

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar. Full agenda, presentations, and video recordings are available at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC

Wednesday, February 1, 2024
9:02 a.m. – 6:08 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Twp, MI*)
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from Mexico*)
Juanita Curry (*joined at 10:10 a.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Brittini Kellom (*joined at 10:11 a.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, FL*)
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carleton, MI*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, MI*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely Highland Twp, MI*)
Erin Wagner (*joined at 10:44 a.m., 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
Mark Braden, VRA Counsel
Taylor Thompson, VRA Associate

ABSENT: None

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Orton, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC), to order at 9:02 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met with 10 Commissioners present.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: **Commissioner Lange** move to amend to add to the unfinished business (Item 5e) to have the discussion to dismiss the appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. Seconded by **Commissioner Szetela**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair** held a roll call vote. **2-8. MOTION FAILS.**

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

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. Twenty-two individuals provided public comment: John Weiss, Katie Olson, Sarah

Howard, Elizabeth Gary, Ryan Reese, Corey Morris, Mari Rymar, Meredith Kennedy, Kyle Stefanski, Aiden Ross, Monique Stanton, Alex McGuire, Micheal Davis, Christa Phelps, Fatima Din, Chris Gilmer-Hill, Yvonne White, Chris Andrews, Anthony Scannell, Robert Dindoffer, Paula Bowman, John.

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

Commissioner Orton, Chair, yielded the floor to Legal Counsel Nate Fink to address agenda Item 5A, Deliberations, prior to finalizing maps that will move forward to the public.

Commissioner Orton, Chair, yielded the floor to Mr. Brace to share upload map spreadsheet information sent to the Commissioners. Map documents are available on the website.

MAPPING

Collaborative mapping by the Commission.

Commission on Lunch recess until 2:00pm.

Commissioner Orton, Chair, called the meeting back to order to 2:00pm. Requesting a roll call.

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

12 Commissioners present, there is a quorum.

Commissioner Orton, Chair, yielded the floor to Mr. Braden for VRA Analysis from the maps that the Commission submitted.

Commission took a break from 3:47 p.m. until 4:00 p.m.

MOTION: Commissioner Eid moved the original Motown Sound map forward for public comment. Seconded by **Commissioner Kellom**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a verbal vote, then switched to 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

MOTION: Commissioner Eid moved forward the original Riverwalk map forward for public comment. Seconded by **Commissioner Kellom**.
Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a roll call vote, **7-6. MOTION APPROVED.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	No
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	No
Brittni 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS 5C, Individual Map Presentation – Moving individual maps forward. Commissioner Szetela unable to present at this time.

Commissioner Orton, Chair, yielded the floor to Legal Counsel Atty Fink, regarding the pending information on notice to vacate Commissioner Eid from this office at the February 8, 2024.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to hold a vote on February 8 to determine whether or not to advance the notice to vacate regarding Commissioner Eid to proceed to hearing. The hearing will be held on the February 13 if the vote to move forward passes; if the vote does not move forward the hearing will not be held on February 13. Seconded by **Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair,** held a roll call vote. **9-3.** MOTION CARRIES/APPROVED.

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

REPORTS

Executive Director Report. **Executive Director Woods** shared meeting dates for February 2024, once again. February 15 will be a virtual town hall meeting. The

Commission received four requests for PR quotes. He would like to negotiate with 98Forward and McConnell Communications.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved that the Commission authorizes the Executive Director to negotiate with 98Forward (non-traditional & social media outreach) and McConnell Communications (traditional and communications outreach) for the Commission. This is pending the reference from 98Forward. If neither firm agrees, the Commission moves to authorize the Executive Director to negotiate with either 98Forward or McConnell Communications to provide public relations services for the Commission. This is pending the reference for 98Forward. Seconded by **Commissioner Weiss**. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by verbal vote. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MDOS Report. No report or update.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:08pm.