

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, August 15, 2024
10:00 a.m.- 11:33 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Township, MI*)
Donna Callaghan (*joined at 10:06 a.m., remotely from Mexico*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Brittini Kellom (*joined at 10:06 a.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, MI*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Grand Traverse County, MI*)
Marcus Muldoon (*remotely from Carlton, MI*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, MI*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, MI*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Delta County, MI, left at 10:46 a.m.*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw, MI*)

ABSENT

Commissioner Erin Wagner.

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: 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: Anthony Scannell and James Gallant.

A complete inventory of live and written public comment is available at:

www.Michigan.gov/MICRC.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Archives Updates

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods introduced Cynthia Ghering and Caryn Wojcik from the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, who presented information regarding records management services, records retention and disposal schedules, and the process for archiving the Commission’s records.

b. Commission Records

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods provided information to the Commission regarding preserving Commission records, how Commissioners should organize and package any paper files they possess, and how Commissioners should organize and save all electronic files they possess.

c. Draft House and Senate Remedial Commission Report

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods reminded the Commission that he is in the process of completing the Draft House and Senate Remedial Commission Report Executive Director Woods indicated that all dissenting reports are due by December 1, 2024. Additionally, Executive Director Woods stated that it is the goal for the Commission to vote to approve the completed Commission Report at the December 19, 2024, Commission meeting.

d. Settlement Agreement

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Lett and Nate Fink facilitate this topic. Commissioner Lett indicated that the Court has entered a final order approving the House and Senate remedial plans in the *Agee, et al v. Benson, et al*, Case No. 22-cv-272, U.S. District Court for the Western District of Michigan (the “*Agee* litigation”). Commissioner Lett indicated that the settlement agreement as it pertains to attorney fees has also been approved in the *Agee* litigation. The amount to be paid to Plaintiff’s Attorneys is \$1,817,371.86, and payment must be made within 90 days of the date the order was entered. Nate Fink added that the Commission

approved the settlement agreement back on April 25, 2024, and now it has been finalized and approved by the court in the *Agee* litigation.

e. Outreach for House and Senate Remedial Phase

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that outreach by the Commission occurred in three phases: drawing the maps, education on the maps, and selecting a map. Executive Director Woods provided an overview of the types of outreach conducted during the mapping process. Additionally, Executive Director Woods indicated that organizations that consistently provided feedback to the Commission during the mapping process include ACCESS, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, League of Women Voters, Michigan AFL-CIO, Michigan Voices, NAACP Michigan, and Voters Not Politicians.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Dedication of House and Senate Remedial Commission Report

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Lett facilitate this topic. Commissioner Lett acknowledged the late Commissioner Doug Clark and his many contributions during his time serving on the Commission.

MOTION: Put an acknowledgment of the work and contributions made by Commissioner Clark to the Commission in the House and Senate Remedial Commission Report. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss.

MOTION: Call the Question. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Callaghan. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **9-2**, **MOTION APPROVED**.

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

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| Rebecca Szetela | No |
| Richard Weiss | Yes |

Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote on the main motion. By a vote of **9-2**, **MOTION APPROVED**.

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

b. July Financial Report

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods provided a profit and loss overview for the Commission from October 2023 through July 2024.

MINUTES

Commissioner Eid, Chair, indicated that draft minutes for July 18th were provided to the Commission for review and approval.

MOTION: Approve the meeting minutes for July 18th. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote on 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 provided updates to the Commission regarding archive interviews, media documentaries, contract review, and chairperson and vice-chairperson selection.

MOTION: Establish a contractual best practices subcommittee consisting of Commissioners Lett, Muldoon, and Callaghan. Moved by Commissioner Orton.

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

LEGAL LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Lett facilitate this topic. Commissioner Lett did not have any further updates.

MDOS UPDATES

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that MDOS facilitate this topic. MDOS indicated that now that the *Agee* litigation is over, the Department is cognizant of Article IV, Section 6, Subsection 18 of the Constitution of Michigan and what dormancy will look like for our operations. The Department acknowledged that reports are due this year, so MDOS is eyeing dormancy going into effect in late December.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MDOS provided a reminder that the next Commission meeting is on Thursday September 19, 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 11:33 a.m.