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>> CHAIR EID: Good morning, everyone.

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I will for the public watching and the record I will turn to Department of State to take note of Commissioners present.

>> MS. YOUNG: Good morning, Commissioners.

Good to see you again.

Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely please announce during roll call you are attending the meeting remotely and unless absence is due to military duty state the physical location, county, city, township or the village and state which you are attending the meeting remotely.

I will begin roll call alphabetically with Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Present from Imlay Township, Michigan.

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>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Callaghan?

Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Attending from Detroit, Michigan.

Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Present attending from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. YOUNG: Commissioner Kellom?

Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present from Grand Traverse, Michigan.

Commissioner Muldoon?

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Present; Carrollton, Michigan.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present attending remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Szetela?

Present attending remotely from Wayne County, Michigan.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present from Delta County and Michigan beautiful Upper Peninsula.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: Commissioner Wagner?

Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present; attending remotely from Saginaw Township, Saginaw Michigan.

Mr. Chair you have ten Commissioners present, you do have a quorum, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Young.

>> YVONNE YOUNG: You're welcome.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioners we will now move

to adopt the agenda. As a reminder to the public watching you can view the agenda at www.Michigan.gov/MICRC. I will entertain a motion to approve the agenda.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So moved.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: Motion by Commissioner Lett and seconded by Commissioner Weiss to adopt the agenda.

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Is there any discussion on the matter? Seeing none we will move to vote, all those in favor of the motion to approve today's agenda please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

>> CHAIR EID: The ayes have it and the agenda is adopted.

>> Chair before we move on I would like to acknowledge that Commissioner Callaghan has joined us, can you please state where you are joining remotely from.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Present, joining the meeting from Mexico.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful.

Welcome, Commissioner Callaghan.

Next on the agenda is item four public comments.

Without objection we will begin the public comment portion of today's meeting pertaining to agenda topics.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed. I will call your name, and our staff will unmute you.

If you are on a computer you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute your microphone and speak. If you are on the phone a voice will say the host wants you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute. I will call you by your name or the last four digits of your phone number.

And please note if you are experiencing technical or audio issues or do not hear from you for three to five seconds we will move to the next speaker in line and return to you after you are done speaking. If your audio still does not work e-mail redistricting@Michigan.gov and we can help you trouble shoot to participate during the next public comment period at a later meeting.

You will have 90 seconds to address the Commission today. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Before we call the first public participation, Commissioner Kellom has joined.

Commissioner Kellom, can you tell us where you are joining remotely from?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Good morning, attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Ms. Young and welcome Commissioner Kellom.

We have three folks who signed up for public comment today, the first being Anthony Scannell.

>> Hello, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, good morning Anthony.

>> Good morning MICRC.

Thank you so much, happy to speak with you guys and I guess the Court adopted that. So that's great.

And all well and good.

Hopefully no more challenges and so looking at the agenda I guess I'm interested in outreach 5E under new business I would be interested to see how many people were reached or whatever.

My thought was for all the social media and interviews was there ever a highway billboard? I don't know if those cost too much, but I mean that is how I would think you know you would reach a lot of people but anyway that is just my thought. I'm interested in the final report.

And I have an issue with, you know, the way it's being presented.

I'm pretty sure in the Constitution a report that explains the basis on which you made your decisions and if it's a barrage of data there has to be a conclusion Section, an explanation.

That is a report.

Not just a bunch of data.

And then I'm always concerned about party affiliation. I mean who knows if you guys still affiliate the way you said you did four years ago.

People should not.

Did you take in any information in the last four years and still want to affiliate with these parties? There is something going on there.

Okay, have a good one.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Scannell, we appreciate your comments.

Next up to provide comment is Dr. Crane.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: That participant is not present.

>> CHAIR EID: All right we will then move on to Mr. James Gallant.

>> Can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR EID: We can. Good morning, Mr. Gallant.

>> Good morning. Thank you very much. James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention.

Mr. Eid, we are coming in fast on the part about going to the Supreme Court to get the rules of procedures figured out and what is the common law of parliamentary procedure in Michigan and the United States of America.

And as I was asking before, please have a public hearing concerning the rules of procedure and how unanimous consent is not appropriate for public bodies in Michigan according to Mr. Brady on September 17, 2020 when he said you must make a motion and second that motion, that brings the business before the Commission.

And, as you can see, if we...see, we can resolve this, you and I, we can resolve this for the community.

It says right here in the title unanimous consent. I'm asking to read for the record Page 49, it says adoption of a motion or action without a motion by unanimous consent. So there is no motion. Mike Brady said you have to have a motion and a second. So it's my understanding that unanimous consent is not appropriate for public bodies in Michigan because you are just winging it. And you cannot prove that anybody actually agrees with you and it's all bullying.

You are making them do it and they are afraid of you.

That is what is wrong with America. We have to have one question, an immediate question and then they get to vote "Yes" or "No."

I think that we can resolve this if you can just give us a public hearing. And any of you other members that are concerned about people killing themselves over the stress involved at this meeting, I'm trying to prevent your suicides, okay? Because when you figure out you have actually destroyed our constitutional republic by this Marxist style Communism and consensus decision making having the discussion first.

You work up a proposal.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Gallant, for addressing the Commission.

We do appreciate your comments.

All right. That concludes today's portion for the public comment portion for today's meeting.

Please feel free to e-mail public comments to the Commission at redistricting@Michigan.gov.

We appreciate everyone who offers public comment in whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts.

We will now move on to agenda item five unfinished business, first up is 5A State of Michigan archives.

If there is no objection Commissioners I will ask Executive Director Woods to present this item.

Are there any objections? Seeing none we will move on.

Mr. Woods, you have the floor.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid and welcome Commissioners.

I'm very happy to have two friends Karen and Cynthia who will present about the archives as relates to the requirements of the State of Michigan and what we are doing in terms of working with the archives ensuring our records are preserved and can also be used for research study, best practices and most importantly to keep accurate record of what the Commission has done.

I would like to thank our archive committee who we have working with us and it's Cynthia Orton, Janice Vallette and Elaine Andrade and thank them for the efforts and hard work to make sure we do this accurately and correctly so without further ado let me introduce the two guru and friends in state Government who are helping us with the

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archive project and making us believers in how great archiving can be as a profession none other than Cynthia and Karen.

Thank you so much for being here ladies.

>> Caryn-Wojcik.

I think in our show Caryn goes first.

>> Thank you for inviting us to join you today, I'm Caryn-Woycik with record management services.

I'm going to share my screen with you as I talk.

Cynthia Ghering.

Let's see, hopefully you are seeing our website.

Cynthia, can you nod? Okay, good.

So records management services, we provide services to Michigan State and local Government agencies about their record keeping practices and promoting good record keeping.

One of the ways we do that is through the development review and approval of a legal document called a records retention and disposal schedule.

This schedule is required by Michigan law to identify all the records that are created and maintained by Michigan Government agency.

They identify how long the records will be kept and they provide the legal authorization to dispose of those records.

There are two disposition methods.

They can either be destroyed or they can be transferred to the archives of Michigan for permanent preservation.

We have two types of schedules that we use in Michigan Government.

They are general schedules that cover records that can be commonly found in many offices.

And then agency specific schedules that identify the records that are unique to a particular Government agency.

These schedules are reviewed and approved by my office records management services by the archives of Michigan, by the department of Attorney General if they are a state Government agency, by the office of the auditor general again if they are a state Government agency and then all schedules are approved by the Michigan State administrative board.

Since the state administrative board is the final approving entity the approval is the effective legal date.

Any records not listed on the schedule cannot be destroyed because there is no authorization for their destruction.

Now this Commission does have a schedule that was developed several years ago.

And it is available on our intranet site, which is only accessible to state employees, not to the general public.

So it's under the Department of State.

And we have it here.

So this schedule covers the records that are maintained by the Commission. Most of the records, the Commission decided that it wanted to keep them for 12 years which would cover one redistricting cycle plus a couple other years so the next Commissioner taking over would have the benefit of the information that the previous Commission had done.

And then most of the records get transferred to the archives of Michigan for permanent preservation.

The schedule can be revised at any time.

If the Commission starts to create new records and needs to have them added to the schedule or if its decision about its record keeping practices change.

And our office will help with that review and revision and get the revised schedule approved.

And that's all I have to report on our records management activities.

I guess just also to say we provide a lot of other services including education and guidance documents to help with the management of records.

And I will pass it over to Cynthia to talk about what the archives of Michigan does when they get the records.

>> Okay, so I have quite a bit to show, so I did some slides with screen captures so I can get through it all in a timely manner.

The first thing we've got is just a brief introduction of the archives of Michigan.

We were established in 1913 by a public act with an official repository of Michigan State and local records we have over 110,000 cubic feet you can see here in this picture of us and the stacks.

We have lots of these kind of secure stacks 9.5 million digital records, it increases every day as we do more and more of our business born digital records.

And we catalog and make accessible our collections.

We have over 6,000 and over 14 million historical records available in Michiganology and I will talk briefly about these things.

Looking at the Michigan Independent Redistricting Commission's records we are thinking in terms of preservation reserving the records and access.

We kind of broke it down in four groups and talking with Edward and the subcommittee.

Websites and a lot of information about the Commission was provided and published online through the websites.

All the digital files.

Most of the work that you all have done has been born digital therefore no paper copies of it.

And social media.

A lot of communication via social media feeds.

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Then there is the overarching collection which does include some paper and publications.

We shared with Edward a review of the schedules.

The record series that Caryn just talked about and what we found on the website and how we work with your group to find those.

When we go to archives and so much of this Commission's work is online and digital it's pretty exciting for us.

We deal with records, you know, from the 1800s, 1700s we have here to present.

It's fun to do.

Like totally online collection.

I try to tell Edward how exciting it is all the time.

We use a tool called archive it to do website archiving and we are already archiving the Commission's website and going back to 2020 and even pages when it was part of the Secretary of State's website.

We use the way back machine service to preserve it.

We have access through the Michigan Government web collection and are going to make one specific for the Redistricting Commission because we think there will be enough interest in it which will have all of the preserved websites, which will look, oops I'm very sorry.

We are going to not -- I have linked in here in case anybody wants to explore it, I can share it with Edward.

When you go to look at the archived pages it has a banner saying this is a historical Page saved in the way back machine.

And you can see one of the earliest websites to more recent websites all of this information including all of these links in the records they link to are all going to be archived that way.

So that is one way we are going to do it.

Another way is we are going to actually preserve the files.

So just from the website alone there is almost 3,000 digital files that the Commission has provided access to over the years.

A short amount of time I should say.

Over 3,000.

We are going to use the preservica system, a digital system, Michigan is one of the first states to adopt using it.

Then we used Michiganology as an online portal to that material.

So whether it's an old historical item that we scanned and make accessible or if it's something that was born digital like these minutes it's going to be accessible at an item level through Michiganology and preservica.

Social media feeds the Commission has done a lot of Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and all of these things and we use the social to preserve from the Government.

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We will have a separate portal like we do for the Michigan Governors and only have Snyder in there at this time because Whitmer is still in office and when she is no longer in office we will have her collection as well.

We are going to add a dedicated collection for the Redistricting Commission and all the social media you provided things like the YouTube, not always captured by the Internet archive.

So this way we make sure that we've got it in various places.

And last but not least the whole collection there will be the paper records added. Edward has already brought redistricting maps and reports here, which we have. We will have a collection, several collection records available in our online catalog called world cat.

It is used by all the major universities, public libraries.

It's a standard.

And there is also a tool called archives grid that we are also going to be making sure this collection.

The point is even if we do the original catalog record it will be accessible all over globally, internationally.

And that is my really quick presentation on archiving.

>> CHAIR EID: All right well thank you for that presentation.

It looks like we have a couple questions.

Commissioner Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

I have a question regarding the mapping program that has been used, and I don't know how that is going to be preserved, but I know that some of the mapping was actually hosted by Amazon.

And so that is my question.

Does that continue on once we are all done? And how are they going to preserve some of the maps that we went through? I mean, we are 20, 30 iterations of one map so that is my question?

>> Edward do you want to answer, or do you want me to?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Go ahead Cynthia because you know better, and we also have contracts so we will definitely be following our contracts with regards to that. But you know, I think you can go ahead and share the proposal that we received and what we thought was best.

>> Okay, so it's really important when you are working with proprietary software like the redistricting map and as you are aware it's a complex program that links up the comments to the various iterations of the map.

There's a lot going on.

It's proprietary.

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Edward set up a meeting with the folks that developed and own that software which is really helpful and we talked about how we can export data out and archive the data so it can be recreated as more of a flat file as opposed to the interactivity that you see right now using the proprietary software.

The important part is that the comments, the links to where the comments were pinpointed to as well as the maps at different stages will be preserved.

The dynamic interactive portion of that software, we can't recreate.

It does not archive well using archive it because it's all data based generated.

But a researcher could replicate it from the data that we will export out in a CSV file which we will preserve in preservica, and it will be accessible.

So without continuing that contract with the software, it is very hard to make it look exactly the way it does now when it's archived.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: So at some point in time we can stop sending money to Jeff Bezos.

>> It will not be needed for this.

When we go to archive it, correct.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: And Cynthia correct me if I'm wrong the archive will be a permanent record and will not be able to interact with the software and things like they did before but will be a permanent record of what the Commission has done and approved.

>> Yep, that's correct.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Lett, does that answer your question? Okay, thank you.

Commissioner Andrade, Commissioner Orton or Commissioner Vallette is there anything that you all would like to share from the meeting or from the presentation? I'm really grateful for your participation and willingness to serve on this committee.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I don't really have anything to add but I think it's great that we have people that are so enthusiastic about archiving that are doing this, that see the value in preserving what was done here.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: I have a question about how the material can be accessed for the next Commission.

Is there -- because you know it's a lot of material, you know, especially given if it's all digital and you know we might have Commissioners next time around who may not be the best with digital records or communications.

How can this be accessed by those folks?

>> So by archiving it and using the systems that we are proposing it will be retrievable, almost we do need to do some description in cataloging, but it will be totally accessible before the next Commission is ready or much sooner.

What we do is we have -- I cut the slide.

I did not put the slide about how many people we have that use the collections.

So we are open six days a week.

We have staff here.

We always answer our phone.

And we get thousands of e-mails.

So whether you are a member of the public or you are a Commissioner needing access to it, we provide that immediately.

And we will work with the next Executive Director to make sure that those items, that whatever records are needed to start up the next Commissioner are available and ready to go from the very beginning.

So we will be making sure they are preserved for future generations and for the next ten years to the next cycle.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful.

Thank you.

Any other questions for our guests, Commissioners? Well, I do not see any.

I would like to thank Cynthia and Caryn for the presentation and certainly helpful and that we know about archiving, appreciate you all.

>> Thank you.

>> Thanks again for inviting us.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you.

We will now move on to the next item of business, item 5B, Commission records.

If there is no objection I will ask Executive Director Woods to present this item.

Are there any objections, Commissioners? Seeing none we will proceed, Mr. Woods, the floor is yours.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid.

I will share my screen.

I believe you're able to see my screen; is that correct?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes, we can see it.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: As you already know the Commissioner is wrapping up its work and just want to remind you with regards to the Commission records that it's time to start organizing and package your paper files into a file box.

If you need file folders and labels, you can buy those from your Walmart or Meijer's or whatever store you use.

And to organize your files.

As relates to boxes we can get those from the State of Michigan, but we are going to need you to probably get started with organizing and packaging your files as relates to records.

I want to remind you do not destroy or throw away anything but as relates to these files we need you to do it.

I know some people have already started sending information in.

And so if you need boxes, let me know.

There is a particular box the state uses.

Excuse me.

To preserve the files.

So I want to make sure if we have to mail them to you that we can get them mailed.

But this is going to be you know depending how much you have it might be not a long process for you but for those who may have more files or additional files it always helps if we can start the process now and not wait until the last-minute with regards to getting this information done.

Also I would like to encourage you to do the same as relates to the electronic files as relates to your computer and which we have stored so that they can be accessible.

As you know we have to preserve our records.

And so just want to encourage you that your electronic files are stored as well and organized.

We don't want a bunch of things on the desktop randomly placed but if there is a way you can organize your electronic files on your computer it would be helpful as well.

When we get to dormancy we will share with you the process of how to return your computer and your cell phone back to the state.

But just want to get you thinking about it and the process of doing it.

Because if you have more lead time it will not be so overwhelming when the deadline gets here.

If there is any questions, I can take them at this time.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioners, are there any questions for Mr. Woods?

Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: So anything we stored on the one drive we don't have to worry about it, the state already has that?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Correct, I'm hoping it's organized if you can.

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: It's in a folder called MICRC.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay thank you Commissioners and thank you Mr. Woods.

Next on the agenda is unfinished business item 5C.

Draft House and Senate remedial Commission report.

Without objection I will ask Executive Director Woods to present this item.

Is there any objection, Commissioners? Seeing none please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

Just want to remind you we are putting together the draft Senate and House report.

Right now we are adding the information since the Court approved the CraneA1 plan and adding Senate information with regards to that to the report.

We will be updating the forward as relates to the report.

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And we will also be adding the reports done by the students from the University of Michigan and the appendix so the appendix will have the Court order.

The appendix will have the Court -- all of the legal documents or I should say the legal orders from the Court will be part of the appendix as well as the information from the University of Michigan students will be in the appendix as well.

And then as you know we have dissenting reports and anyone that would want to submit a dissenting report either for the House or Senate I sent out the information as to who is eligible to submit a descending report and want to remind you that information is due December 1st.

As a result the goal is for the Commission, once again the goal is for the Commission to approve this report at its December meeting, and that will take place on Thursday, December 19th.

So once again, once again just want to remind you if you are submitting a descending report based upon the Commission's vote at the last meeting, that is due Sunday, December 1st.

So if you e-mail that to me, and I will copy to the Commission clerk the MDOS, Megan Schaar in particular December 1st with regard to that information that would be appreciated.

Once again the Commission does not vote, repeat it does not vote on anything with regards to anyone that submits a descending report.

But it does vote on approving the Commission report.

And that vote will take place on Thursday, December 19th.

If there is any questions I can take them at this time.

>> CHAIR EID: Mr. Woods, you sent us a document of the 2024 report on redistricting as it currently is configured.

Is that the final minus the descending reports or is there still going to be, you mentioned at the beginning.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We have to add the information from the Senate so that document is not -- is in draft form so I just want to make sure we are all clear that it's in draft form.

Obviously we are adding it so that it can be in a readable format and format it correctly. And then obviously we are working with our attorneys to make sure that it documents the process and dots the Is and crosses the Ts but just so everyone is clear that it will not be a final report until the Commission votes.

And that will not take place until December 19th.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful.

Thank you for that clarification.

All right, any other questions about the Commission report? All right, I don't see any.

Thank you, Mr. Woods, for presenting that and for helping put together this report.

I'm sure as it comes together and as we get to the more final copy that the Commission will vote on in a few months.

The public will be very pleased about it.

Next up is unfinished business item 5D, settlement agreement.

If there is no objection Commissioners I will ask Commissioner Lett in addition to local counsel Mr. Fink to facilitate this item.

Are there any objections? Seeing none, Commissioner Lett, Mr. Fink, welcome.

You may proceed.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Good morning, everybody.

I'll give a brief overview on this.

The Court has entered a final order approving all of the House and Senate plans.

There is the settlement agreement as it pertains to attorney's fees has been reached.

The amount to be paid to Clark Hill, the law firm Clark Hill, and to Attorney Bersh, is \$1,817,371.86.

Obviously if you do this kind of work you want to be on the side that gets paid by the people that have all the money.

In addition to that, 14,000 paid to Dr. Grofman for the House remedial, excuse me Senate remedial and Dr. Grofman for the House remedial was 24,352.50.

So excuse me, once the order is entered I believe it has been entered, we -- the payment has to be made within 90 days since we received our funding that will not be an issue.

I believe that is, unless somebody has questions of me, I think Nate can fill in the detail.

Take it away, counsel.

>> NATE FINK: Thank you, Commissioner/Council.

I think Commissioner Lett summed it up pretty well, the Commissioner on April 25th, I believe.

>> CHAIR EID: You are breaking up a little bit, Mr. Fink.

I think we lost him.

Give him a moment and see if he pops back on.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Edward, I think we need to pay the Fink law firm so they can pay their Internet bill.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Well, the good news is we have processed payment thanks to the Governor and the legislature signing our supplemental.

So hopefully this will just be a temporary injunction, how about that?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: While we are waiting for him to come back on if anybody has a question they can ask it, and I will see if I know the answer to it.

>> CHAIR EID: Give it another minute or two and if he is not back we will move on to the next agenda item.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: I did receive an update that Mr. Fink is trying to rejoin the meeting right now, so hopefully it will just be another minute.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful.

Thank you for that update.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: So the Commission is aware with regards to the supplemental budget we will be paying part of the supplement in this fiscal year's budget and what we are not able to accommodate in year's fiscal year it will go to the next fiscal year so people may be aware, where is this money coming from, how are we doing this, do we need to request another supplemental.

The answer is no.

Whatever we don't cover in this fiscal year will be covered in the fiscal year 25 budget of the Commission. And we planned for that.

So that was, you know, intentional in nature and by having the 90 days we are able to use this current year's budget as well as next year.

[No one is speaking]

>> NATE FINK: Hi everyone I'm back can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: We can, Mr. Fink welcome back.

>> NATE FINK: I apologize.

I apologize, having a bit of an Internet connection issue here.

So and if you pass I don't want you to wait, can I proceed, Mr. Chairman?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> NATE FINK: I'm keeping my screen off because of this connection issue.

So you don't have to see my smiling face.

I...are you able to hear me? I don't know if.

>> CHAIR EID: We can hear you.

>> NATE FINK: Okay, all right.

So I'll talk fast.

But not too fast for the interpreters.

What I was saying was Commissioner Lett summed it up well.

We reached an agreement which the Commission already approved in April, on April excuse me April 25th of this year.

The Court has approved that agreement.

And payment will be issued within the next 90 days pursuant to the agreement that was reached, which we believe saved the Commission significant amounts of money, that the Court otherwise could have ordered the Commission to pay to the Plaintiffs as the prevailing parties in the Agee litigation.

And I really don't have anything else to add.

Like I said Commissioner Lett summed it up well.

And if -- what I was saying and I don't know if this came through before we had a lengthy discussion about this on April, on April 25th so if anybody's interested in reviewing that or looking back at that you could go and take a look at that meeting. But we don't really have anything else to add substantively but the agreement has been finalized and approved by the Court.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> NATE FINK: So thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you.

Are there any questions for Commissioner Lett or for Mr. Fink? Seeing none, we will move on to the next item.

Thank you for the information.

Next on the agenda is item 5E, outreach for House and Senate remedial phase.

If there is no objection I will ask Mr. Woods to present this item.

Is there any objection Commissioners? Seeing none once again Mr. Woods, the floor is yours.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid and the Commission.

Just want to share with you there was three phases as relates to the outreach to the remedial phase of the maps for the House as well as the Senate.

We reestablished and got rebooted our communication outreach team and the ones that consistently participated is access.

Detroit Hispanic development corporation.

The League of Women Voters.

The Michigan AFLCIO.

Michigan voices.

NAACP Michigan, the state chapter and Voters Not Politicians.

And so what we did was we did three phases.

We did drawing the maps, education on the maps and selecting a map.

So when it came to the House phase, we did what we used we used two officials McConnell I communications with media interviews as well as community outreach and used 98 forward who did our social media and our nontraditional media outreach.

We did that to get people to understand with regards to the phase of drawing the maps as relates to the House.

In terms of giving feedback to the Commission to draw the maps.

If you remember when we did the drawing of the maps we were at Huntington place with regards to that.

And then we went from Huntington place to the Cadillac place in January as relates to drawing the maps.

Then we did education through community outreach and presentations and then we also did a selecting of the maps.

If you remember as relates to selecting the maps we had two public hearings.

One at greater grace and one at Second Ebenezer.

Once again thanks to Mike Brady for his assistance in terms of setting those up. So we did those through presentations.

We did not do billboards.

However, we did use the newspapers.

Both community newspapers as well as the Detroit free press, especially on the Sunday edition with regards to alerting people.

We did presentations.

And we also did redistricting 301, redistricting 301 which was published in English, which was published in Spanish and published in Arabic and Bengali with regards to that.

And also produced fliers with regards to that.

So that's how we are with regards to what we did with the House.

From the House we took upon lessons learned and we created a partnership with the McConnell Communications and they in turn requested and we hired Dr. Event McElroy Anderson instrumental as the family Lou hammer with regards to Detroit to make sure we were doing a deep dive getting to Detroit residents and education process where we asked for Commissioners to participate and present across Metro Detroit and the districts with regards to remediation for the House, which was previously done, but in this case with regards to the Senate and getting more people engaged and involved as relates to the Senate remedial process.

Some of you were willing to participate and some of you elected not to participate as relates to the education process during that phase.

I sent you the information so that you know who did participate in the outreach.

There was specific outreach across the entire Wayne County including western Wayne County.

I specifically spoke for the western Wayne NAACP and in Belleville.

I know Commissioner Eid did speaking.

We did advertising.

We did radio advising both during the House and the Senate phases across Metro Detroit, across different genres of music and because of our relationship with Michigan association of broadcasters with regards to getting the discounted rate and advertised in the Michigan chronicle and because of association in press association we got a discounted rate.

We did interviews as I shared in presentations and did that in the drawing of the map phase as relates to the Senate remedial and also did it again when it came to selecting a map.

So if you remember when we drew the maps we went to Warren to talk about that at the Warren community center with regards to that.

Oakland we were at the Pearl event and Wayne County we were at Wayne State University and then when it came to selecting a map we did our public hearings at the high schools right there in the neighborhoods.

We were at Cass tech and Renaissance and at King.

So fiscally responsible and diligent as relates to the outreach to be inclusive so that everyone that wanted to participate could participate.

And when you look at the records, you saw the number of impressions with regards to the social media with regards to people being aware with regards to the targeted outreach to young people as well as to seniors.

You saw Detroit area agency on aging which serves Metro Detroit was reaching out with a targeted message with regards to seniors to participate and always room for improvement but wanted to share the efforts that were made to be inclusive, far reaching and to repeat the message because sometimes it takes people two to three times to hear the message in a different way in order to get them to respond.

I would be remiss to thank the Commissioners in the outreach and thank them.

A lot of Commissioners participated.

Our Chair was very instrumental in doing a number of outreach presentations.

And so just want to acknowledge that.

I know Commissioner Orton also was instrumental because she was Chair during the House phase with regards to a number of outreach participation so just want to thank those two in particular.

But all the Commissioners who participated with regards to the education outreach phase to get public comment or solicit public comment for the House remedial plan as well as the Senate remedial plan.

If there is any questions, I can take them at this time.

>> CHAIR EID: Any questions for Mr. Woods? I don't see any.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: For the Senate I just want to highlight that we used McConnell Communications again for the communication outreach in the media and we used Kofrit public relations that did the tech talks that Commissioner Kellom participated in.

And some other things with regards to social media and nontraditional media, Kofrit communications and thank you again Commissioners for the assistance.

Appreciate it very much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

There were a number of spreadsheets that went out, that covered exactly who did what about what the earned media coverage was.

So everyone take a look at that as well.

We will move on to new business, item 6.

First on the agenda is new business item A, dedication of House and Senate remedial Commission reports.

If there is no objection Commissioners I will ask Commissioner Lett to present this item. Are there any objections? Seeing none, Commissioner Lett, the floor is yours.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you, chairman, Eid.

I was thinking the other day about the report and how it's going to be presented, et cetera.

And thinking also about with my good friend and I think a good friend of a number of Commissioners on the Commission about Doug Clark, who passed away during the proceedings of the Commission from the very beginning until Doug passed away.

He was very instrumental in working, I'll say across party lines.

As well as being very involved in various subcommittees with his expertise from the business world.

And I felt it would be appropriate to acknowledge that some way.

So my motion, and I'll make the motion and then we can have a discussion if need be is that in some manner in the pages of the report I would assume at the start that we would put some type of acknowledgment, I don't know that I want to have a dedication of the report, but acknowledgment of the work and the contribution that Doug made to the Commission, doesn't have to be anything that is overly glowing.

But certainly I think an acknowledgment would be appropriate, so that is my motion.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I will second that.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, we have a motion and a second to have an acknowledgment for the late Commissioner Doug Clark be put into the Commissioner's report.

Is there any discussion on the matter? Commissioner Lange, I see your hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: This is for the remedial report, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Correct it's the only one we are doing that I know of.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: So the report on the remedial maps.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yeah.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, I'm just going to say, and this is going to be an unpopular opinion, but I'm against it.

Commissioner Clark was no longer a part of the process when that happened.

Commissioner Clark also moved for the appeal to the Supreme Court.

And I just don't think it's appropriate to be putting specific Commissioners, a dedication to any Commissioner on the work that was done by everybody.

And if that was the case, then I would also recommend a dedication to Commissioner Szetela because had it not been for her standing up for the rights of people whose constitutional rights were violated I don't know.

We may not have done the remedial.

I mean let's be honest.

We may not have had the remedial maps.

So I understand he was your friend.

And I understand the sentiment behind it.

I believe he's been acknowledged repeatedly since his passing.

I just don't think it's appropriate to do.

And that's just my personal opinion, like I said I'm sure it's an unpopular opinion, but the work was done by a lot of people.

And it was a Commission as a whole.

So I'm opposed, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Lange.

I see Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I would just echo Commissioner Lange's comments and thank you, Commissioner Lange for recognizing my efforts to get these maps redrawn so Detroiters had fair maps.

I appreciate that.

I just think that if we are dedicating a report to somebody, that person should have had a role or an effort in adding to the result of that report.

And in the case of Mr. Clark in my opinion, at every step along the way he actually stood in the way of getting these maps redrawn.

And he tried to barricade it happening.

And the last act he wanted to take as a Commissioner was to continue that behavior of trying to barricade the constitutional rights of Black voters by appealing and moving for a stay.

And so I just think it really in my opinion

>> VICE CHAIR KELLOM: Point of order only because this person is no longer here and family members et cetera could be listening and I think Commissioner Szetela you are perfectly you know allowed to state your opinion, but I think it gets to be a very tricky and possibly a triggering area to speak not so positively about someone in their death. So I think we should just be sensitive to that.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom.

Let's not try to guess the motives of people who have passed away, please.

But please continue Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm not guessing at his motives and looking at his actions, he wanted to appeal, he wanted to stay.

He voted to not change the maps back in December 15th of 2021.

I'm sorry not December 15th, December 27th of 2021 so there were a lot of steps he took to stand in the way of this result happening, so I do think it's actually insulting to the people of Detroit.

I think it's insulting to the Plaintiffs to try to dedicate maps to someone who actively opposed them being redrawn.

So and I appreciate some people have strong feelings and positive feelings towards Mr. Clark on this Commission but that does not change the fact that this was not a result he wanted.

And he stood in the way of it happening.

And I think it's a disservice to the people of Detroit and the Plaintiffs to suggest and give him a dedication for something that he opposed.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Szetela.

Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I think Steve made it clear it's not dedicated to Doug. I think it's dedicated to the citizens of Michigan but just kind of a Memorial or something for Doug.

I think it's a nice idea and lots of us voted for the appeal.

Not just Doug.

So I am for the idea.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela, is your hand still up?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I would just say as Commissioner Lange pointed out we have multiple times made dedications to Commissioner Clark and already had dedications to him.

This again is not necessary, and it's just tone deaf to the people of Detroit.

>> CHAIR EID: Are there any other comments?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: If you don't mind.

>> CHAIR EID: Go ahead, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: I want to share with regard for the record because I had the privilege of working with Commissioner Clark as Chairperson and Chairperson, he was always about operations in terms of following process.

As the Commission knows he is responsible for the matrix that we have, the committee set up, the structure with regards to the operation process.

And I just think that should be noted with regards to that.

You know, even though the Commission was found in violation by the Court of the establishment clause, you know, Commissioner Clark in his conversations with me, you know, before he decided to resign, he was ready to say, you know, this is what we need to do.

This is the process, you know, in terms of working that out.

So we would be remiss if we did not share you know, the complete story in terms of what we shared with me as relates to the process.

And, you know, he was removed, or I should say he resigned over the residency issue. But I just want to be clear with regards to the record that he was more than willing to do whatever needed to be done within the perimeters of the law to satisfy the Court requirements.

So just kind of want to make that clear for the record since he is not here to speak for himself as relates to what he shared with me.

Thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: I'll just add that and I'm sure many folks have this opinion but Commissioner Clark, the late Commissioner Clark made me a better Commissioner. He made me a better Chairman too.

I often think when making decisions here, you know, what would Doug do in this situation and certainly made me a better Commissioner.

And in my opinion that makes him internally a part of this process.

We will go to Commissioner Lett and then back to Commissioner Szetela.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you, chairman.

Just to kind of clarify, my motion is to acknowledge the work and contributions that Doug made to the Commission from as I said day one until he was no longer on the Commission.

The only purpose for putting it in the remedial is that's what we are doing right now.

We can't go back and put it in the first report.

So this report is here.

It will just be a Page acknowledging Doug and his contribution to the Commission.

He has passed away.

I think it would be -- it's a nice acknowledgment.

I'm not going to comment on these other comments.

I'm not trying to do anything other than have him acknowledged.

And with that I will call the question.

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, thank you, Commissioner Lett.

The question has been called.

That requires a two-thirds vote of the Commission to end discussion so we can move to vote.

Department of State if we can take that vote, please.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Was there a second?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Second.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioners it's to call the question and end the discussion on the pending motion and it was moved by Commission Lett supported by Commissioner Callaghan I will call your name in alphabetical order, if you would like to end discussion it would be a yes vote.

If you want to continue discussion it would be a no vote.

Commissioner raid?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes, Commissioner Callaghan?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes Commissioner Eid?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.

>> Commissioner Lange?

- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.
- >> Commissioner Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.
- >> Commissioner Muldoon?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.
- >> Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.
- >> Commissioner Szetela?
- >> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: No.
- >> Commissioner Vallette I believe we lost Commissioner Vallette my apologies.

Commissioner Weiss?

- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: With a vote of nine yes to two no, the question is called.
- >> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Department of State.

Question is called and discussion on the motion is ended.

We will now move to vote on the original motion made by Commissioner Lett.

Department of State if we could restate the motion and then do a vote.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Absolutely, the motion before the Commission is to put an acknowledgment of the working contributions made by Commissioner Clark to the Commission in the House and Senate remedial Commission report.

Moved by Commissioner Lett, supported by Commissioner Weiss.

Once again I will call your names in alphabetical order, please state your vote, "Yes" or "No."

We will start with Commissioner Callaghan?

- >> DONNA CALLAGHAN: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Curry?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Eid?
- >> CHAIR EID: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Kellom?
- >> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lange?
- >> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Lett?
- >> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Muldoon?
- >> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Orton?
- >> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.
- >> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Szetela?

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>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I'm going to vote no because in my opinion he was a bigot and misogynist and did not follow the rules and does not deserve it.

>> CHAIR EID: Commissioner Szetela disrespecting somebody that passed away.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I'm not a child and you will not speak to me this way.

>> CHAIR EID: Please proceed Department of State.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Definite yes.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Commissioner Andrade?

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: Yes.

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: With a vote of nine to two the motion approved.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Department of State.

Okay, we will now move on to new business, item 6B, July financial reports.

Without objection I will ask Mr. Woods to facilitate this item.

Is there any objections, Commissioners? Please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Eid, Commissioner Kellom had her hand up, I don't know if she wants to speak or not speak but it was up.

>> CHAIR EID: Oh, I didn't see it, Commissioner Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: It might be worthless, I just wanted to apologize to Commissioner Clark's family on behalf of that comment that was just made and members of the public.

We are a body of individuals, but when certain individuals speak I do not want it to be misconstrued that that person or I don't care who it is their individual opinions represent the whole.

So my apologies to Commissioner Clark's family because that was cruel.

And I almost want to leave this meeting because that was disgusting.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Commissioner Kellom.

We will be moving on now.

July financial report, Mr. Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

Is everyone able to see my screen? I'm trying to get it as large as possible but it's pretty big to get it to fit on one Page and still be able to read it.

Just want to share with you that the Commission did receive, I repeat the Commission did receive request for a supplemental budget of 3,331,200.

However, it was not applied until August.

So it will come in the next report you will see that money applied to the August report.

Once again this is a report of the invoices that we have to date.

We are going back to ensure that the invoices that haven't been paid are paid as a result of us now having the supplemental funds and to keep the operations going.

So we do have some outstanding invoices that we are still trying to accumulate at this time.

Just want to share with you as of July 31st, we were 657,891.53 in the hole.

Just so you have context with regards to the Commission's finances but once again we did get the money.

Obviously we were not paying bills so that we can stay afloat in terms of complying with the Court order.

And so as you noticed, you do see some numbers from August.

If you remember the last week of pay as relates to July included August dates.

And so they did, if you look at the calendar, July 28, '29, 30 and 31 are in the July report.

But August 1, 2 and 3 are in the August report.

And so that is why you see the August numbers there as a result of the pay period being a split between the July and August.

With regards to going through with regards to that so I just wanted you to be aware of that facilities in terms of the cost to run our meetings.

Telecommunications is our phones.

The technology is what we do through the state.

We have consultants.

We have not received the July report yet for our line drawing.

Where you see two new things that have been added to this particular financial report, other legal services is the cost to the notice to vacate.

The attorney cost that the Commission voted at the last meeting.

Then we have the public comment analysis that was for the first phase from the University of Michigan students that did the analysis.

Just wanted to share with you with regards to that.

The litigation counsel also includes the money for the special masters just so we are clear.

Baker Hostetler paid for the special masters and we reimbursed them so I wanted to make sure you are aware the cost was included with regards to our litigation counsel, our local counsel as you know is Fink Brassack and have no contracts with the vendors and that is why there is no money there and VRA counsel is mark Braden with regards to that and our professional services is working with insights 3 and then the rest speaks. So I want to thank and I've been working a lot with insights 3 and I want to reach out and give a special thanks for legislative Janet Thaylen and Lori Klinfelt with regard to finances and getting in order and a lot of work being done behind the scenes to get us caught up and make sure we are ready to end this fiscal year appropriately and wrap up the Commission's work.

If there is any questions regarding the Commission report, Commissioner eyed, I can take it at this time.

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>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Mr. Woods I do see a hand.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Has the Commissioners pay gone back to what it's supposed to be, what it originally was now that the mapping is done?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes.

Commissioner Lange, that went back effective with the payroll starting Sunday, July 7th.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay thank you.

And one other question.

For the other expenses you said under legal, there was an expense for the student analysis of the public comment, is that what you said?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: No, other legal services Commissioner Lange specifically relates to the notice to vacate.

And then the University of Michigan, which did the aggregate comments and provided that for the Commission's consideration in selecting the Senate map that is public comments analysis.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: How much was this public comments analysis? How much did that cost?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: 3023.64.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: When did we vote for that?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That was done by me because it's under 5,000 as relates to the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Okay, thank you.

>> CHAIR EID: Are there any other questions about the financial report Commissioners?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: All right and in addition I want you to know you guys should have seen a copy and we will put it in the Commission report of that Commission one of the public comment analysis that was also presented by the students. It was a few Page report.

And that was also from the lesson learned with regards to if you remember we got nearly 30,000 public comments back in 2021.

And we were like how do we aggregate comments so that the Commission can use that data.

And that's what they did with regards to this, so it's part of our lesson learned report with regards why we used the U of M students.

All right thank you very much Commissioner Eid and members of the Commission.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

Glad to know we have our finances back on track and in accordance with getting this large job complete.

Next on the agenda is item 7, approval of the minutes.

We have minutes for July 18th that were sent out before this meeting.

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I hope everyone has had a chance to look at them.

Are there any motions or edits pertaining to the approval of minutes for July 18th?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Minutes as presented.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: I did not hear the motion.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Edits as presented.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you Commissioner Lett.

We have a motion to approve the minutes as presented for July 18th made by Commissioner Lett, seconded by.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Me.

>> CHAIR EID: Seconded by Commissioner Weiss, thank you Commissioner Weiss.

Is there any discussion on the motion? Seeing none we will move to vote.

All those in favor of approving the minutes for July 18th please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: All those opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it and the minutes are approved.

Next on the agenda is Executive Director's report.

Mr. Woods, do you have a report today?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Yes, I do Commissioner Eid.

>> CHAIR EID: If there is no objection Commissioners I will let Executive Director Woods present his report.

Are there any objections? Please proceed, Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you, Commissioner Eid and members of the Commission.

For the University of Michigan I reached out via e-mail and shared that they want to do some interviews for the archives and get a testimony of your experience and your participation.

Once again this is optional.

I will be sending out an e-mail with regards today.

The dates they are looking to tape the interviews are Wednesday, August 21st and Monday August 26th.

Once again Wednesday August 21st, Monday August 26th.

There will be about 30 minutes.

In the e-mail that I will send you today with regards to identifying a time that works best for you, I will be including the information from Tom Evako who is working on the project and more than happy to give him a call or e-mail.

He will be sharing with you the updated questions.

Last time I gave you a sample of the questions, but he will be sharing the updated questions he is planning to have available Friday of this week.

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So just so you know who is doing the interview, who is conducting it at the University of Michigan through the close up, if you have questions with regards to that, with regards to anything along those lines.

Once again it's optional.

I have heard from most of you but not all of you and so if I do not hear from people I will assume they do not want to participate and we will move forward so just want to make sure you are aware this is taking place next week, Wednesday, August 21st.

And Monday August 26th.

And once again we are asking you to schedule 30 minutes of your time with regards to that.

And we will give you lighting requirements and things along that line so that it can work best for you and provide a high-quality video for the public to use.

And this will be for the archives that are at the University of Michigan with regards to that.

So once again it is just sharing your experience.

There is no right or wrong answer.

But it's the opportunity for you to do that.

Obviously we expect that the Commission will follow its code of conduct.

And if comments are deemed by the University of Michigan not to follow the code of conduct, they will be eliminated from the video.

Okay, thank you very much.

Just want to give you an update on some media documentaries, the Carter center is wrapping it up.

Hadn't heard back from them but Commissioner Rebecca Szetela and Commissioner Steve Lett participated in this type of interview.

It's trying to wrap itself up.

I got an e-mail last night so a couple of things I need to follow-up on their end but that will happen.

Many of you know at the Renaissance in Detroit we have with the equivalent is of the Germany public broadcasting system that did some interviews with Commissioners for their documentary that they are doing on democracy.

So I'm waiting to follow back up on some of their issues.

I have not heard from them.

So just want to make sure you're aware with regards to where we are with those two particular documentaries, where they interviewed selected Commissioners.

One of the things that I've been doing is as we are paying bills and looking at contracts is we have done a review of contracts.

We have also looked at what each contractor is supposed to provide the Commission as relates to records with regards to the archiving.

And I think that there is a need to kind of take a look at these contracts and provide some feedback for the next Commission as to best practices.

And, you know, what we need to do or what the other Commission needs to do in terms of moving forward.

So Commissioner Eid, I would like for the Commission to help me with this particular project to ensure best practices in contracting.

And I would like to suggest the following Commissioners for this project, Commissioner Steve Lett, Commissioner Donna Callaghan and Commissioner.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Point of order I'm sorry but this goes against everything that we have done in the beginning.

Our Executive Director is repeatedly telling who is going to be on these subcommittees rather than doing it the way that we originally did it where people volunteer and are voted on.

This is highly, I'm done, never mind I take back my point of order.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS:

>> CHAIR EID: Okay, if there is no point of order, Mr. Woods, please continue.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: With regards to that, so as you know the Commissioners selected Commissioner Steve Lett as the legal liaison.

The Commission has always worked in the past with regards to these items by trying to make sure that we had a representative from each group.

And then as you know we already three other Commissioners working on archive projects.

So once again it's the will of the Commission. I'm just providing a recommendation. I have no vote.

And I will work with whoever the Commission designates on this project, but I'm just bringing something to the Commission's attention that needs to be done.

And seriously considered so that the next Commission has a better platform, or I should say can take it to the next level when redistricting takes place again.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

Commissioners, are there any motions to establish that subcommittee? For the contract review project?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I would make a motion that we establish a subcommittee for the, what is it called again?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We can call it contract review or contract best practices. I think probably contract best practices.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: For the contract best practices subcommittee.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: I will second that.

Sorry.

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>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Well I was going to say if the Commissioners that were listed want to accept that role, then I think it should be them unless somebody else really wants to do it.

So that was Commissioner Lett, Commissioner Callaghan, I didn't hear the third.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Lett, not affiliate or unaffiliated, Commissioner Callaghan, democrat, Commissioner Muldoon affiliate with the republican.

>> CHAIR EID: Are you three willing to do that?

>> DONNA CALLAGHAN: That's fine, I'm willing.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I'm willing.

>> MARCUS MULDOON: Yes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Okay then I would add those names to the motion.

>> ELAINE ANDRADE: And I second that.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion to establish a contractual best practices subcommittee with Commissioners Lett, Muldoon and Callaghan sitting on said subcommittee.

So the motion was made by Commissioner Orton and seconded by Commissioner Andrade.

Is there any further discussion on the motion? Seeing none we will move to vote, all those in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

>> Nay.

>> CHAIR EID: The ayes have it and we have a new subcommittee.

I hope they help Mr. Woods in establishing best practices for contractual agreements so that future Commissioners can learn from what we did.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Commissioner Eid, can you hear me?

>> CHAIR EID: Yes.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Last but not least I want to remind the Commission that we do have Chairperson and Chairperson selection at our next Commission meeting in September.

>> CHAIR EID:

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That concludes my report.

Thank you very much.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Mr. Woods.

Next on the agenda is item 9, legal liaison report. Commissioner Lett, as our legal liaison, do you have anything for us today?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: I have nothing further than what we have already discussed.

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>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful. With that said, next on the agenda is business item 10, MDOS updates.

If there is no objection Commissioners, I will ask the Michigan Department of State stat Megan Schaar if she has an update, Megan, first off do you have anything today?

>> MEGAN SCHAAR: Just briefly.

Thank you, Chair.

So now that the Agee litigation is over, MDOS is cognizant of subsection 18 of the Constitution regarding dormancy.

So we are working on what dormancy will look like for our operations.

We understand that reports are due this year.

So we are eying dormancy going in effect in late December.

And so we will provide updates as necessary in the future.

But just wanted to make you aware that we are working on that on our end.

>> CHAIR EID: Wonderful.

As this is a new process, you know, we haven't had to go into dormancy before, I'm sure that, you know, we will work out all the kinks and get it done.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: We have not done anything before.

>> CHAIR EID: Yeah, very true.

All right, correspondence, correspondence if available was received in advance of our meeting today along with any public comments that were sent to the Commission.

Future agenda items.

Are there any future agenda items the Commissioner would like to have added to the agenda for our September meeting? Seeing none we will move to announcements.

Are there any announcements, Commissioners?

>> MEGHAN SCHAAR: Chair, if there is no others I will just remind the Commission that your next meeting is Thursday, September 19th at 10:00 a.m. and that is a virtual meeting.

>> CHAIR EID: Thank you, Ms. Schaar.

All right, well Commissioners as the items on the agenda are complete, the Commission has no further business and a motion to adjourn is in order.

Are there any motions?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Move to adjourn.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Second.

>> CHAIR EID: We have a motion to adjourn by Commissioner Lett, seconded by Commissioner Weiss.

All those in favor of the motion please raise your hand and say aye.

>> Aye.

>> CHAIR EID: Any opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes have it and we are adjourned at 11:33 a.m.

Thank you Commissioners.

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See you all in September.