

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, September 2, 2021

5:11 PM – 7:45 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

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)

(left the meeting at 5:57 PM)

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 Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 5:11 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Wagner left at 5:57 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 14 individuals provided in-person public comment: Brian Greminger, Diane Massell, Suzanne Perkins, Alexander Gavalir, Robert Dindoffer, Greta Kruse, Janet Cannon, Eli Savit, Carolyn Hejkal, Ian Sandler-Brown, Zachary Solomon, Mark C Payne Jr., Abdulrahman Ateya, John Erdevig. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, K Lamba

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. The Commission continued to review Communities of Interest.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Communities of Interest Regional Cluster Considerations. The Commission continued to review Communities of Interest.

RECESS

At 6:39 PM, Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 11 minutes until 6:50 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 6:54 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry
- Anthony Eid
- 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: Erin Wagner

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Consider Local Counsel RFP Vendor Questions and Proposed Answers. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- a. Communities of Interest Regional Cluster Considerations. The Commission held a discussion about the COI consideration process. The Commission continued to review Communities of Interest.
- b. RFP Process Update. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for “General Counsel Pastula to provide information on the Local Counsel RFP Vendor Questions & Answers” which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula explained each of the three (3) questions and proposed answers. General Counsel Pastula took questions from the Commission.

MAIN MOTION: Accept the Proposed Questions and Adopt the Proposed Answers, as Amended, for the Local Counsel RFP. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Amend the Language in the Proposed Answer #3 to reflect the MICRC will not modify the deadline. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Witjes

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report.

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, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.