

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, September 14, 2021

10:02 AM – 4:55 PM

at

**Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room
49 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48824**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (*joined the meeting at 10:06 AM*)

Brittini Kellom (*joined the meeting at 10:50 AM*) (*left the meeting at 3:22 PM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Anthony Eid

Erin Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT:

Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel

Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:02 AM.

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 10:50 AM and left the meeting at 3:22 PM.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 11:18 AM and 2:25 PM and returned to the meeting at 11:22 AM and 3:18 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Witjes left the meeting at 11:22 AM and returned at 11:28 AM.

Commissioner Orton left the meeting at 11:39 AM and returned at 11:44 AM.

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 11:49 AM and 2:45 PM and returned to the meeting at 11:52 AM and 2:49 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Vallette left the meeting at 11:52 AM and returned at 12:01 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. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Three individuals provided in-person public comment: Chris Andrews, Charlie Beall, and Maria VanCore. Seven individuals provided remote public comment: Doug Campbell, Iqbal Singh, Bruce, James Gallant, Supervisor Pirrone, Robert Dindoffer, Elizabeth Benyi.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft/Mapping/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for Kim Brace to provide information about a

data set to the software” which was adopted. Mr. Adelson joined Mr. Brace in explaining the update. The Commission continued drafting State Senate districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region.

RECESS

At 12:02 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 73 minutes until 1:15 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:52 PM

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

- Anthony Eid
- Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft/Mapping/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts. The Commission continued drafting State Senate districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit region.

RECESS

At 3:12 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for eight minutes until 3:20 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:22 PM

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

- Anthony Eid
- Brittni Kellom
- Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Communications and Outreach Director. Communication and Outreach Director Woods III provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates to provide.

CORRESPONDENCE

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

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Rothhorn made an announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 PM.