

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Wednesday, October 1, 2020**

**9:00 AM –12:50 PM**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittini Kellom  
Rhonda Lange  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
M.C. Rothhorn  
Glenn Shaw  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Assistant Attorney General Tom Quasarano;  
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

### **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chair Lett called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:00 AM.

### **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners were present and a quorum was met.  
9:57 AM **Commissioner Kellom** left the meeting.

10:12 AM **Commissioner Wagner** temporarily left the meeting.

10:52 AM **Commissioner Wagner** returned.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Lett called for a Motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Shaw. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes and offered one minor edit. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Chair Lett called for a show of hand and voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Lett opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment. A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Administrative Items. MDOS staff provided an update on the commission's administrative requests.
2. Open Meetings Act and Freedom of Information Act. Michigan Assistant Attorney General Thomas Quasarano presented and answered questions. [A full inventory of the presentations, discussion, and questions can be found at [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org).]
3. Committees. The commission discussed various approaches.

**MOTION:** Form three committees to review applications for the ICRC staff positions for executive director, general counsel and communication director. Each committee will be comprised of three commissioners: one commissioner who affiliates with the Democratic party, one who affiliates with the Republican party and one who does not affiliate with either major party. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. MDOS staff called roll for the vote of each commissioner.**

**Voting yes:** Commissioners Eid, Orton, Clark, Witjes, Wagner, Shaw, Vallette, Curry, Rothhorn, Lange, Weiss, Lett

**Voting no:** N/A

**Absent:** Kellom  
**MOTION APPROVED, 12-0-1.**

Nominations for the three-member committee for the Executive Director job position include **Commissioners Eid (unaffiliated), Witjes (Democrat), Clark (Republican) and Lange (Republican)**

**MDOS staff called roll for the vote of each commissioner to select the commissioner to fill the Republican seat on the committee.**

**Voting for Clark:** Commissioners Clark, Wagner, Shaw, Weiss

**Voting for Lange:** Commissioners Eid, Orton, Witjes, Vallette, Curry, Rothhorn, Lange, Lett

**Absent:** Kellom

**BY A ROLL CALL VOTE OF 8-4-1, COMMISSIONER LANGE WAS SELECTED AS THE REPUBLICAN MEMBER ON THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMITTEE.**

Executive director committee members: **Commissioners Eid (acting chair/unaffiliated), Witjes (Democrat) and Lange (Republican)**

4. Thank you notes.

**MOTION:** Table discussion to allow Commissioner Curry additional time to review thank you notes. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

1. Code of Conduct. The commission discussed the draft. Further discussion was tabled to the next meeting.
2. Communications and Outreach Director position. The commission discussed the draft.

**MOTION:** Adopt as-amended position description for Communications and Outreach Director position. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Direct MDOS staff to post Communications and Outreach Director position. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. Draft resolutions on commissioner compensation. Tabled to next meeting.  
Drafts available on [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org).

4. Next Meeting Agenda Items.

Administrative updates

Thank you notes

Code of Conduct

Subcommittees: General Counsel, Communications Director positions  
commissioner compensation

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION:** Adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM.