

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, August 6, 2021

9:05 AM – 12:30 PM

at

Cadillac Place, L150 Room

3044 West Grand Blvd, Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 9:20 AM*)

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

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Kellom arrived at 9:20 AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

Voting No: Commissioner Curry

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Commission Request Regarding More Frequent Meetings. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide information on the Commission Request Regarding More Frequent Meetings" which was adopted. The Commission held a discussion on future, more frequent meetings to be added to the calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Prepare to Begin Mapping. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for Dr. Lisa Handley to share information on Partisan Fairness Measures" which was adopted. Dr. Lisa Handley with EDS presented her second presentation on "Measuring Partisan Fairness". Dr. Handley and EDS staff took questions from the Commission after the presentation. Commissioners presented their "State of the Thumb" maps and, with the assistance of EDS staff, discussed their merits and flaws.

- b. Homework Assignment for August 12. Kim Brace with EDS explained the homework assignment for August 12th to the Commission.

RECESS

At 11:05 AM, Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to recess for ten minutes until 11:15 AM".

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:20 AM.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
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

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of the July 29th and July 30th minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes from July 29th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (Commissioner Kellom, Chair, noted for the record that a committee meeting did not occur on July 29, 2021, and no such minutes were before the Commission for approval.)**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 30th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 29th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Communications and Outreach Director. Director Woods III provided a report.
- b. Executive Director. Director Hammersmith provided a report.

MOTION: Amend next Thursday's Meeting to Begin at 11:00 AM Until 5:00 PM and Cancel Next Friday's Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS Staff reported that next week's meeting will be in Detroit. After the recess, Dr. Moon Duchin with MGGG provided an update on the public comment tool.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Hammersmith reported on future agenda items.

RECESS

At 11:50 AM, Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 12:00 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 12:04 PM.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
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

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present.

MDOS UPDATES CONTINUED

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Dr. Moon Duchin with MGGG to provide an update on the public comment tool " which was adopted. Dr. Moon Duchin with MGGG provided an update.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 PM.