

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, December 1, 2020
1:01 PM – 3:09 PM

MINUTES

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

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: 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 1:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes of the full commission from Nov. 19, 2020 and offered one edit. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett called for a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes of the General Counsel Advisory Committee from Nov. 20, 2020. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Chair Lett called for a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes of the Communications and Outreach Director Advisory Committee from Nov. 20, 2020 and offered one edit. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Vallette. Chair Lett called for a 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.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Administrative Items. MDOS staff provided an update on the Commission's administrative requests.

MOTION: Chair Lett called for a motion to approve purchase of replacement computers for the model previously approved which is no longer available. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2. Executive Director Discussion:. Vice Chair Kellom led commissioners in a discussion on the six finalist candidates for the Executive Director position.

MOTION: Motion by Chair Lett to hold a second round of interviews. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. The motion failed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Clark to conduct ranked voting on the top four candidates: Sheryl Mitchell, Janette Phillips, Suann Courtright Hammersmith and Brandon Brice. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Commissioner Lange:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith
Commissioner Clark:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith
Commissioner Weiss:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith
Commissioner Rothhorn:	Sheryl Mitchell
Commissioner Wagner:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith
Commissioner Orton:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith
Commissioner Curry:	Sheryl Mitchell
Commissioner Vallette:	Sheryl Mitchell
Commissioner Szetela:	Sheryl Mitchell
Commissioner Witjes:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith
Commissioner Eid:	Janette Phillips
Vice Chair Kellom:	Sheryl Mitchell
Chair Lett:	Suann Courtright Hammersmith

Per the ranked vote, **Suann Courtright Hammersmith was selected as the commission's Executive Director.** The first and only round of ranked voting resulted in one candidate receiving a majority of votes consisting of at least one vote from a Commissioner of each party affiliation, both of which are constitutional requirements for the Commission to retain paid staff. MI Const. Art. IV, § 6(12).

The Commission then voted unanimously to have Commissioner Clark and Commissioner Lange extend an offer of employment to Suann Courtright-Hammersmith consistent with the terms of the job posting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Report from General Counsel Advisory Committee: The following two candidates were suggested as finalists for consideration by the full commission:

1. Julianne Pastula
 2. James Lancaster
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2. Report from Communications and Outreach Director Advisory Committee:
The following eight candidates were suggested as finalists for consideration by the full commission:
 1. Janet Lebson
 2. Sonya Howell
 3. Michael Kroll
 4. Brenda Kerfoot
 5. Edward Woods
 6. Andrea Taylor
 7. Amy Hybel
 8. Bill Froehlich

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.