's part of why we experimented with clones and sharing to see what happens. So right now, Anthony, we're going to go ahead and open Doug's plan.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What if I recloned it?

>> KIM BRACE: And called it something else.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: And then Anthony could get to it, because I already set off the share.

>> KIM BRACE: That would be interesting. Let's see. That could work and maybe not. That's what I'm not sure. That's a good question, Doug. Ryan, do you have an answer for that one?

>> RYAN TAYLOR: We can try it.

>> KIM BRACE: What I'm seeing on the screen, it is now coming into Anthony's. He is opening up Doug's plan. That's the test plan one part. What is happening is it's loading in all the geometry. So it's loading in this whole plan as if it was a plan sitting here on Anthony's machine. Sometimes it takes a little bit of time but we have it in here now.

I note that it's showing on this one the color change that I put into place. It was not in Doug's one. I note that taking place, in that regard.

So what we're going to do is we are going to let Anthony make changes. So, Anthony, you've got a wide swath but this is an existing plan from the system standpoint. So it is a plan that is the Doug plan that we're going to let Anthony create and do as a correction or a change to Doug or we could have Anthony start off with a fresh, unfiltered one and just draw his, himself. I wanted to show you what happens when a plan is altered or changed. So Anthony has the capability of making changes. I guess, Anthony, from your standpoint, how would you change Doug's plan if his was the starting point and how would you change it?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Well, you know, we should first off state that these regions are a little arbitrary. They are simply how we are splitting up the state to help make districts later. So we have this arbitrary number nine set, which is what we are working on to practice. These aren't set in stone. I look at this and see this big area of Region 8. I think that's quite a large area. So I would maybe try to combine this area over here to give us another region to put maybe on the right side of the northern state in the middle of the state or something.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay. What you have is, first off, you are correct, Anthony, you are inhibited with nine districts. If you let me share with you my screen for a second, go ahead and unshare yours, Anthony, and I'm going to take back control. I want to show you one other thing that we did over the lunch break.

I'm going to go and share my screen again. On the administrative side, you should now see my screen and you see over the lunch break, we modified this Jurg to now make two different Jurgs. You recall earlier today we talked about that possibility. So we have now implemented that from the district side so you could create a nine or ten-district Jurg. Doug's plan was set up as nine. So that plan is there as just nine. If Doug wanted to maybe add another one, what he would end up needing to do is, basically, go into the Jurg10 and start from scratch and redraw in the nine that he has with the tenth one wherever you would want to put that. So that would be the way that you could end up maybe getting another Jurg or whatever. We can set up any number of Jurg configurations in the sense. So you will have a wide capability of looking at what possibly you want to do in terms of creating your Jurgs or your regions at this point in time.

I just wanted to let you see that. We'll go over this. We can put in some more Jurgs and relabel them as Jurg regions or whatever with additional district numbers. That's what can be done on that side.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: We have received a lot of public comments and I am wonder you go if we could create some Jurgs with that. It is, basically, eight regions. Let's see if I can share my screen.

>> KIM BRACE: Let me stop share. Now, Rebecca, you should be able to share your screen.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: There we go. Can everybody see that? Can we create a Jurg like this? This is something we have heard a lot from people. I think it makes a lot of sense to just use it. It is used within a lot of venues within Michigan where people look at this Breakup. I think it is kind of a logical way to break up the State of Michigan with eight regions. If you could create some Jurgs for that, I would. I can't seem to get the software to work on my computer. Or I would.

>> KIM BRACE: That's fine. We can create less number of Jurgs or more number of Jurgs so you have that capability. What you are going to see, this is why the exercise of what we are trying to do is that there are lots of different ways of drawing. So keep that in mind as you ultimately draw and when you get down to house, senate, and congressional district, there's lots of different ways to create a plan. So you are seeing that in this Jurg scenario. Yes, Rebecca, these are good ideas for you to submit over the weekend and the first part of next week. You could create this one as your Jurg and create other once. However you want to do it.

What we are going to try to do next Thursday is to review everybody's plans and see if we get a consensus or how we could change whatever the final one might be.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Good, Rebecca, by all means. Any other questions from anybody? Nobody.

>> Commissioner Orton.



>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: So if the public hasn't been watching our meetings, they don't understand the Jurgs. If they are going to log in and see the same thing that we just did, instead of Jurgs, could it say regions?

>> KIM BRACE: That's fine. Ryan and I have been calling these Jurgs for so long. We can change these to be regions 9 and regions 10, whatever the case may be.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Then, if the word district could be taken out. I don't care what word is used but I think it is important we not use the word district until we are redistricted.

>> KIM BRACE: That's a valid point too. We play so much with districts. Regions, parentheses, nine areas, or something like that, adopt that type of scenario and plan types.

>> Thank you, commissioner or ton, I think that was excellent. Both suggestion helped to make this whole process more successful and for folks to be involved in. I'll speak for myself. Commissioner curry has something for you.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Hi. I want to ask a question. If you are behind, because your computer is not working, will it be hard to catch up with what you are saying right now.

>> KIM BRACE: It shouldn't be. Hopefully, we can work with you individually. With Rhonda, we may have to, I don't know yet. You will find that we are always available. Much to the chagrin of my wife and maybe my cat. When I came back from Utah last night, the cat was meowing up a storm, where the heck have you been?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: How am I to reach you or call you or contact you or what?

>> KIM BRACE: We'll have to look at and let me ask Sue what is her take on that sort of thing.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: Can I just insert very quickly, it is auto populated. My area is DMV. I tried to send you a message. The program wouldn't even let me do that. I can see it but I can't play with it at all. I can't interact with it. I don't know if it helps to group concerns about the challenges that we have or what. I wanted Sue to weigh in on that. Thank you.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay. Well, what we can do, my suggestion would be, let's continue with this exercise and let Anthony make changes to Doug's plan. We have only got 35 more minutes before the meeting ends.

It's your call. We could go into screen sharing with each of you to try to figure out what's going on.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: We only really have until 2:40. We don't have the whole time. We have to do announcements and everything.

>> KIM BRACE: That's true, that's true. Okay. Well, what we are going to need to do is probably figure out the best way. I don't want to get caught up with how we do

support. That's what we are going to need to do, what's allowable and what's acceptable.

So that's partly a call with Julianne and Sue on how they want to operate from our standpoint.

>> Director Hammersmith has the floor.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: In an ideal world, all needs for support with DDS would go through me, because I'm the staff to that contract and if we have 13 commissioners calling Mr. Brace or e-mailing, et cetera, then I have no way to judge how many hours he is giving to us and when he submits an invoice to me, I don't know how many people have been talking to him and when.

I know in seems to be a central issue right now. So I think something needs to be done on DDS end. Rather than having six commissioners call you with the same issue, if they are filtered through me, then I can certainly arrange for support.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: So as clarification, sue, you would like the individual commissioners to reach out to you and specify the challenge we are having with the interface, with the Mydistricting.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: I would prefer that. If it's an issue on EDS end, not to have 13 people contacting him on the same issue.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: What about the issue that we are having, several of us at the same time? What if it is something we need to be walked through independently. If you want me to do the homework this weekend, I need a fix. That's all I can say. We have it on the agenda that there is homework that we are supposed to do. I can't do anything on that. So can we come up with a fix right now on how we are going to address it?

>> KIM BRACE: I know from our side, I think we're going to need to talk to Fred and why D.C. is coming up on several different systems. I think it is something in terms of the setup on each of the different machines or his overall [[ ]]. I need to give him a call and get him into the mix on trying to figure out why and how we can solve that. So I can put in a call to him as soon as we get off and get some sort of resolution and then we can get back to sue to then get to all of you guys or whatever. We'll get that solved today, certainly, so that you can continue with your over consignment on that side, Rhonda, and everybody else.

>> RYAN TAYLOR: If I can chime in, D.C. is just default geographic start for the plans. The problem is we are seeing a couple of the commissioners, their plans aren't initializing to the point where it Zooms in to Michigan geography. That's the reason you are seeing D.C. That's the way that has a default location. It is supposed to Zoom to Michigan. We'll talk to the developers about why some people's plans aren't able to initialize.

>> KIM BRACE: Rhonda, question?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: For Chair Kellom, when you did this were you using the Cisco VPN? I was not logged into that. I was wondering if that might be the issue.

>> No, I wasn't. I am able to move the map over to Michigan. Kim, when you were first interacting and working with Doug, you pulled up a map and focused right in on Michigan and had the grid, fancy stuff, I'm calming it, the technical stuff. When I open up mine, it does not do the same thing. It immediately shifts to the DMV area. I can move the map, not just to Kim but Ryan also. I can move the map over and then it just stays on populating day it. I don't want to take up too much time, because I know y'all will fix it.

For the purpose of Commissioner Lange's general understanding, that's what's happening.

>> KIM BRACE: From our side, it may be that in order for us to see what you're seeing, you know, a share kind of a functionality, be it a separate Zoom call with individuals, that's part of what we can do in terms of support. I want to make sure that sue is comfortable and any kind of connectivity to individual machines. I know that was part of the issue early on with the auto bound edge, if they're waiving that sort of thing now with what they've done. Maybe we won't have a problem. I've been very cognizant of what is in the purviews or not purviews on that side.

Any other questions on anybody else's side? We have got nine minutes. All right. Anthony? You are up.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: All right. I'm sharing my screen now. Is it up on your end?

>> KIM BRACE: It is still saying it is trying to start screen sharing.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Give it a moment maybe. There we go.

>> KIM BRACE: There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So I made a few changes, as you can see. What I have here is I have, again, these are rather arbitrary regions, set at nine. With that, I split the U.P. into a western and eastern U.P. and the middle, I have upper Michigan, up here as its own region. If I had a [[ ]], which we have the ability to do now, I would probably split this up into Traverse City region and Northeastern region. We have a southern boarding region down here. We have Metro Detroit and the suburbs here, mid-Michigan, here, Lansing/Ann Arbor area here and a thumb area here and a west Michigan/Grand Rapids/Muskegon area here. Yeah, that's what I got.

>> KIM BRACE: Okay. Now, my question to you, Anthony, you started with a blank plan, didn't you?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> KIM BRACE: That's fine. You are seeing some of the instances of doing it either which way. I just wanted to point that out. In some instances, it is easier to start with a blank plan. Your whole concepts can come into play, as opposed to sitting there and manipulating Doug's around to be something that more closely reflects you. So I think that's a good instance for everybody to kind of understand what we are playing with.

You've got the capability of either which way on that side. Changing a plan that's there or drawing it from scratch, it shows, again, what capabilities there are and when we get ultimately into the state house and the state senate and the congressional districts, that will be an important choice for you guys to make.

What is the starting point? Again, you have that flexibility. This is a good way of showing that, I think, from your guys' standpoint of understanding the distinctions. Okay. So this is Anthony's plan that he has come up with.

Anthony, if you go back to your plan manager, upper left-hand side. You are in plan editor now. You want to go into plan manager.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: There is just a little bit of a lag between when I do it and when it is showing up on Zoom.

>> KIM BRACE: Oh, really.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Are you trying to have me bring up Doug's map?

>> KIM BRACE: No. I wanted to have you now share your plan. Submit your plan. What we want everybody to do is, basically, create plan or multiple plans and being able to start sharing them and start submitting them so that by next Thursday's meeting, we have a whole variety of plans that we can bring up and take a look at. So, you know, as you create plan -- so I'm seeing partly a share. There we go.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Is this everybody?

>> KIM BRACE: Did you hit update?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I did.

>> KIM BRACE: You did do everybody. That's what's coming through now. So everybody should now be able to then see what Anthony has created. It is a shared plan in your machines and your plan manager also just like when Anthony brought up originally Doug's plan was not there. But now it is. So now everybody else should see.

>> CHAIR KELLUM: I think we have a question for general counsel.

>> Just to take a step backwards, you can see people have drawn plans or have a document in process. You cannot view those until the sharing box is checked on that screen that was just before. On that screen, I'm seeing that ID number 10 has a test plan and that ID number -- ID number 9, commissioner Clark, has a test plan. ID number 10, commissioner Eid has a test plan. They cannot view each other's plans until the sharing has been accomplished. Is that correct?

>> Yes, in essence.

>> So then when we went to the next screen, the reason I interrupted and I apologized, I know we are short on time. That was what I was referencing is that we can't share things with a majority of the commission. Then, that becomes everyone is weighing in on these plans in the software, which is not -- my other clarification is that right now, no members of the public could go in and view any of this. Is that correct?

>> KIM BRACE: Well, if you submit the plan --

>> We haven't done that, Kim. Right now -- we need to uncheck some of those boxes. Thank you.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: As of right now, the only boxes I have checked are the people we were practicing with, Kim, Ryan, Doug and M.C. There is a little bit of a lag that shows up.

>> KIM BRACE: I can see it now. It is up now, Anthony. Anthony, what you need to do is check off both of the Kim Braces and both of the Ryan Taylors. We signed on in different ways in order to see and share things. For right now, just check both of our names in both places off. Or turn it on so you can share it with all of us no matter what. We've signed on in essence as administrators but we've also signed in as users. That's why you are seeing me twice and Ryan twice.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Okay. That's done.

>> KIM BRACE: Update that and then we'll be fine.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Now, Kim, I can't submit the plan until it is first validated, correct?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes, that is correct.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: So should I validate it?

>> KIM BRACE: Sure. There is a real drag on the system. I am seeing, Anthony, that you have checked off all the names and it is processing. I don't know if that's a Zoom issue or what but there is a delay.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I'm at the plan validation box where it has the four validation criteria. I have two checkmarks and two Xs.

>> KIM BRACE: Yep, I'm seeing you now. So, let's see. You are on the nine district plan right now, as I recall. So it is saying that your deviations are outside the accessible window of minus 100% and plus 100%. I'm not sure how you did it but congratulations, Anthony, on that side. Those are kind of warning circumstances. As you remember, we have checked it off so that warnings are not something that invalidates the validation process. So you can go ahead and submit this plan now. Despite those warnings, it will go through.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Kim, we have a question quickly from commissioner Orton.

>> KIM BRACE: Sure.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: This is maybe for Kim, I just want us to be clear before we go off for the weekend and start working on our own. We are he okay to create these plans. We just need to not share, like we can share with Kim and I forgot the other name.

>> KIM BRACE: Ryan.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: We can share with them but we shouldn't share with everybody on the list.

>> The same core rules would apply to electronic communications that apply to any form of communication, verbal, written, electronic. So, yes, you want to avoid Quorums,



avoid Quorums and not only the full commission but any committees that are still formed, which is the committee for the litigation counsel RFP. You want to avoid constructive Quorums or round Robin Quorums where you stack the information and relating information. Those would be your guiding principles. They are the same as your guiding principles in all of the other members of the commission. They do not apply to the staff. That's why we are able to send out e-mails to he everyone. We also do it that way so there is no compiling of the number of commissioners.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, general counsel.

>> I'm happy to state it differently and as often as you need. I will think of different ways to word that.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you. We appreciate it. We need to keep hearing it. Any others?

>> Madam Chair, again, if any commissioner or staff member has a question, please reach out to me by phone, text, e-mail, pigeon, whatever is your preferred method and ask me the question before you do it, would be wonderful. I am always there to help you.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, general counsel. When you were listing all those way toss communicate, I was asking to say, please ask the question first. I don't think we have any more questions.

>> KIM BRACE: All right. Well, I think we are getting to the time of conclusion here for our exercise for the day. I just want to reiterate we have done two major tasks. We've created plans. We've put users into the system if you have not yet created your user capability in the system, please do so, so we can end up seeing everybody. We'll try to figure out how best to solve some of the issues that individuals have and let me talk to Fred on a couple of instances. I can work through sue to figure out how is the best way to communicate or set up separate discussion points with individual commissioners, for example, on solving their problem.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Kim. I think commissioner Clark might have a quick question for you before you leave.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: It will have to be real quick. In a perfect world, I should create my plan and then clone it and let people change the clone, not change the original plan. Is that true?

>> KIM BRACE: Yes. That's what we were trying to experiment with.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: That didn't work. We'll get it to work. We'll get it to work.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Commissioner Eid has another question.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: What does this import plan function do?

>> KIM BRACE: Good question. The import plan function, we were testing that out last week. We are still trying to see if there is a bug there. Basically, what we were looking at is, for example, for your existing state house, state senate district plan, I don't



want to go back in there and recreate that by hand. So the import function is, basically, taking a shape file and bringing it in and setting up an existing district plan, for example.

That's what the import function is supposed to be doing. It was giving us a little bit of fits last week. We were waiting for Fred's people to get back to us that it is now functioning. That's what the import function is. If you remember when you look down on those settings, you did have the capability of exporting or exporting a shape file, which would be another way of sending your plan to somebody in that same way.

Any other questions?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: It doesn't look like we have any other questions in the room. Kim, we really appreciate you taking all of this time to practice with us. It was definitely beneficial. We look forward to you, sue, Ryan, and Fred, is that his name, getting together to make sure that all of this works for us.

Otherwise, some of us will get an "E" on our homework for this weekend. We will pay attention and might have some written suggestions. Thank you, Kim. Take care.

>> KIM BRACE: Thank you, guys.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Okay, commissioners, we are moving on in our agenda to future agenda items.

Without objection, I will ask Executive Director Hammersmith to share about future agenda items. Hearing no objection, please proceed Director Hammersmith.

>> MS. SUE HAMMERSMITH: It looks like there are some technical issues that need to be worked out. Also, Kim wanted to provide homework for you. So I think we can have him do that in writing. I will make sure that that happens shortly here.

Also, next week, he wants to talk to us about the alternative data sets and what is included in some of that data that can be used for the initial mapping process, until we get census data.

I will also make sure that the unfinished business from today for the additional information the commissioner's requested regarding foregoing the lengthy security accreditation process is covered next week. We have a meeting scheduled with two people. We have a meeting with two people with just Sarah and I asking those questions on your behalf and making sure all is well in that arena.

I think that's it for now.

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Thank you, Sue. Moving on. Any questions or comments?

Moving on to announcements. Are there any announcements? Hearing no announcements, because the commission has no further items on the agenda and no further business to do, a motion to adjourn is in order. Motion made by Commissioner Lett and a second made by Commissioner Curry.

Any debate or discussion on the motion? Hearing none, all those in favor of adjournment, please raise your hand and say aye. All those opposed, raise your hand and say nay. The ayes have it. The meeting is adjourned at 2:50. Thank you so much. Everyone, please take care and be well.

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[ The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. ]