

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, October 1, 2021

9:15 AM – 2:20 PM

at

**Detroit Marriot Troy, Mediterranean Room
200 W. Big Beaver Road, Troy, MI 48084**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) *(joined the meeting at 10:17 AM)*
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela *(joined the meeting at 9:39 AM)*
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange
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 Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:15 AM. The Commission held a discussion on reducing the amount of time allotted to each public commenter.

MOTION: Reduce the Amount of Time Allotted to Each Commenter to One Minute. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 7-2.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Curry, Eid, Lett, Orton.

Voting No: Commissioners Clark and Rothhorn

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 11 individuals provided in-person public comment: Rosalind Cov, Lawrence Cramer, Terri McCormick, Leon Jackson, Laurie Evans, Anne Vital, Percy Johnson, Dina Shargabian, Ashleigh Jennings, Donal Frank, Emily Ahlquist. 36 individuals provided remote public comment: Edward Heubel, Maureen Cirocco, Rexhinaldo Nazarko, Ammara Ansari, Anne Khreizat, James Gallant, Anne Marie Graham-Hudak, Anthony Scannell, Jerry S Walden, Sarah Woolsey, Stephanie Williams, Frank Lynn Grand Rapids, Val Nicolai, Jim Pedersen, Karla Wagner, Eric McGrath, Ivan, Arleen Allen, Essence Wilson, Michael Wiese, Sean Mullally, Jesse Chvojka, Patrick Morgan, Evan Dillon, Amanda Price, Francie Cook, Anjali Bhalerao, Mark Daniel Lichterman, Brandy Chambers, Darcy, Brian D. Milidrag,

Judith Milidrag, Kwanzel Howerton, Norman Clement, Carol Taylor, Sharon Kilgore.

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

RECESS

At 10:22 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 10:32 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:41 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner
Juanita Curry

PARTISAN FAIRNESS ASSEMENT

Dr. Lisa Handley provided a presentation on the partisan fairness data for the Commission to utilize. Dr. Handley and Mr. Adelson took questions from the Commission. Dr. Handley and EDS staff assisted the Commission in analyzing some of their drafted Congressional plans.

RECESS

At 12:14 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 61 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 1:17 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner
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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Public Hearing Update. Communications and Outreach Director Woods III provided an update on public hearing dates and locations. The Commission held a discussion and asked Director Woods III questions.

PARTISAN FAIRNESS ASSEMENT (CONTINUED)

Dr. Handley and EDS staff continued assisting the Commission in analyzing drafted State Senate plans.

MAIN MOTION: Extend the Deadline to Submit Individual Maps to the Beginning of the Meeting the Morning of October 11th. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Amend the Motion to Extend the Proposed Deadline From Afternoon of October 6th to the Morning of October 11th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Draft Amended Rules of Procedure, General Counsel Pastula, Resolution 2021.09.07. General Counsel Pastula illustrated the amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

MAIN MOTION: Adopt the Drafted Amendments to the Rules of Procedure as Amended. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 10-0.**

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

Voting No: n/a

MOTION: Amend the Motion to Reduce Allotted Time per Public Commenter to One Minute at both Public Meetings and Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 8-2.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Kellom, Lett, Orton, Szetela, Vallette

Voting No: Commissioners Eid and Rothhorn

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

MDOS UPDATES

There was no update.

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, Lett, and Szetela made announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM.