

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Hybrid meeting held in-person and Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar. Full agenda, presentations, and video recordings are available at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

Tuesday, January 23, 2024
10:00 a.m.- 2:46 p.m. & 6:08 p.m.-8:26 p.m.

Huntington Place
1 Washington Blvd
Detroit, MI 48226

MINUTES

PRESENT: Elaine Andrade
Donna Callaghan
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Anthony Eid)
Brittni Kellom (*joined at 1:40 p.m. and 6:35 p.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)
Steven Terry Lett
Marcus Muldoon
Cynthia Orton
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)
Janice Vallette)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, MI*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Twp, Saginaw, MI*)

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Woods III, MICRC Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff
Fink Bressack
John Morgan, Election Data Services
Kim Brace, Election Data Services

Lisa Handley, PhD – Partisan Fairness Expert

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Orton, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC), to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met with 12 Commissioners present at the time of roll call, with Commissioner Kellom joining at 1:40 p.m.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Vallette, Vice Chair, put forward a motion “To begin public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda” which was adopted. Three individuals provided in-person public comment. Eight individuals provided remote public comment: Annie-M, Alex McGuire, Ryan Reece, George Higgins, Anthony Scannell, James Gallant, Malek S, Brook Harris.

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

PRESENTATION by **Dr. Lisa Handley, Partisan Fairness Expert**, regarding partisan fairness.

MAPPING

Collaborative mapping by the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to break for lunch and to return at 1:00 p.m. Seconded by **Commissioner Andrade**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a verbal aye/nay vote. **MOTION APPROVED.**

COMMISSION returned from lunch at 1:09 p.m.

Commissioner Orton, Chair asked for attendance roll call.

Meeting called back to order at 1:09 p.m. Roll Call:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Present
Donna Callaghan	Present
Juanita Curry	Present
Anthony Eid	Present
Brittini Kellom	<i>Absent</i>
Rhonda Lange	Present (<i>remotely from Reed City, Michigan</i>)
Steve Lett	Present
Marcus Muldoon	Present
Cynthia Orton	Present
Rebecca Szetela	Present (<i>remotely from Wayne County, Michigan</i>)
Janice Vallette	Present
Erin Wagner	Present (<i>remotely from Eaton County, Michigan</i>)
Richard Weiss	Present (<i>remotely from Saginaw Twp, Saginaw, MI</i>)

12 Commissioners present after lunch recess; quorum met.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved that the Commission have maps ready to forward to VRA Counsel no later than this Friday. **Seconded by Commissioner Orton**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a roll call vote. **12-1. MOTION APPROVED.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes

Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked Legal Counsel Nate Fink to facilitate this portion of the meeting regarding memo to vacate a commissioner.

MOTION; Commissioner Kellom, moved to end discussion to vacate a commissioner. Seconded by **Commissioner Eid**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a vote by roll call. **11-2. MOTION APPROVED/MOTION CARRIED.**

Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No

Steve Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	No
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes

REPORTS

Executive Director Woods reminded the Commission that he provided them with a budget narrative.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

EVENING SESSION

Meeting called back to order at 6:08 pm. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, requested roll call:

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Present
Donna Callaghan	Present
Juanita Curry	Present (<i>remotely from Detroit, MI</i>)
Anthony Eid	Present

Brittini Kellom	Present (<i>joined at 6:35 p.m., remotely from Detroit, MI</i>)
Rhonda Lange	Present
Steve Lett	Present
Marcus Muldoon	Present
Cynthia Orton	Present
Rebecca Szetela	Present (<i>remotely from Wayne County, Michigan</i>)
Janice Vallette	Present
Erin Wagner	Absent
Richard Weiss	Present (<i>remotely from Saginaw Twp, Saginaw, MI</i>)

11 Commissioners present at roll call; quorum met.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Vallette, Vice Chair, put forward a motion “To begin public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda” which was adopted. Twelve individuals provided in-person public comment. Three individuals provided remote public comment: Ryan Reece, James Gallant, Hada Hossain.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to allow individuals to provide a second public comment. Seconded by **Commissioner Weiss**. **Commissioner Orton**, Chair held a verbal vote. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MAPPING

Collaborative mapping by the Commission.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.