

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, September 19, 2024
10:06 a.m.- 12:04 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT

Elaine Andrade (*remotely from Imlay Township, MI*)
Donna Callaghan (*remotely from Mexico, left at 11:47 a.m.*)
Juanita Curry (*joined at 11:30 a.m., remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Brittini Kellom (*remotely from Detroit, MI*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Osceola County, MI*)
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 (*joined at 10:12 a.m., remotely from Highland Township, MI*)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, 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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Eid, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:06 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to remove New Business items a (Censure—Commissioner Weiss), b (Censure—Commissioner Kellom), and c (Censure—

Commissioner Szetela). Moved by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Wagner.

Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote on the motion to amend the agenda. By a vote of **4-8**, **MOTION FAILED**.

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

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. Draft House and Senate Remedial Commission Report

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that he is still working on the draft report and will have more information at the October Commission meeting. Executive

Director Woods reminded Commissioners that dissenting reports are due December 1st.

MOTION: Add an acknowledgment of the work and contributions made by Commissioners Rothhorn and Witjes to the Commission in the House and Senate Remedial Commission Report. Moved by Commissioner Vallette. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.

MOTION APPROVED.

b. Archives

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that the goal is for the Commission to go into dormancy by January 31, 2025. Executive Director Woods reminded that Commissioners they need to begin the process of archiving their materials, physical and electronic.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Censure---Commissioner Weiss

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Szetela facilitate this topic.

b. Censure---Commissioner Kellom

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Szetela facilitate this topic.

c. Censure---Commissioner Szetela

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Lett facilitate this topic.

MOTION: Censure Commissioner Szetela for the comments made at the last meeting, August 15th, regarding former Commissioner Clark being a bigot, misogynist, and not following the rules. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss.

MOTION: Call the Question. Moved by Commissioner Callaghan. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **11-1**, **MOTION APPROVED.**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittni Kellom	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No

Steve Lett	Yes
Marcus Muldoon	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes

Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote on the main motion. By a vote of **9-3**, **MOTION APPROVED**.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Yes
Donna Callaghan	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Brittini 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. Contract Best Practices Review

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods indicated that the subcommittee would come back to the Commission with recommendations regarding contract best practices at the next meeting, October 17th.

e. August 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 August 2024.

f. Executive Director’s Contract- 4 Months Extension

MOTION: Extend the Executive Director’s contract, as it currently exists, until January 31, 2025, or 60 days after the Commission goes dormant, whichever occurs first. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a roll call vote. By a vote of **9-3**, **MOTION APPROVED.**

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

g. FY 25 Budget Approval

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Executive Director Woods facilitate this topic. Executive Director Woods shared the proposed FY 25 Budget.

MOTION: Approve the Fiscal Year 2025 budget as presented by Executive Director Woods. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote, by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

h. Elections for Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson

MOTION: Extend the tenure of the Chair and Vice Chair until the Commission enters dormancy. Moved by Commissioner Muldoon. Supported by Commissioner Callaghan. **MOTION WITHDRAWN.**

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested nominations for Commission Chairperson. Commissioner Eid and Commissioner Lange were nominated. Vote tallies were as follows: Eid = 10, Lange = 3. Commissioner Eid elected as Chair.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Eid
Donna Callaghan	Eid
Juanita Curry	Eid
Anthony Eid	Eid
Brittni Kellom	Eid
Rhonda Lange	Lange
Steve Lett	Eid
Marcus Muldoon	Eid
Cynthia Orton	Eid
Rebecca Szetela	Lange
Janice Vallette	Eid
Erin Wagner	Lange
Richard Weiss	Eid

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested nominations for Commission Vice Chairperson. Commissioner Orton, Commissioner Lange, and Commissioner Szetela were nominated. Vote tallies were as follows: Orton = 10, Lange = 2, and Szetela = 1. Commissioner Orton elected as Vice Chair.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Elaine Andrade	Orton
Donna Callaghan	Orton
Juanita Curry	Orton
Anthony Eid	Orton
Brittni Kellom	Orton
Rhonda Lange	Szetela
Steve Lett	Orton
Marcus Muldoon	Orton
Cynthia Orton	Orton
Rebecca Szetela	Lange

Janice Vallette

Orton

Erin Wagner

Lange

Richard Weiss

Orton

MINUTES

Commissioner Eid, Chair, indicated that draft minutes for August 15th were provided to the Commission for review and approval.

MOTION: Approve the meeting minutes for August 15th. 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 updating their computers, fiscal year 2024 closing, dormancy, media documentaries (Carter Center and Germany public television), website review, and the Commission meeting on December 19th, 2024, being a hybrid meeting with an in-person option available at the State of Michigan Library, Auditorium Room.

MOTION: Approve the meeting on December 19, 2024, being a hybrid meeting with an in-person option available at the State of Michigan Library, Auditorium Room. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Eid, Chair, held a vote on motion by show of hands. **MOTION APPROVED.**

LEGAL LIAISON REPORT

Commissioner Eid, Chair, requested that Commissioner Lett facilitate this topic. Commissioner Lett indicated that he is working with local counsel to finalize the dormancy requirements. Commissioner Lett also indicated that the legal work is winding down; however, he is working to have outside records transmitted to the Secretary of State for archival.

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS indicated that we are entering into an election season and now is the time to plan for how you want to vote. Commissioners and the public can find their voting information at www.Michigan.gov/vote.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Lange would like to add the censure of Commissioner Kellom to a future agenda.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MDOS provided a reminder that the next Commission meeting is on Thursday October 17, 2024, at 10:00 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.