

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, September 2, 2021

1:06 PM – 3:45 PM

at

University of Michigan Union, Rogel Ballroom (2nd Floor)

530 S. State Street

Ann Arbor, MI 48109

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (*joined the meeting at 1:11 PM*)

Anthony Eid

Brittini Kellom (*joined the meeting at 1:17 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)

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
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting
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 1:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 1:11 PM

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 1:17 PM

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 3:16 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Amend the Meeting Agenda to Remove Item 5.A of Unfinished Business and combine it into New Business 6.d. **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. Twenty individuals provided in-person public comment: Robert Dindoffer, Ed Saunders, David Brezezinski, Rogert Hert, Don Danyko, Robert Joerg, Theresa Reid, James Johnson Jr. Mike Cox, Katherine Askew, Trent Varva, Gregory Fox, Mike Hayter, Dan Minton, Jerry Young, Aaron Squeo, Bridget Bly, Damon Jacobs, Roland Hwang, Evan Hall. One individual provided remote public comment: James Gallant.

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Racially Polarized Voting Analysis & VRA and State Constitution Commentary. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Dr. Lisa Handley and Mr. Bruce Adelson to provide presentations” which was adopted. Dr. Handley and Mr. Adelson both provided presentations.
- b. Questions from the Commission for Dr. Handley and Mr. Adelson. The Commission asked questions to Dr. Handley, Mr. Adelson, and General Counsel Pastula.
- c. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting & Communities of Interest Regional Considerations. The Commission continued to consider Communities of Interests in the Northeast and Northwest regions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF AUGUST 20 AND 23, 2021

The Commission reviewed the meeting minutes from August 20th and the 23rd.

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes from August 20th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes from August 23rd. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

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 Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 PM.