

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, June 25, 2024
Detroit Marriot Southfield
27033 Northwestern Highway,
Southfield, MI 48034
10:06 a.m.- 6:27 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Elaine Andrade
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from Mexico*)
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom (*joined at 2:27 p.m.*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)
Steven Terry Lett
Marcus Muldoon
Cynthia Orton
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, MI*)
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, MI*)
Richard Weiss

ABSENT

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Eid, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:06 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. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote on the motion to approve the agenda, 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.

Two individual provided in-person public comment: Alan Kewitch, and Kermit Williams.

Ten individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Yousif Yousif, Mayor Rober A. McCraight, Saif Alsenad, Nomi Joyrich, William, Anthony Scannell, Chris Andrews, Kyle Stefanski, and Sherry Gay-Dagnogo.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Senate Mapping Deliberations

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that the Commission’s experts provide updated analyses of the maps amended yesterday (6/24).

The Commission continued to review the 12 proposed draft senate remedial maps and considered minor changes that were the logical outgrowth of public comment.

MOTION: Accept Commissioner Callaghan’s Amendment to Heron, as drawn in Heron A1. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **8-4**, **MOTION APPROVED.**

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

MOTION: Recess until 2 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Commission recessed at 12:40 p.m. Commissioner Eid, Chair, called the meeting back to order at 2:10 p.m. and requested a 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
Brittni Kellom	Present, <i>joined at 2:27 p.m.</i>
Rhonda Lange	Present
Steve Lett	Present
Marcus Muldoon	Present
Cynthia Orton	Present
Rebecca Szetela	Present
Janice Vallette	Present
Erin Wagner	Present
Richard Weiss	Present

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Senate Mapping Deliberations

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that the Commission’s experts provide updated analyses of the maps amended this morning (6/25). Commissioner Eid, Chair, facilitated a discussion offering the opportunity for each Commissioner to express which maps they prefer and why.

MOTION: To appeal the decision of the chair in his point of order ruling (ruling that Commissioner Szetela’s comments were out of order). Moved by Commissioner Lange. Seconded by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **4-7-1**, **MOTION FAILED**.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	No
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Abstain
Brittini Kellom	No
Rhonda Lange	Yes
Steve Lett	No
Marcus Muldoon	No
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	No
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	No

MOTION: Commissioner Wagner moved to vote for final selection of a final remedial State Senate plan to move forward to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in the *Agee* litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Eid, Chair, ruled the **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**.

MOTION: To compel the Chair or Vice-chair to call for a motion for the Secretary to conduct a roll call vote for the final selection of a final remedial state senate plan to submit to the District Court pursuant to the District Court’s Order in the *Agee, et al v. Benson, et al* matter. Moved by Commissioner Lange. Seconded by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Eid, Chair, ruled the **MOTION RULED OUT OF ORDER**.

MOTION: To appeal the decision of the chair ruling the motion out of order. Moved by Commissioner Lange. Seconded by Commissioner Szetela.

Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **4-8-1**, **MOTION FAILED**.

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

Commissioner Eid, Chair, resumed facilitating a discussion of the proposed draft senate remedial maps, offering the opportunity for each Commissioner to express which maps they prefer and why.

Commissioner Eid, Chair, called for a motion for the Secretary to conduct a roll call vote for the final selection of a final remedial state senate plan to submit to the District Court pursuant to the District Court's Order in the Agee, et al v. Benson, et al matter.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved to vote for final selection of a final remedial State Senate plan to move forward to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in the *Agee* litigation. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, called for a roll call vote.

By a vote of **6-2-4-1**, **MOTION FAILS**.

The political party affiliation vote breakdown is as follows:

- 1 Democratic vote for Crane A1
- 3 Republican votes for Crane A1
- 2 unaffiliated votes for Crane A1

- 1 Republican vote for Crane A2
- 1 unaffiliated vote for Crane A2
- 3 Democratic votes for Kellom
- 1 unaffiliated vote for Kellom
- 1 unaffiliated vote for Szetela v3

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote by Stating Name Of Map</u>
Elaine Andrade (D)	Kellom
Donna Callaghan (D)	Kellom
Juanita Curry (D)	Crane A1
Anthony Eid (U)	Kellom
Brittini Kellom (D)	Kellom
Rhonda Lange (R)	Crane A1
Steve Lett (U)	Crane A2
Marcus Muldoon (R)	Crane A2
Cynthia Orton (R)	Crane A1
Rebecca Szetela (U)	Szetela v3
Janice Vallette (U)	Crane A1
Erin Wagner (R)	Crane A1
Richard Weiss (U)	Crane A1

Commissioner Eid, Chair, again called for a motion for the Secretary to conduct a roll call vote for the final selection of a final remedial state senate plan to submit to the District Court pursuant to the District Court’s Order in the Agee, et al v. Benson, et al matter.

MOTION: Commissioner Lett moved for the 2nd vote for final selection of a final remedial State Senate plan to move forward to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in the *Agee* litigation, as the constitutional majority was not met in Vote #1 to approve a plan. Seconded by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote.

By a vote of **8-4-1**, **MOTION FAILS**.

The political party affiliation vote breakdown is as follows:

- 1 Democratic vote for Crane A1
- 4 Republican votes for Crane A1
- 3 unaffiliated votes for Crane A1

3 Democratic votes for Kellom
 1 unaffiliated vote for Kellom
 1 unaffiliated vote for Szetela v3

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote by Stating Name Of Map</u>
Elaine Andrade (D)	Kellom
Donna Callaghan (D)	Kellom
Juanita Curry (D)	Crane A1
Anthony Eid (U)	Kellom
Brittni Kellom (D)	Kellom
Rhonda Lange (R)	Crane A1
Steve Lett (U)	Crane A1
Marcus Muldoon (R)	Crane A1
Cynthia Orton (R)	Crane A1
Rebecca Szetela (U)	Szetela v3
Janice Vallette (U)	Crane A1
Erin Wagner (R)	Crane A1
Richard Weiss (U)	Crane A1

MOTION: Commissioner Callaghan moved to Adjourn the Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **5-8**, **MOTION FAILED.**

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

Janice Vallette	No
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

Commissioner Eid, Chair, again called for a motion for the Secretary to conduct a roll call vote for the final selection of a final remedial state senate plan to submit to the District Court pursuant to the District Court’s Order in the Agee, et al v. Benson, et al matter.

MOTION: Commissioner Lange moved for the 3rd vote for final selection of a final remedial State Senate plan to move forward to the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan in the *Agee* litigation, as the constitutional majority was not met in Vote #2 to approve a plan. Seconded by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote.

By a vote of **8-1-2-2**, **MOTION FAILS.**

The political party affiliation vote breakdown is as follows:

- 1 Democratic vote for Crane A1
- 4 Republican votes for Crane A1
- 3 unaffiliated votes for Crane A1
- 1 unaffiliated vote for Crane A2
- 1 Democratic vote for Kellom
- 1 unaffiliated vote for Kellom
- 1 Democratic vote for Szetela v3
- 1 unaffiliated vote for Szetela v3

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote by Stating Name Of Map</u>
Elaine Andrade (D)	Kellom
Donna Callaghan (D)	Szetela v3
Juanita Curry (D)	Crane A1
Anthony Eid (U)	Crane A2
Brittini Kellom (D)	Kellom
Rhonda Lange (R)	Crane A1
Steve Lett (U)	Crane A1
Marcus Muldoon (R)	Crane A1
Cynthia Orton (R)	Crane A1
Rebecca Szetela (U)	Szetela v3

Janice Vallette (U)	Crane A1
Erin Wagner (R)	Crane A1
Richard Weiss (U)	Crane A1

MOTION: To table the remaining agenda items for today and adjourn after Announcements. Moved by Commissioner Muldoon. Seconded by Commissioner Vallette.

MOTION: To call the question. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Seconded by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote, on the motion to table the remaining agenda items, by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 p.m.