

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, February 8, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.-1:55 p.m.**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay City, MI*)  
Donna Callaghan (*joined at 10:43 a.m., remotely from Mexico*)  
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)  
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)  
Brittini Kellom (*joined at 10:12am, remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)  
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)  
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Southfield, MI*)  
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carleton, MI*)  
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, MI*)  
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)  
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Twp, MI*)  
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Eaton County, 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  
Kim Brace  
Richard Raile, Atty – Baker Hostetler

**ABSENT:** None

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC), to order at 9:00 a.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Moved by **Commissioner Lett** to approve the meeting agenda. Supported by **Commissioner Curry**. **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. **Four** individuals provided public comment: James Gallant, Robert Dindoffer, Alex McGuire, Christine Krisleib.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM 5A, Individual Map Presentation**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to **Commissioner Szetela** to share her individual maps.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5B, Supreme Court Appeal**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Legal Counsel Nate Fink to address this agenda item. Suggesting Commission move to close session for the purposes of discussion with Counsel to discuss pending litigation.

**MOTION:** **Commissioner Lett** move to discuss pending litigation in closed session. **Seconded by Commissioner Weiss**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a verbal vote, then switched to roll call vote, **11-1**. **MOTION APPROVED.**

<u><b>Commissioner</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	Yes

<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Yes
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Yes
<b>Brittini Kellom</b>	Yes
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	No
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Yes
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	Yes
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Yes
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	Yes
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Yes

**COMMISSION moved to closed session at 10:40 a.m.**

**COMMISSION returned from closed session at 11:53 a.m.**

**MOTION: Commissioner Lett** moved to authorize legal team to file a request with the U.S. Supreme Court for a 60-day continuance on the appeal. Seconded by **Commissioner Weiss**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a vote by roll call, **8-5**.  
**MOTION APPROVED.**

<u><b>Commissioner</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	Yes
<b>Donna Callaghan</b>	Yes
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	No
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Yes
<b>Brittini Kellom</b>	No
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	No
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Yes

<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	No
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Yes
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	No
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Yes

**MOTION: Commissioner Lett** moved to break for 15 minutes. Seconded by **Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a verbal vote at 11:58 a.m. **MOTION CARRIED.** Commission to return at 12:15 p.m.

**AGENDA ITEM 5C, Review the Code of Conduct**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Legal Counsel Atty Fink and Executive Director Woods to address this agenda item – review of Code of Conduct.

**MOTION: Commissioner Lett** moved to adopt the revisions made to the MICRC Code of Conduct by Legal Counsel and Executive Director Woods. Seconded by **Commissioner Vallette. Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a verbal vote, then switched to roll call vote, **7-4-1. MOTION APPROVED.**

<b><u>Commissioner</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	No
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Abstain – due to lack of information
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Yes
<b>Brittni Kellom</b>	Yes
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	No
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Yes
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes

<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	No
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Yes
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	No
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Yes

**AGENDA ITEM 5D, Review the Conflict of Interest**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Executive Director Woods to address this agenda item – review of Conflict of Interest.

**MOTION: Commissioner Lange** moved to change the wording from 5hrs to 12 hour notification time – in the MICRC Rules of Procedures for Rescheduling of Meetings. Second by **Commissioner Szetela**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a roll call vote. **6-5-1. MOTION APPROVED.**

<b><u>Commissioner</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	Yes
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Abstain - due to not having read the documents
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	No
<b>Brittni Kellom</b>	No
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	Yes
<b>Steve Lett</b>	No
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	Yes
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	No
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	Yes
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	No

**AGENDA ITEM 5E, Review the Rules of Procedure**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yield the floor to Executive Director Woods to address this agenda item – rescheduling of meetings in MICRC Rules of Procedure.

**MOTION: Commissioner Lett** moved to revise the language regarding the cancellation of meetings in the MICRC Rules of Procedures, agenda item 5.4. Second by **Commissioner Weiss**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a verbal vote, changed to roll call vote. 9-3. MOTION APPROVED.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	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	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

**AGENDA ITEM 5F, National Redistricting Commission Conference**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to **Commissioner Eid** regarding this agenda item - National Redistricting Commissioner Conference.

**AGENDA ITEM 5D, Review the Conflict of Interest**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Executive Director Woods, and Legal Counsel – Conflict of Interest policy edits.

**MOTION: Commissioner Callaghan** moved to accept the revisions in language regarding the MICRC Conflict of Interest policy presented by Executive Director Woods. Second by **Commissioner Orton**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a roll call vote. **10-3. 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	No
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **AGENDA ITEM 6A, Notice to Vacate Proceedings**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Legal Counsel to share information on this item of Notice to Vacate.

**MOTION: Commissioner Lange** moved to proceed forward regarding the hearing for Notice to Vacate against Commissioner Eid. If yes vote prevails, the

hearing will take place on February 13, 2024. Seconded by **Commissioner Szetela**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a roll call vote. **3-9-1. MOTION FAILS.**

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

**MOTION: Commissioner Eid** moved to be reimbursed for legal fees in accordance with rule 3.4 of the MICRC procedures. Seconded by **Commissioner Callaghan**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, after discussion asked if Commissioner Eid would like to withdraw his motion. Motion withdrawn by **Commissioner Eid**.

**AGENDA ITEM 6B, Review Salary Commission**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Executive Director Woods to facilitate the of Review Salary for the Commission. Commissioner Kellom shared perspective for salary increase retroactively and until House and Senate maps are completed.



**MOTION: Commissioner Kellom** moved for Commissioner’s salary increase retroactive from the onset of map drawing through the completion of the House and Senate maps. Seconded by **Commissioner Curry**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a roll call vote. **6-7. MOTION FAILS.**

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

**AGENDA ITEM 6C, November Financial Report**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair**, yielded the floor to Executive Director Woods to review the expenditures of the Commission.

**REPORTS**

**Executive Director Report-** Executive Director Woods discussed whether Commissioners may be interested in another “Virtual Town Hall” meeting where maps will be shown. Executive Director Woods will reach out to Commissioners to host sessions for 1-hour.

**Legal Liaison Report** – no updates/report

**MDOS Report** – no updates/report.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION: Commissioner Eid**, moved to Adjourn the meeting. Seconded by **Commissioner Weiss**. **Commission Orton, Chair**, held a verbal vote. **MOTION APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 p.m.