

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, February 15, 2024

Townhall Meeting

9:00am-12:00pm, 1:00pm - 4:00pm, 5:00pm – 8:00pm

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Twp, MI*)  
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from Mexico*)  
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)  
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)  
Brittini Kellom (*joined at 9:15 am, remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)  
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Lake Co, MI*)  
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee Co, FL*)  
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carleton, MI*)  
Cynthia Orton (*remotely Battle Creek, MI*)  
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)  
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Twp, MI*)  
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Eaton Twp, 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

**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 12 Commissioners present.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **VIRTUAL TOWNHALL MEETING - PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MOTION: Commissioner Weiss moved** to adjust public comment speaking times during Townhalls to no more than three times per hour at the standard 90 seconds; those that haven't spoken yet will speak first, then repeat commenters will be called to speak. Seconded by **Commissioner Lett**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, held a vote by verbal reply. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Fifty individuals provided public comment: Aleander Haider, Anastasey Manolatos, Andre Bryant, Anthony Scannell, Bridget, Cassy, Chris Habiby, Christina D, Christine Holmes, Craig Farrand, David Allen, David Bell, Delaney McDermott, Dennis Shaw, Dina Sharabian Stuber, Dr. Muthamaki, Dylan Linklater, George Higgins, Graeme Hewson, Gwendolyn Jones, James Gallant, Jasmine, Kathleen, Kenya Willard, Kevin Hardges, Kimberly, Kyle Stefanski, Lisa Louise Lewis, Lulu Annous, Mari Rymar, Mikala Cox, Miss Maia, Mohammad Shamma, Mona Mawari, Nagi, Oscar Castaneda, Pamela Whitaker, Percy, Pierce Ward, Regina Smith, Richard Michalski, Robert Dindoffer, Rory McGillen, Ruth Johnson, Salah Ali, Samraa Luqman, Samy Othman, Tracy Pees, Trenton Wormley, Yvette McElroy Anderson.

## **REPORTS**

**Executive Director Report-** Executive Director Woods provided a report.

**Legal Liaison Report-** Commissioner Lett provided an update regarding potential fees related to litigation. Atty Nate Fink shared additional information on this topic.

**Commission took an one hour lunch recess and returned at 1:00pm.**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked for an attendance Roll Call.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	Present
<b>Donna Callaghan</b>	Present
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Present
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Present (2 minutes late for roll call)
<b>Brittni Kellom</b>	Present (15 minutes late for roll call)
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	Absent
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Present (2 minutes late for roll call)
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Present (15 minutes late for roll call)
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Present
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	Present (15 minutes late for roll call)
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Present
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	Absent
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Present

6 Commissioners present, at roll call - there was not a quorum. Commissioners Lett and Eid joined 2 minutes after roll call was taken- there was still not a quorum.

**Commissioner Orton, Chair,** acknowledged Attorney Nate Fink, Commission’s Legal Counsel. Atty Nate Fink shared an additional Legal Liaison update. He just learned from the Baker Hostetler Law Team that Justice Kavanaugh granted the

extension application. The jurisdictional statement deadline to file with the U.S. Supreme court is now moved out to 60 days.

**MOTION: Commission Orton, Chair,** moved to give speakers 2 minutes to speak, 1 time per hour but the speaker/commenter topic must be germane to the Redistricting map topic, for today’s Townhall meeting only. If the Commissioner engages with the speaker/commenter, then the 2 minutes dissolves until the conversation completes. Seconded by **Commissioner Eid.**

**Commissioner Lett** moved to amend the motion to expand the speaker/commenter time to 5 minutes 1 time per hour. **Seconded by Commissioner Eid.**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair,** held a roll call vote, **8-0. MOTION FAILS;** threshold for quorum was not met.

**ROLL CALL to Amendment**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Steve Lett	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes

**RETURN at 3:00pm from recess – Roll Call**

**Commissioner Orton, Chair,** asked for an attendance Roll Call.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Present/Absent</u>
Elaine Andrade	Present

<b>Donna Callaghan</b>	Present
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Absent
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Present
<b>Brittni Kellom</b>	Present
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	Absent
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Present
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Present
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Present
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	Present
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Present
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	Absent
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Present

10 Commissioners were present, there was a quorum.

**MOTION: Commissioner Lett** moved that each speaker have five minutes, one, time per hour, with the subject matter being limited to mapping for Commission maps. Seconded by **Commissioner Eid**. **Commissioner Orton, Chair**, asked for a roll call vote, **9-1. MOTION APPROVED**

<u><b>Commissioner</b></u>	<u><b>Vote</b></u>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	Yes
<b>Donna Callaghan</b>	Yes
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Yes
<b>Brittni Kellom</b>	Yes
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Yes
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Yes
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Yes
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	No

**Janice Vallette**                      Yes  
**Richard Weiss**                      Yes

**RETURNED at 5:00 p.m. from scheduled dinner break – Roll Call**  
**Commissioner Orton, Chair, asked for an attendance Roll Call.**

<b><u>Commissioner</u></b>	<b><u>Present/Absent</u></b>
<b>Elaine Andrade</b>	Present
<b>Donna Callaghan</b>	Present
<b>Juanita Curry</b>	Absent
<b>Anthony Eid</b>	Absent
<b>Brittini Kellom</b>	Present
<b>Rhonda Lange</b>	Absent
<b>Steve Lett</b>	Present
<b>Marcus Muldoon</b>	Absent
<b>Cynthia Orton</b>	Present
<b>Rebecca Szetela</b>	Absent
<b>Janice Vallette</b>	Present
<b>Erin Wagner</b>	Absent
<b>Richard Weiss</b>	Present

7 Commissioners were present, there was not a quorum at roll call.

**Commissioner Orton, Chair,** thanked the speaker/commenters for their participation.

Due to no quorum, a motion was not made to adjourn. The meeting ended at 8:01p.m.