

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, October 5, 2021

9:03 AM – 6:22 PM

at

Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room

49 Abbot Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Anthony Eid (attending remotely from Farmington Hills, MI)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (*joined the meeting at 9:28 AM and left at 5:38 PM*)

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittni Kellom

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 Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:03 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Szetela joined the meeting at 9:28 AM.

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 10:04 AM and returned at 10:06 AM.

Commissioner Eid left the meeting at 2:05 PM and returned at 5:16 PM.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 4:23 PM and returned at 6:10 PM

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 5:38 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Allow for a Presentation from Dr. Handley. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, 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. One individual provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard. 19 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Anthony Scannell, Dr. Stan, Ashley Prew, Loida Tapia, Ghana Goodwin-Dye, Susan Smith, Paul McAdams, Branden Snyder, Mark Payne, Terri Seastorm, Mark (Joyce) Smith, Amanda Price,

Adel A Mozip, Rick Catherman, Janessa Smit, Ibrahim Aljahim, Jill Adams, Chris Adams.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Continue Compliance Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps. The Commission began adjusting their collaborative Congressional maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 10:15 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 10 minutes until 10:25 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:27 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid (attending remotely from Farmington Hills, MI)
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:

Brittini Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Compliance Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps. The Commission continued adjusting their collaborative Congressional maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 1:03 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 62 minutes until 2:05 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:05 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
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittni Kellom
Anthony Eid

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Compliance Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps. The Commission began adjusting

their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 4:10 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 10 minutes until 4:20 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:23 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
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:

Brittni Kellom
Anthony Eid
Juanita Curry

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Compliance Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps. The Commission began adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Partisan Fairness Presentation. Dr. Lisa Handley provided a presentation on Partisan Fairness Measures. Dr. Handley took questions from the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Compliance Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps. The Commission began adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of the September 22nd meeting minutes. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes from September 22nd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

There were no reports.

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS staff gave an update.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items were discussed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rothhorn and Director Hammersmith made announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 PM.