

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Monday, August 30, 2021

12:04 PM – 4:28 PM

at

Cadillac Place, L150 Room

3044 West Grand Blvd

Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Brittini Kellom (*joined the meeting at 12:32 PM*)

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*)

(*joined the meeting at 3:24 PM*)

Richard Weiss (*attending remotely from Saginaw Township, MI*) (*left the meeting at 1:18 PM and returned at 2:34 PM*)

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
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 12:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 12:32 PM

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 1:05 PM and 3:45 PM, and returned at 1:12 PM and 3:54 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Weiss left the meeting at 1:18 PM and returned at 2:34 PM

Commissioner Wagner joined the meeting at 3:24 PM

Commissioner Rothhorn left at 3:26 PM and returned at 3:30 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. One individual provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard. Three individuals provided remote public comment: Jamie Lyons Edds, James Gallant, Abby Clark.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Review of Maps Previously Drafted and Any Alternative Proposed Drafts. The Commission reviewed their draft maps from the Northeast, Northwest, and Upper Peninsula regions.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Second Round of Public Hearings. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for Communication and Outreach Director Woods III to make a presentation on the Second Round of Public Hearings” which was adopted. Director Woods sought approval on a resolution after his presentation and took questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Approve the 2nd Round of Public Hearings Schedule. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Draft Mapping – Congressional Districts for Upper Peninsula, Northeast & Northwest; and Southeast and South-Central. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Executive Director Hammersmith to facilitate discussion on Agenda Item 6.b.” which was adopted. The Commission discussed their draft mapping schedule for the duration of the meeting.

MOTION: Table Agenda Item 6.b. until the Commission has more data. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- c. Draft Mapping – Southwest State House and Senate. The Commission began draft mapping State Senate Districts in the Southwest region.

MOTION: Start Draft Mapping with a Blank Map in the Southwest region. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 8-4.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Witjes, Eid, Kellom,

Voting No: Commissioners Weiss, Clark, Curry, Lange

RECESS

At 2:12 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for eighteen minutes until 2:30 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:34 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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
Richard Weiss (attending remotely from Saginaw Township, MI)
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Erin Wagner

- d. Draft Mapping for Southwest State House and Senate. The Commission continued drawing State House districts in the Southwest region.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion on correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:28 PM.