

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, March 21, 2024

10:00 a.m. – 12:04 p.m.

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 (*remotely from Wayne Co, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)
Steven Lett (*remotely from Lee Co, Florida*)
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 Charlotte, MI*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Twp, MI*)

ABSENT None

OTHERS PRESENT Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) Staff
Nate Fink, Fink Bressack

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.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the agenda. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.
MOTION APPROVED.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Janice Vallette, Vice Chair, put a motion “to begin public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda” forward without objection, which was adopted.

Two (2) individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Anthony Scannell.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 5A – Revised Conflict of Interest Policy

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods shared the revisions to the Conflict of Interest policy for the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to accept changes presented in revised Conflict of Interest Policy, revisions are posted on the MICRC website. Seconded by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by roll call. **10-3.**
MOTION APPROVED.

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

2. 5B – Revised Rules of Procedure

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods shared the revisions to the Rules of Procedure policy for the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to accept the revisions to the Rules of Procedure; revisions are posted on the MICRC website. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by roll call. **10-3. MOTION APPROVED.**

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

5C - Privileged Discussion Recording – December 28, 2023

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods asked that Atty Nate Fink facilitate this discussion. Atty Nate Fink shared that three Commissioners were not at the Special Privileged meeting. Atty Fink is making the recording available to those Commissioners and any Commissioner who would like to listen to the recording. Atty Fink suggested that Executive Director Woods provide a separate Zoom meeting to listen to the recording.

5D - FY24 Budget Supplemental

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods shared an update that Commission has utilized 55% of the FY24 Budget within four months of FY24, and hopes to have a resolution for a supplemental budget sometime in May 2024

5E - Redistricting Presentations

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods shared information regarding Redistricting Presentations specifically in SE Michigan to educate citizens regarding Redistricting. He thanked Commissioners who signed up to help facilitate presentations.

NEW BUSINESS

6A - Proposed Schedule for State Senate Remedial Plan

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. A Senate remedial redistricting plan schedule was presented to the Commission which included dates through August 30, 2024.

6B - Commission Salary Review

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods discussed changing the Commissioner’s salary to 35% of the Governor’s salary while the Commission is mapping, and only why they are mapping. He also discussed that when the Commission is not mapping, the Commissioner’s salaries would go back to 25%.

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela moved that this current Commission not be permitted to reevaluate salaries again under this Commission’s tenure. Seconded by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by roll call. **3-10. MOTION FAILED.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	No
Juanita Curry	No
Anthony Eid	No
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 Lett moved that Commission pay be increased to 35% of Governor’s salary during mapping process of the State House and Senate Remedial Plans only. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by roll call. **9-4. 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	No
Rebecca Szetela	No
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

6C – Executive Assistant and Event Coordinator Pay Rate for Kristin Taylor
 Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods asked that the Commission move Kristin Taylor’s pay to \$35/hour retroactive to her 2024 hire date with the Commission.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved that Commission approve to increase Kristin Taylor’s pay to \$35/hour retroactive to her 2024 hire date with the Commission as the part-time coordinator. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a vote by roll call. **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

6D - Public Relations Request for Quote

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods stated that he would like to move forward with seeking quotes from public relations firms for the Senate Remedial Plan phase.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved that Executive Director be able to move forward with seeking quotes for public relations firm support during the Senate Remedial Plan phase. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **12-1, 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	Yes
Steve Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

6E - State Request for third party review of Commission's expenses

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods informed the Commission about updates to the financial management software, and the need to comply with a request for records to help complete an audit of new software using MICRC records.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved that Commission authorize Executive Director Woods to allow the State to release the requested information regarding FY 2022 to the vendor. Seconded by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Orton, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **13-0**, **MOTION APPROVED.**

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

6F – January Financial Report

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this issue. Executive Director Woods shared the January Financial Report.

6G - Election of Chairperson

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that MDOS facilitate this issue. Sarah Reinhart facilitated the elections with Commissioner Orton, Chair, requesting nominations for Commission Chairperson. Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Szetela were nominated. Vote tallies were as follows: Eid = 10, Szetela = 3. Commissioner Eid elected as Chair.

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

6H - Election of Vice Chairperson

Commissioner Orton, Chair, requested that MDOS facilitate this issue. Sarah Reinhart facilitated elections with Commissioner Orton, Chair, requesting nominations for Commission Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Lett, Commissioner Szetela, and Commissioner Kellom were nominated. Vote tallies were as follows: Lett = 2, Szetela = 3, Commissioner Kellom = 8. Commissioner Kellom elected as Vice Chair.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Kellom

Donna Callaghan	Kellom
Juanita Curry	Lett
Anthony Eid	Kellom
Brittini Kellom	Lett
Rhonda Lange	Szetela
Steve Lett	Kellom
Marcus Muldoon	Kellom
Cynthia Orton	Kellom
Rebecca Szetela	Szetela
Janice Vallette	Kellom
Erin Wagner	Szetela
Richard Weiss	Kellom

6H - Approval of the minutes for December 14 and December 28, 2023

MOTION: Commissioner Orton moved to approve the December 14, 2023, minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Vallette. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Orton moved to approve the December 28, 2023, minutes, with a spelling correction noted by Commissioner Wagner. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands with the noted correction by Commissioner Wagner. **MOTION APPROVED.**

8. REPORTS

Executive Director Report. Executive Director Woods shared a couple projects he’s working on including updating the MICRC website addresses to ensure the public can continue to access materials. As part of Women’s History Month, Executive Director Woods thanked the women on the Commission for their participation as MICRC Commissioners and MICRC support staff.

Legal Liaison Report. Commissioner Lett encouraged the Commission to read the report provided by the Special Master which depicts the map created by the Commission in a favorable light.

MDOS Report. Sarah Reinhart shared that she will be taking a step back from support of the Commission due to her involvement with other projects and 2024 being a presidential election

year. Yvonne Young and Meghan Schaar will be the MDOS point people and support for the Commission moving forward.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Woods reminded Commissioners that if anyone wanted to attend the memorial service for former Commissioner Doug Clark that the service will be held this Saturday, March 23, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.