# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar. Full agenda, presentations, and video recordings are available at <a href="https://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC">www.Michigan.gov/MICRC</a>.

Thursday, January 18, 2024 9:01 a.m. – 5:24 p.m.

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Elaine Andrade (remotely from Imlay Twp, MI)

Donna Callaghan (remotely from North Carolina)

Anthony Eid (remotely from Detroit, Michigan)

Rhonda Lange (remotely from Reed City, Michigan)

Steven Terry Lett (remotely from Lee County, Florida)

Marcus Muldoon (remotely from Lincoln Park, Michigan)

Cynthia Orton (remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan)

Rebecca Szetela (remotely from Wayne Co, Michigan)

Janice Vallette (remotely from Highland Twp, Michigan)

Erin Wagner (remotely from Eaton Twp, Michigan)

Richard Weiss (remotely from Saginaw Twp, Saginaw,

Michigan)

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Edward Woods III, MICRC Executive Director

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

Fink Bressack Kent Stigall Kim Brace

**ABSENT:** Juanita Curry, Commissioner

Brittni Kellom, Commissioner

## CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Orton, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC), to order at 9:01 a.m.

#### ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met with 11 Commissioners present.

**MOTION:** Moved by **Commissioner Lett** to approve the meeting agenda. Supported by **Commissioner Weiss**. **Commissioner Orton**, **Chair** held a vote by verbal reply. **MOTION APPROVED**.

Amend agenda to move the order of items as they currently appear on the agenda to accommodate Legal Counsel. Moved by Commissioner Orton, Chair. Seconded by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Orton, Chair held a vote by verbal reply. MOTION APPROVED.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Orton, Chair, put forward a motion "To begin public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Three individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Chris Gilmer-Hill, Jamie Roe.

A complete inventory of live and written public comment is available at: www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

MICRC Mapping Process and Procedures, through Commissioner Orton, Chair, conversation facilitated by Legal Counsel Nate Fink outlining the schedule of the mapping process, and not consulting with VRA mapping consultants until toward the end of the mapping process.

#### **MAPPING**

Collaborative mapping by the Commission.

COMMISSION on recess from 11:00 a.m. to 11:10 a.m.

**COMMISSION** returned at 11:10 a.m. for mapping.

**COMMISSION** on recess for lunch from 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Meeting called back to order at 2:31 p.m. Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked for a roll call:

**Commissioner Present/Absent** 

**Elaine Andrade** Present

**Donna Callaghan** Present

Juanita Curry Absent

**Anthony Eid** Absent

**Brittni Kellom** Present

**Rhonda Lange** Present

**Steve Lett** Present

Marcus Muldoon Present

**Cynthia Orton** Present

Rebecca Szetela Present

Janice Vallette Present

**Erin Wagner** Present

**Richard Weiss** Present

11 Commissioners present after Lunch recess; quorum met.

Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked Legal Counsel Nate Fink to facilitate a discussion regarding Mapping Procedures and the memo to vacate. Counsel Fink shared their Legal recommendations.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** Moved by Commissioner Lett, to Adjourn, Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commission Orton, Chair, held a verbal vote. **MOTION APPROVED.** 

The meeting was adjourned at 5:24 p.m.