

# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

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**Thursday, November 19, 2020**  
**9:00 AM – 2:01 PM**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittini Kellom  
Rhonda Lange  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
M.C. Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela (joined at 9:04 AM)  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (left meeting at 12:45 PM)  
Richard Weiss (joined at 9:14 AM)  
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 9:00 AM.

### **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 Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Curry. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners discussed the draft Minutes and offered edits. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve Minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Wagner. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. Chair Lett called for a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Lett opened the floor to public comment. There were three requests for public comment though only two signed on to address the live commission meeting: Joe Spaulding and Nancy Wang. 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. Correspondence:
  - a. Commissioners discussed request from David Dulio, professor of Political Science at Oakland University, for a study of Michigan's redistricting process.  
**MOTION**: Chair Lett called for a motion to move forward with Oakland University Professor Dulio's request that the commission participate in a study of Michigan's redistricting process. **Motion by Chair Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**
  - b. Commissioners agreed to defer management of requests for public speaking engagements to the commission's staff, once hired.
  - c. Commissioners discussed suggestion from Tom McMillan to hire two co-executive directors and ultimately declined to act.
3. Interview Process:

- a. Commission discussed and agreed up on interview questions for Executive Director candidates and the process for asking questions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### 1. Candidate Interviews:

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| a. Brandon Brice                | 10:16 to 10:36 AM    |
| b. Sheryl Mitchell              | 10:39 to 11:11 AM    |
| c. Janette Phillips             | 11:29 AM to 12:04 PM |
| d. Suann Courtright Hammersmith | 12:05 to 12:29 PM    |
| e. Anna Seibold                 | 12:30 to 12:57 PM    |
| f. Vicki DeVould                | 12:58 to 1:23 PM     |

### 2. Post-interview discussion and next steps:

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eid to have Michigan Department of State staff schedule another meeting for final consideration of executive director candidates. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. Motion by Chair Lett. Supported by Co-chair Kellom. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 PM.