

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, September 21, 2021

9:02 AM – 6:04 PM

at

Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room

49 Abbot Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 9:45 AM*)

Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
(*joined the meeting at 11:35 AM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) (*joined the meeting at 9:59 AM*)

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry

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 9:02 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Eid joined the meeting at 9:45 AM

Commissioner Szetela joined the meeting at 9:59 AM

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 11:35 AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION TO AMEND: Amend the Agenda to Add “Committee for the Review of Local Counsel RFP Submissions Report” as New Business Item 6b. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. 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. Six individuals provided in-person public comment: Mike Huerta, Steve Japinga, Talal Badra, Christine A Walker, Dylan Westrin, and Sarah Howard. 10 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Margaret Schankler, Judy Hart, Karen Jan Feldmann, Bob Trezsie, Trenton Berry, Art Reyes, La Cracha Handy, Dorian Thompson, and John Meyer.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from September 20, 2021. The Commission continued drafting State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit area.

RECESS

At 12:03 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 57 minutes until 1:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 1:07 PM*)
Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry
Rebecca Szetela
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from September 20, 2021. The Commission continued drafting State House districts, primarily in the Metro Detroit area.

RECESS

At 2:57 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for thirteen minutes until 3:10 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 3:31 PM*)
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) (*joined the meeting at 4:42 PM*)
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from September 20, 2021. The Commission continued drafting State House districts.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Should the MICRC Open up MyDistricting for Comments on Maps Drawn by the Commission? Mr. Brace and Mr. Stigall provided a presentation on the MyDistricting portal that contains drafted Commission plans on which the public could comment if the functionality to do so was turned on. The Commission asked questions of EDS and MICRC staff.

MOTION: Open the MyDistricting Portal Public Comment Feature. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: EDS to use the Same Credentials as the Virginia Page login for the Michigan Page. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Committee for the Review of Local Counsel RFP Submissions Report. The commission deliberated on hiring or extending an interview to Fink Bressack.

MOTION: Invite Fink Bressack for an Interview/Presentation. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioners Vallette and Witjes

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 9, 13, AND 14, 2021

Commissioners discussed and the review and approval of the September 9th, 13th, and 14th meeting minutes. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chair, called for a motion to approve the second set of meeting minutes from September 9, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chair, called for a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 13, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chair, called for a motion to approve meeting minutes from September 14, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Communication and Outreach Director. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III provided a report.

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

There were no 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 Eid. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.