

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, July 20, 2023**

**10:05 a.m. – 11:56 a.m.**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Huntington Beach, California*)  
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)  
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)  
Brittni Kellom (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)  
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, Michigan*)  
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Petoskey, Michigan*)  
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)  
MC Rothhorn (*remotely from Lansing, Michigan*)  
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely Wayne County, Michigan*)  
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Onaway, Michigan*)  
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, Michigan*)  
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)  
Dustin Joseph Witjes (*remotely from Tuscola, Illinois*)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Edward Woods III, Executive Director  
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff  
Fink Bressack

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Clark, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC), to order at 10:05 a.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

**MOTION:** That the agenda be amended to remove item 6a from New Business, Commissioner Employment Inquiry. **Moved by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 8-5**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Doug Clark	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
MC Rothhorn	No
Rebecca Szetela	No
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	No
Dustin Witjes	Yes

**MOTION:** End debate on the motion and call the question. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 9-4.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Doug Clark	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes

<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	No
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes
<b>MC Rothhorn</b>	Yes
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	No
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Yes
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	No
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	No
<b>Dustin Witjes</b>	Yes

**MOTION:** Approve the agenda as amended. **Moved by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 9-4.**

<u><b>Commissioner</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
<b>Doug Clark</b>	Yes
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Yes
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Yes
<b>Brittni Kellom</b>	Yes
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	No
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes
<b>MC Rothhorn</b>	Yes
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	No
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Yes
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	No
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	No
<b>Dustin Witjes</b>	Yes

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS**

Commissioner Clark, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. One individual provided public comment: James Gallant.

A complete inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc).

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Agee Case. Legal Liaison, Steve Lett, and Nate Fink, Fink Bressack, provided an update about ongoing litigation.
  
- b. FY 24 Budget Appreciation. Executive Director Woods expressed appreciation to Senator Sarah Anthony, Representative Angela Witwer, Senator Jeremy Moss, State Budget Director Chris Harkins, and MDOS Chief Legal Director Mike Brady for their assistance in obtaining approval for the MICRC FY 24 Budget.
  
- c. FY 23 Financial Report for May. Executive Director Woods presented the financial report for May 2023.
  
- d. State Computer Updates. Executive Director Woods stressed the need for commissioners to update their state computer.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Core Values Discussion. Commissioners discussed their code of conduct and core values.

Commissioner Lett raised a point of order that the discussion was not germane to the agenda item. Commissioner Clark, Chair, ruled in favor of the point of order.

**MOTION:** Appeal the decision of the chair regarding the point of order, with a vote of yes meaning to uphold the chair's decision, and a vote of no meaning to overturn the chair's decision. **Moved by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 8-4.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
MC Rothhorn	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	No
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	No
Dustin Witjes	Yes

**MOTION:** Move to the next agenda item. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 11-2**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Doug Clark	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
MC Rothhorn	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes

<b>Erin Wagner</b>	No
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Yes
<b>Dustin Witjes</b>	Yes

b. Process for Calling Special Meetings. The Commission discussed adjustments to the rules of procedures for calling a special meeting.

c. FY 23 Financial Report for June. Executive Director Woods presented the fiscal year 23 financial report for June.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. June 15, 2023, Minutes

**MOTION:** Approve the minutes for the June 15 meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

b. Approval of corrected minutes from past meetings.

**MOTION:** Approve the corrected minutes for the following meeting dates:

- September 17-18, 2020
- September 25, 2020
- February 18, 2021
- May 11, 2021 (hearing)
- June 1, 2021
- September 24, 2021
- October 8, 2021
- October 26, 2021
- October 28, 2021
- November 1, 2021
- March 10, 2022
- June 9, 2022
- January 19, 2023

**Moved by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Orton, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

## **REPORTS**

Executive Director Report. Executive Director Woods presented updates to the Commission.

Legal Liaison Report. Commissioner Lett presented updates on the ongoing legal challenges.

MDOS Report. MDOS staff provided updates to the Commission.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Commission shared announcements.

Commissioner Szetela raised a point of order that the discussion was not appropriate. Commissioner Orton, Vice-Chair, ruled in favor of the point of order.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Adjourn the Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Orton, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 a.m.