

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Monday, August 23, 2021

12:04 PM – 4:57 PM

at

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

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Anthony Eid

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
(left the meeting at 4:00 PM)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry

Brittni Kellom

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

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.

Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 4:00 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. 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. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Howard Baron.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mapping Process and Procedures. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to present updates on mapping processes and procedures" which was adopted. Director Hammersmith and General Counsel Pastula elaborated on the recommended updates to the mapping procedures. The Commission asked questions to MICRC staff and held a discussion on the recommendations.

MOTION: Amend the Mapping Process Document to Change Language in "Collaborative Mapping Item B.1.1" from "the selected Commissioner may not pass" to "the selected Commissioner is

encouraged not to pass”. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.08.16 Revised MICRC Mapping Process and Procedures. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**
Voting No: Commissioner Lange

Pursuant to Section 7.4.1(F) of the Rules of Procedure Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, designated Commissioner Eid as Acting-Chair in the event she had to leave the meeting.

- b. Continuation of Mapping State Senate Districts in Southeast and South-Central Regions. The Commission continued drawing State Senate districts in the Southeast and South-Central regions.

RECESS

At 2:58 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for twenty minutes until 3:20 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:20 PM.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- 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: Juanita Curry
Brittini Kellom
Erin Wagner

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Communication and Outreach Director. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for Communication and Outreach Director Woods III to provide information on Communication and Outreach business” which was adopted. Director Woods sought approval from on a resolution and took questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.08.17 Direct Purchase of Direct Mailing List for Rural and Downriver Areas. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Mapping of State House Districts in Southeast Region. The Commission began drafting State House districts in the Southeast region.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS staff provided an update.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion on correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Hammersmith discussed future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57 PM.