

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, August 19, 2021**

**12:13 PM – 4:36 PM**

at

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

## MINUTES

**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  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, 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

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 12:13 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll.

*Commissioner Rothhorn left at 3:28 PM and returned at 3:31 PM.*

*Commissioner Orton left at 3:55 PM and returned at 4:01 PM*

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. 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. Five individuals provided in-person public comment: Susan Smith, Joe Bellgovan, Oscar Castaneda, Juan Martinez, David R. Hopkinson. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Connie Cook.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Mapping Process and Mapping Meetings. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide information on the mapping process and mapping meetings" which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith, General Counsel Pastula, and EDS provided information on the draft mapping process and the mapping meetings. The Commission held a discussion on both.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.06 Draft of MICRC Procedures for Mapping Meetings. **Motion by Commissioner**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Clark and Lange

## **RECESS**

At 2:06 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for fifteen minutes until 2:20 PM”.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:22 PM.

**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
- Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Brittni Kellom

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Communications and Outreach Action Items. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for Communications and Outreach Director Woods III to outline Communications and Outreach items” which was adopted. Director Woods III presented the resolutions before the Commission.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.12 Bids for a Direct Mail Campaign. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by**

**Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.13 Issuing Requests for Bids for Promotional Consultant Services. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.14 Direct Media Buys to Promote Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.15 Purchase of Translation Services. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. General Counsel Action Items. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for General Counsel Pastula to outline legal items” which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula presented the resolutions before the Commission and responded to questions.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.09 Amended MICRC Procurement Review Guidelines. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MAIN MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.10, as amended, Local Counsel Request for Proposal Using the Newly Adopted Hybrid Policy. **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

**MOTION TO AMEND:** Amend Resolution 2021.08.10 to include “Using the Newly Adopted Hybrid Policy”. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioner Lange

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.08.11, Contract with Robert Half Government (RHG) for Paralegal Services. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- c. Review of Census Data. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for Kim Brace with EDS to report on the Census data” which was adopted. Kim Brace reported on the Census data and answered questions from the Commission.

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

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 12<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Communications and Outreach Director. Director Woods III provided a report.

**MOTION:** Authorize the Executive Director to Execute a Contract with Kristen Taylor. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by**

**Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **MDOS UPDATES**

There were no updates.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no discussion on correspondence.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Hammersmith reported on future agenda items.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Executive Director Hammersmith made 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 Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:36 PM.