

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, May 16, 2024
10:00 a.m.- 2:55 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Township, MI*)
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from Mexico*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Brittini Kellom (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Osceola County, MI, left at 2:40 p.m.*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Grand Traverse County, MI*)
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carlton, MI*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, MI*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, MI,*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Township, MI*)
Erin Wagner (*joined at 10:09 a.m., remotely from Eaton Township, MI, left at 12:32 p.m.*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw, MI*)

ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) Staff
Nate Fink, Fink Bressack
John Morgan, Election Data Services (“EDS”)
Kim Brace, EDS
Dr. Lisa Handley, EDS
Mark Braden, Baker Hostetler
Taylor Thompson, Baker Hostetler
Dr. Maxwell Palmer, Baker Hostetler

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Eid, 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. Supported by Commissioner Weiss.

MOTION: Amend the agenda to remove Item 7 (Minutes). Moved by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote on the motion to approve the agenda, by show of hands.

MOTION APPROVED.

Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote on the motion to approve the agenda, as amended, by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

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

Five individuals provided public remote comment: James Gallant, Kelly Goldberg, Gary Morehead, Kermit Williams, and Anthony Scannell.

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

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. VRA Analysis

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Mark Braden facilitate this topic. Mark Braden provided a brief recap of the requirements of the Voting Rights Act and a review of the Senate plans provided by the Commission to Dr. Maxwell Palmer, principally addressing the opportunity of Black voters to elect representatives of their choice to the Michigan Senate.

b. Partisan Fairness Analysis

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Dr. Lisa Handley facilitate this topic. Dr. Handley presented to the Commission a summary table listing the partisan fairness scores for all the completed plans.

MAPPING

Collaborative mapping by the Commission.

Commission recessed at 12:32 p.m. Commission returned from recess at 1:35 p.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Roll Call</u>
Elaine Andrade	Present
Donna Callaghan	Present
Juanita Curry	Present
Anthony Eid	Present
Brittini Kellom	Present
Rhonda Lange	Present
Steve Lett	Not Present, <i>joined at 1:42 p.m.</i>
Marcus Muldoon	Present
Cynthia Orton	Present
Rebecca Szetela	Present
Janice Vallette	Present
Erin Wagner	Not Present
Richard Weiss	Present

MAPPING

Collaborative mapping by the Commission.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that virtual public hearings are scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 29th and Thursday, June 6th from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. At the virtual public hearings, the Commission will present collaborative maps, each Commissioner will present their alternative (individual) map if they made one, and the Commission will answer questions from the public.

Executive Director Woods also provided an update on the Commission’s request for a fiscal year 2024 supplemental budget.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Muldoon. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.
MOTION APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.