

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Monday, October 4, 2021

10:00 AM – 6:41 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

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (*joined the meeting at 10:23 AM*)

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 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Szetela joined the meeting at 10:23 AM and 4:50 PM.

Commissioner Vallette joined the meeting at 4:42 PM.

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 4:50 PM.

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. One individual provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard. 19 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Anthony Scannell, Art Reyes, Ratna Rao, Robert Dindoffer, Joe Bush.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Mapping Adjustments. After a discussion on which maps to adjust, the Commission began adjusting their collaborative State Senate maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 11:57 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 63 minutes until 1:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
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 Eaton County, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittni Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Mapping Adjustments. The Commission continued adjusting their collaborative State Senate maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 2:25 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 15 minutes until 2:40 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 2:44 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
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 Eaton County, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittni Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Mapping Adjustments. The Commission began adjusting their collaborative State Senate maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 4:25 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 15 minutes until 4:40 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 4:40 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
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Brittni Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Mapping Adjustments. EDS staff ran a compactness report on the drafted State Senate map. After the Commission held a discussion about compactness, the Commission continued adjusting their collaborative State Senate maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 21 – LOCAL COUNSEL COMMITTEE, AND COMMISSION MEETING

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of the September 21st committee and full commission meeting. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the committee meeting minutes from September 21st. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the full Commission meeting minutes from September 21st. **Motion by**

**Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn.
Commissioner Szetela, 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

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.