

# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

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

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**Friday, October 22, 2021**

**1:11 PM – 9:09 PM**

**at**

**DeVos Place, Steelcase Ballroom**

**303 Monroe Ave., NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

## **MINUTES**

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

**ABSENT:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director  
Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel  
Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director  
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:11 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

**MOTION:** Amend the Agenda to Remove Debriefing Session Agenda Item 4(c). **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioner Eid

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- a. Approve Minutes of October 7. Commissioners discussed the review and approval of meeting minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 7<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Approve 11/18 Meeting at MI League at U of M, 10 AM-2 PM. The Commission held a discussion on the location for the meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Schedule a Meeting on November 18<sup>th</sup> at the Michigan League at U of M from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Rothhorn presented on the goals of the MICRC and the importance of public input.

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for Communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods III to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Director Woods explained the requirements of the public hearings, the types of proposed draft maps, the redistricting criteria, and the process for adopting maps.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 164 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Donna Farris, Karen Santelli, Calvin Dykstra, April Goodwin, Joel Ombry, Joan Long, Rebecca Grayson, Cindy Krieg, Harold Voorhees, Sandra Strandberg, Connie Eardley, Cynthia Davis, Grace Hoppen, Sarah Howard, Cheri Fields, Dorothy Munson, Rich Thrush, Austin Chenge, Sarah Woolsey, Candy DeHaan, John Fitzgerald, Josie Korrew, David Bernstein, Michael Bozym, Scott Vibohowski, Joshua DeVries, Gavin VanDelKamp, Tony Lorentz, Kelly Sackett, Nathan Phillips, Frank Lynn, Brian Burch, Rebekah Curran, Robert Dragan, Dennnis Dykhous, Gary, Michael Farage, Jonathan Current, Kathleen McKee, Julie Dye, Naomi Ludman, Kent Blohm, Tom Hooker, Gabi Manolache, Pam Hooker, Tammy Murray-Herber, Geri McCaleb, Ben Jamieson, Veronica Carra, Tom Nemcek, Mandy Bolter, Sam Moore, Greg VanderMark, Larry Moss, Dani Vilella, Kevin Hahn, Maija Hahn, Steve Redmond, Rob VerHoulon, Annie Patraude, Tim Prosch, Sandra Smith, Ellen Beal, Nancy Stier, Donna Pennington, and Kim Gates.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 89 minutes until 5:00 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 5:03 PM.

**PRESENT:**

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

**ABSENT:** N/A

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Rothhorn presented on the goals of the MICRC and the importance of public input.

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for Communications and Outreach Director Edward Woods III to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Director Woods explained the requirements for the second round of public hearings, the types of proposed draft maps, the redistricting criteria, and the process for adopting maps.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Individuals continued providing in-person public comment, as follows: Julia Ludwig, Lyn Alban, Mary Colliflower, Tom Occhipinti, Nicholas Occhipinti, Richard Houskamp, Micah Perkins, Jo De Marco, Joe Bush, Philip Smith, Jeff Thomas, Ryan Knight, Christina Fong, Nicole Villegas, Trisha Dodd, Dorian Thompson, Hank Fuhs, Sandy Weir, Gerard Sullivan, Alan Sebastian, Emily , Rebekah Miklusicak, Sandy VanderZicht, Robert Zeitter, Mark Ellermetz, Jim Wierenga, Dave Gordon, David Andersen, Mike Mabie, Ron VanBeek, Doug Koopman, Tim Morris, Joshua DeVries, Gavin VanderKamp, Joshua Roskamp, Vincent Schumacher, Tom Burke, Rob Zimmerman, Andy Johnston, Kristen Green, Joshua Green, Jade Green, Kent Willeutt, Karen Maclirorlatti-Waldron, Emerson Silvernail, Kelly Mitchell, Jeannie Burchfield, Cris Birdsong, Joey Andrews, Alexa Velloney, Calvin Cady, Michael Derpilibosian, Rowen Odom, Deandre Jones, Isaac DeGraaf, Tom McKelvey, Roy, Cle Jackson, Cherry Talsma, Karla Wagner, Valentin Dumitrescu, Ivan Diaz, Bill Marry, Thomas Charron, Sonja Patrick, Fred Overeem, Amy Rademaker, Ron Jacobson, Meredith Kenney, Carla Steingold, Buster Wesaw, Casie Bunce, Taniya Ott, BanaSher Codreal, David Moore, Danie Zeroe, Makayla Eldridg, Rhonda Loonsfoot, Swan Lewis, Elizabeth Wesaw, Paul Bragenzer, Raven Lewis, Nicole Raphael, Shirley Raphael, Kaylee Dalton, Anna Timmer, Mark Payne, Diane Schindlbeck, Sarah Hampton, Kent Vanderwood, Keith den Hollander, Lori Jiron, Thomas Martinie, Sarah Vroegop, Mary Rozendal, Timothy O'Donnell, Jordan Jarritsu, and Orlando Estrada.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc).

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 16 minutes until 8:05 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 5:03 PM.


## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 47 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Anthony S , Angela G, Jim Lax, Douglas VanBennekom, Gwen Moffitt, Dr. Todd Ellis, Gert, Greg Hodgman, Katie Ellison, Chris, Martin Johnston, Lillwyhitem, Joyce Smith, Julie Wuerfel, Shannon Abbott, Zachary Schmidt, Kelsey Brianne Hudson (she/her), Vedette Cordes, Abigail Barker, Kaci Messeder | she/her | DDP, Jim Storey, Reed Rosado, Matthew Reynolds, Matthew Delacruz, Viviana Alamillo, JAMES PEDERSEN, Brittany Pinnock, Jason Rourk, Jennifer Austin, Sandy Baxter, Eileen McNeil, Bill Witte, Patricia Davis, Brooke Sheldon, Gretchen Zuiderveen, Wendy L Sellers, Wesley, Anne Zoppa, Jasmine McKenney, Markala Williams, Marian Mahoney, Marla Imhoff, Mary Peterson, Nikko Rawetzki, David D, Wyatt Chew, Kate Shishkovsky, Jennifer Adams, Shardae Chambers, Mary Kreiter, Stephanie Williams, Megan Short, Fran Bruder, Allan, Gwen Lanier, John Schneider (he/him), Paul Galdes, Wendy Fields, Yousif Yousif, Joscha Weese, Tom Hone, Jacqueline S Woodard, Jakayla Lipsey, Dr. Tamara Mitchell, Kathy So, John Partyka, Amy Scrima, and Alexis.

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### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for the Commissioner Rothhorn to provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. Commissioner Rothhorn thanked community volunteers, AV support, and the Devos Place.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The hearing was adjourned at 9:09 PM.