

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, June 20, 2024
10:04 a.m.- 12:05 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Township, MI*)
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from Mexico*)
Juanita Curry (*joined at 10:36 a.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Brittini Kellom (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carleton, 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 10:40 a.m., remotely from Eaton County, MI*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw, MI*)

ABSENT

Commissioner Steven Lett

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
Ryan Taylor, EDS

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Eid, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:04 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the agenda. Moved by Commissioner Weiss. Supported by Commissioner Muldoon. 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.

Twenty-six individuals provided public remote comment: Susan Smith, Yousif Yousif, Jamie Roe, Mayor Robert A. McCraight, Sandra Haroutunian, Nancy Tiseo, Rick T., Robert Little, Hibah Khan, Ayesha Azam, Hafsa Azam, Alex Adle, Kurtis Fernandez, Dan H., Nomi Joyrich, Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Angela Davenport, Laurie Krauth, Raisha Choudhury, Micheal Davis, Anthony Scannell, James Gallant, Chris Gilmer-Hill, Safe Al, Karen Ferguson, and Priya Roy.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. FY 24 Budget Supplement Request

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that the Commission’s request is included in the FY 24 Budget Supplemental and it is expected that action on the request will be completed before the 4th of July.

NEW BUSINESS

a. 2024 Procedure for the Selection of a Senate Map

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Nate Fink facilitate this topic. Nate Fink advised this document was updated in minor ways since the House remedial process. Specifically, the dates for deadlines were updated, and the document now references that this is the process for the Michigan Senate versus the Michigan House. Additionally, the Commission was informed that because of the number of maps in consideration this round, this version includes proposed language to reduce the pool of maps in contention after each round of majority voting.

MOTION: To adopt the 2024 Procedure for the Selection of a Senate Maps as presented by Nate Fink, with the removal of the changes that encompass the removal of maps receiving one or less vote in each round (language in Step 2, subsections C, D, and E), and the addition of a change to allow for 5 rounds of majority voting (language in Step 2, subsections E and F). Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Eid.

MOTION: To amend the main motion, to include the removal of the word “remaining” from Step 2, subsection D. Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

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

Nate Fink provided the Commission an overview of the Ranked Voting process included in the 2024 Procedure for the Selection of a Senate Maps.

b. Senate Deliberations Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods presented options for the Commission regarding how they proceed with the senate deliberations meeting schedule.

MOTION: To adopt the virtual only senate deliberation meeting schedule as presented by Executive Director Woods. Moved by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by roll call. **BY A VOTE OF 8-4, MOTION FAILED.**

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

MOTION: To adopt a hybrid approach for the senate deliberation meeting schedule, including an in-person option at the Southfield Marriot and a virtual option via Zoom, with meeting times from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on June 24th, 25th,

and 26th. Moved by Commissioner Muldoon. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION: Table the remaining items on the agenda until Monday June 24th (Communications Outreach Report, May Financial Report, and Approval of the Minutes). Moved by Commissioner Weiss. Supported by Commissioner Muldoon. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

None.

MDOS REPORT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.