

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, July 18, 2024
10:00 a.m.- 12:23 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 (*joined at 10:12 a.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Lake County, MI, left at 10:56 a.m., rejoined at 11:31 a.m.*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Grant Township, 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 (*remotely from Eaton County, MI*)
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
Kim Brace, Election Data Services

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: Amend the Agenda to move Unfinished Business 5c (Notice to Vacate Legal Expense) to the beginning of Unfinished Business and move the rest of Unfinished

Business accordingly. Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **5-6-1**, **MOTION FAILED**.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	No
Donna Callaghan	No
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Abstain-Conflict of Interest
Rhonda Lange	Yes
Steve Lett	No
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	No
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	No
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	No

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 individuals provided public remote comment: James Gallant and Anthony Scannell.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. State of Michigan Archives

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods presented information to the Commission regarding the State of Michigan archives and the preservation of Commission website, digital files, social media, and any hard copy records.

b. University of Michigan Archives

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that the University of Michigan is working with the State of Michigan Archives to establish a second archive of the Commission documents. Executive Director Woods indicated the University of Michigan will also maintain archives from Voters Not Politicians and the University of Michigan Center for Local State and Urban Policy.

MOTION: Establish an archive subcommittee, consisting of Commissioners Andrade, Orton, and Vallette, to assist with the archive process. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote on the motion to approve the motion, by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

c. Notice to Vacate Legal Expense

Commissioner Eid, Chair, transferred the chair to Commissioner Kellom, Vice Chair. Commissioner Kellom, Acting Chair, requested that Nate Fink facilitate this topic. Nate Fink provided legal guidance regarding the ability of the Commission to reimburse Commissioner Eid for the legal expenses he incurred because of the Notice to Vacate filed against him.

MOTION: Pay the reduced invoice of \$16,730.10 to Dykema for legal expenses incurred representing Commissioner Eid in the Notice to Vacate. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss.

MOTION: Call the Question. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Muldoon. Commissioner Kellom, Acting Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **9-3-1**, **MOTION APPROVED.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	No
Anthony Eid	Abstain- Conflict of Interest
Brittini Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes

Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

Commissioner Kellom, Acting Chair, held a roll call vote on the motion to pay legal expenses. By a vote of **9-3-1**, **MOTION APPROVED**.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Juanita Curry	Yes
Anthony Eid	Abstain- Conflict of Interest
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

d. Public Comments Analysis

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that the University of Michigan students will be compiling their public comment analysis into a booklet that will be distributed to the Commission.

e. FY 24 Budget Supplemental Request

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that the FY 24 Budget Supplemental was approved Thursday, June 27, for \$3,331,200.00. Executive Director Woods expressed appreciation to Governor Whitmer, State Senator Sarah Anthony, the State Senate Office, the State Budget Office, the Michigan Department of Attorney General, and MDOS for their efforts in securing the budget supplemental.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Draft House Remedial Commission Report
Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods presented the status of the MICRC Commission Report related to the 2024 remedial mapping process. Executive Director Woods indicated that it is his goal to have this report completed by the end of the fiscal year to be voted on by the Commission at their September meeting.

- b. Dissenting Reports for House and Senate Remedial Commission Report
Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that dissenting reports do not need to be approved by the Commission; however, they must be included in the Remedial Commission Report. Executive Director Woods proposed a deadline of September 12, 2024, for dissenting reports to be submitted.

MOTION: Set a deadline of September 12, 2024, for Commissioners to submit dissenting reports, if any are to be submitted. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss.

MOTION: Amend the motion and extend the deadline for dissenting reports to December 31, 2024. Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **6-6**, **MOTION FAILED**.

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

MOTION: Amend the motion and extend the deadline for dissenting reports to December 15, 2024. Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **6-6**, **MOTION FAILED**.

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

MOTION: Amend the motion and extend the deadline for dissenting reports to December 1, 2024. Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **9-4**, **MOTION APPROVED**.

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

Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	No

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

c. May Financial Report

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods provided an overview of the May financial report to the Commission.

d. June Financial Report

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods provided an overview of the June financial report to the Commission.

e. FY 24 Amended Budget

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods provided an overview of the Commission’s amended budget for FY 24.

MOTION: Approve the FY 24 amended budget as presented. Moved by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Vallette. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

MINUTES

Commissioner Eid, Chair, indicated that draft minutes for May 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29 a.m., 29 p.m., and June 11, 12, 13, 20, 24, 25, 26 were provided to the Commission for review and approval.

MOTION: Approve the meeting minutes for May 14, 15, 16, 20, 21, 29 a.m., 29 p.m., and June 11, 12, 13, 20, 24, 25, 26. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss.

MOTION: Amend the motion to include a correction to the minutes for May 21st, to show that Commissioner Wagner left at 11:40 a.m. not 11:40 p.m. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

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

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods did not provide a report.

LEGAL LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Lett facilitate this topic. Commissioner Lett updated the Commission regarding emails Executive Director Woods and Nate Fink received regarding emails being sent by a Commissioner to elected officials requesting feedback during the remedial mapping process.

MDOS UPDATES

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that MDOS facilitate this topic. MDOS provided a reminder that early voting for the August primary begins July 27th, and the primary election date is August 6, 2024.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Executive Director Woods provided a reminder that the next Commission meeting is on Thursday August 15, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.