

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*)
Brittni 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 (*left mtg at 10:12a*)
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 10:00 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 Orton, 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.

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.**

Commissioner **Vote**

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	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	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>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	No
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	No
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 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.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	Not present
Juanita Curry	Abstain – due to lack of information
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 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 Lange moved to change the wording from 5 hours to 12-hours 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.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Not Present
Juanita Curry	Abstain - due to not having read the documents
Anthony Eid	No
Brittini Kellom	No
Rhonda Lange	Yes
Steve Lett	No
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes

Janice Vallette	No
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	No

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
Donna Callaghan	Not Present
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** and Legal Counsel 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>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	No
Juanita Curry	No
Anthony Eid	Abstain due to conflict of interest.
Brittni Kellom	No
Rhonda Lange	Yes
Steve Lett	No
Marcus Muldoon	No
Cynthia Orton	No
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	No
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	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>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	No
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	No
Rebecca Szetela	No
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	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.