

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission Special Meeting

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**Friday, March 5, 2021
1:00 PM – 3:29 PM**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: N/A

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 Lett, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners were present and a quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Lett, Chair, opened the floor to public comment. There were 18 individuals, who provided public comment:

- Tim Greimel
- Joe Spaulding
- Nancy Wang
- Vaughn Glenn
- Tommara Grice
- Connie R. Mitchell
- Abigail Clark
- Tameka Ramsey
- Judy Daubenmier
- Carl Baxter
- Toson Knight
- Nicole Small
- Jennifer Goosen
- Erik William Shelley
- Nick O'Keefe
- Dr. Wanda Goodnough
- Laila Nasher
- Tom Higgins

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Authorize Legal Action to Address the Impact of the Delay in the Release of 2020 Census Data on the MICRC – Resolution.2021.02.10. General Counsel Pastula and Jonathan Brater, Director of the Michigan Bureau of Elections, discussed the six-month delay involving the release of census data and the impact on the redistricting process and 2022 elections. General Counsel Pastula recommended the Commission authorize a legal filing with the Michigan Supreme Court to seek relief from the current November 1st deadline. The action would be in tandem with the Secretary of State as co-plaintiff (as the non-voting secretary to the MICRC and as the state’s chief elections officer on behalf of the Michigan Bureau of Elections). Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair, led the discussion.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.02.10. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.**
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

BREAK

Commissioner Lett, Chair, called for a brief break from 2:20 PM to 2:31 PM.

MOTION: Amend agenda by switching the order of items 6(b) and 6(a). **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.**
MOTION FAILED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Proposed Market Research Contract – Resolution 2021-02-11. Communications and Outreach Director Woods presented a proposed marketing contract with Brogan and Partners for \$26,000. Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair, led discussion.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.02.11. **Moved by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.**
MOTION APPROVED.

2. Proposed Public Hearings – Resolution 2021.02.12. Communications and Outreach Director Woods presented his updated plan for public hearings. Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair, led the discussion.

The Commission requested the plan for public hearings be revised to expand the number of meetings in Detroit, per public comment. The revised plan will be presented at the next MICRC meeting. Additionally, it was noted that town hall forums can be incorporated to increase awareness and encourage written or verbal public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair. Commissioner Lett, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.**
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 3.29 PM.

Future Meetings: March 11 from 1-4 p.m.; March 18 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m.