

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Wednesday, September 29, 2021

9:05 AM – 4:32 PM

at

**Cadillac Place, L150
3044 West Grand Blvd
Detroit, MI 48202**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (*left the meeting at 3:13 PM*)
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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 3:13 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 16 individual provided in-person public comment: Rick Blocker, Anthony Watkins, Dorian Thompson, Mari Rymar, Maggie Fleury, Sara Hubbo, Alice M, Kate Shishkovsky, Andrew Chicotel, Brian Burch, Nicholas Barnes, Felicia Banks, Sloan Gibson, Bill Schmidt, Anthony Scannell. 47 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Margaret Schankler, Coleen Tuokkola, Irma Glaser, Loida Tapia, Carrie Hatcher-Kay, Mitch Disselkoan, Joel Ombry, Roberta Urbani, Nicole Hill, Anthony Watkins, Bruce Martim, Rich Thursh, Joe Bower, Reed Rosado, Ofelia Torres, Nikke Becerra-DHDC, Juliana Struyk, Jane Ann ONeil, Tony Daunt, Sarah Leon Martinez, Morgynn Vallieres, Lisa DiRado, Kim Gates, Manuel Brenes, Sophia W, Bob Cinabro, Sarah Howard, Kyle Stefanski, Kurt Van Koevering, John Keenan, ASM Rahman, Amanda Jaczkowski, Kurtis Fernandez, Amanda Oster, Emma Hall, Adam Kroczaleski, Nayeem Choudhury, Rachel Atwood, David Ryden, Bing Goei, Louise A Weller, Rebeka Islam, Jennifer Schlicht, Angie Miller, Chris Andrews, Andrew Thompson.

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

RECESS

At 11:18 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 12 minutes until 11:30 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:32 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Mapping/Deliberations. MDOS staff outlined the deliberation process for draft proposed maps for public hearings. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined the upcoming meeting/public hearing calendar. The Commission asked questions and held discussion on both topics.

RECESS

At 12:15 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 60 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 1:16 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Mapping/Deliberations. The Commission continued their discussion on the upcoming meeting/public hearing calendar. Next, the Commission began reconciling previous State Senate and Congressional draft plans.

RECESS

At 2:59 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 11 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 3:13 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Brittini Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Mapping/Deliberations. The Commission began reconciling State House Districts across previously draft plans.

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

MDOS staff made an announcement.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.