

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, January 4, 2024
4:36 p.m. – 5:47 p.m.**

MINUTES – SPECIAL MEETING

PRESENT: Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Township, Michigan*)
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from San Miguel de Allende, Mexico*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely, from Detroit, Michigan*)
Brittni Kellom (*remotely from Baltimore, Maryland*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carleton, Michigan*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Township, Michigan*)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Eaton County, Michigan*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)

ABSENT: Commissioners Rhonda Lange and Rebecca Szetela

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) Staff
David Fink (Fink Bressack)
Richard Raile (Baker Hostetler)
E. Mark Braden (Baker Hostetler)

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Orton, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 4:36 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS

MDOS Chief Legal Director Mike Brady administered the Oath of Office to Commissioners Elaine Andrade, Donna Callaghan, and Marcus Muldoon.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Orton, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. 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. Five individuals provided remote public comment: Chris Andrews, Dustin Witjes, Sherri Grove, Allie Faulkner, and Shannon Cieko.

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

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked for Executive Director Edward Woods III to facilitate the “Items for Discussion”.

Commissioner Eid called for a point of order, referring to **Commissioner Lett’s motion** which was also seconded from last meeting on December 28, 2023, regarding “to file an appeal on the decision by the three-judge panel, and a motion to stay the proceeding in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan, and a motion to stay in U.S. Supreme Court. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a roll call vote. **MOTION APPROVED, 8-1-2**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Abstain
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	No
Steven Terry Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	Abstain
Richard Weiss	Yes

VOTING RIGHTS ACT LEGAL COUNSEL

Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked Executive Director Edward Woods III to facilitate this item. Executive Director Woods explained how Mr. E. Mark Braden would serve as VRA Counsel and be bifurcated from the Baker Hostetler litigation counsel team to avoid a conflict of interest, as ordered by the Court. He recommended that Mr. E. Mark Braden from Baker Hostetler fill the role as Voting Rights Act (VRA) counsel.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to retain Mr. E. Mark Braden from Baker Hostetler as VRA Counsel for the Commission. **Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, ask for a roll call vote. MOTION APPROVED, 10-1.**

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

POTENTIAL MEETING SCHEDULE

Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked without objection for Executive Director Edward Woods III to facilitate this item discussion. There is a meeting scheduled for next week, the timeframe will be at least four full hours, per Executive Director Edward Woods III. Dates need to be identified for mapping and in-person meetings in Detroit.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked for any new business from any of the Commissioners. **Moved by Commissioner Weiss** to increase the Executive Director Edward Woods III back to full time salary and hours, retroactive to January 1, 2024. **Seconded by Commissioner Curry.** Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a roll call vote. **MOTION APPROVED, 10-1.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes

Brittini Kellom	Yes
Steven Terry Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

MOTION: Commissioner Curry moved to increase Commissioners pay back to full time pay. **Seconded by Commissioner Eid.**

MOTION: Commissioner Lett ask that this motion be tabled until the Commission's next meeting on January 11. **Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by a verbal Yes or No response. MOTION APPROVED.**

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by verbal Yes or No response. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.