

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Hybrid Public Hearing held in-person and via Zoom Webinar due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, pursuant to 2020 PA 254 (MCL 15.263 and 15.263a), and in compliance with Section 6(10) of Article 4 of Michigan's 1963 Constitution

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Tuesday, October 26, 2021

1:28 PM – 9:15 PM

at

Dort Financial Center

3501 Lapeer Road, Flint 48503

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 1:30 p.m.*)
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

N/A

OTHERS PRESENT:

Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director
Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel
Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director

Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:28 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom arrived at 1:30 PM, left at 2:00 PM, and returned at 3:00 PM.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 5:00 PM and returned at 7:24 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.**
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Weiss presented on the goals of the MICRC and the importance of public input.

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Director Hammersmith explained the requirements for the second round of public hearings, the types of proposed draft maps, the redistricting criteria, and the process for adopting maps.

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for the General Counsel to provide a presentation" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula articulated the guidelines for providing public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Szetela, ~~Vice-Chair~~ **Chair**¹, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 158 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Robert DeCoe Mayville, Manu Dequis, and Judy Tully.

RECESS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 10 minutes until 2:00 PM" which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 2:18 PM.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittini Kellom

PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 158 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Dennis Quehl, Debi Kirchner, Becky Haughey, Christina Sarqzin, Howard Baron, Kellogg Dipzinski, Travis Brady, Jeannie Wonders, Janet Prange, Steve Prange, Linda Forster, LaCracha Handy, Norman Clement, Nancy Wang, Muriel Samuels, Ted Seeger, Ginnie Wade, Evelyn Archer, Jonathan Forrest, Kathy Otto, Jasmine McKenney, Ward Lindsay, Alfred Harris, Sr,

¹ Per the Open Meetings Act [[MCL 15.269\(1\)](#)] any corrections made by a public body to approved Minutes must "show both the original entry and the correction" and therefore all corrections are shown using font ~~strikethrough~~ to denote deletions and **red** font to denote corrections.

Christine Radze, Alexander Gavulis, Anne Hier, Renee Rapanotti, Mercedes Wirsing, Reynaldo Ancira, Kathryn Clarke, Raymond Barber III, John McClone, Rod Charles, JoJo Freeman, Claudia Perkins, Kiara Powell, Sherrisa Hayes-Powell, Essence Wilson, Claire McClinton, Christina Russell, Tim Schnelle, Sheldon Neeley, Carol Brown, John Lauve, Eartha Logan, Vivian Kelly-Seabron, Laura Norcutt, Freelon Threelkeld, Richard Soisson, Marla Enriquez, Paul Husted, Paul Prebay, Dan Husted, Robert Joerg, Armando Ramos, Dave Willert, Scott Hamilton, Martha Hines, Catherine Colvin, Reenadel Jefferson, Sharon Reeves, Lewenna Terry, Sharon Burnett, Beatrice Westbrook, Ruby Johnson, Caleb Price, Lathan Jefferson, Connie Cook, Ro. Hurley Coleman, Anthony Palladare, Sherry Dickerson, Nakaya Wakes, Autumn Butler, Paul White, Emily Kallunki-Pasternak, Jeanette Edwards, Patrick McNeal, Tamara O'Dea, Tim LeClair, Kermit Williams, Beverly Brown, Isra Daraiseh, and Kimberly Woodson.

MOTION: Extend the First Public Comment Session Until 4:15 PM.
Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED

Voting No: Commissioners Curry, Lange, Eid, Orton, Szetela, Kellom

RECESS

At 4:15 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess until the call of the Chair" which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 5:14 PM.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry (*arrived at 7:07 PM*)
- Anthony Eid (*arrived at 7:24 PM*)
- Brittni Kellom
- Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Juanita Curry (*arrived at 7:07 PM*)
Anthon Eid (*arrived at 7:24 PM*)

PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 92 individuals who provided virtual public comment: James Gallant, Janet Armil, Anthony S , Nomi Joyrich, Dovey Richter, Daniela Davis, Spencer Calhoun, Alex Yarber, Hunter Ihrman, Kimberly Woolridge, Theresa Mungoli, Tammy DeRuyter, Doug Floto, Marian Mahoney, Jared Boot, Taleah Greve, Katharine Shishkovsky, Judy Maiga, Martin Genter, Louise Weller, Karen Tighe, Edward Klobucher, Shardae Chambers, Maggie Lenard, Scott Henry, ROYCE STEPHENS, Mezon Green, Jared Boot, Rob Wilson, Nada Al-Hanooti, Lisa Jevens, Leandra Brown, Lionel Keener, Renata Richard, Richard Renner, Steve Steve, Cindy Weir, Isra Daraiseh, Andrew seiler, Judy Hart, Arthur Woodson, Mandeep Singh, Gerri Hall, Tyler Bailey, Carolyn Ballard, Percy Johnson, Booker Walker, Deboraha Sallee, Amanda Oster, Cathie Frederick, Scott Stewart, Rosa Holliday, Charity Ihrman, Shardae Chambers, Willie Smith, Bentley Johnson, Amy Curry, Berteen Ewles, LaWanda Hollister, Amber Donihue-Gray, Susaye Brewer, Denise, Alice, Ashley Prew, Brooke Sheldon, Gary Flinn, Carolyn tyler, Ronnie Waters, Bob Carrico, Gwen Markham, Danielle Green, Cat Diggs, Barb Anness, Michelle Mormul, Jerome Reide, Kermit Williams, Lucine Jarrah, Bilal Hammoud, Cindy Darrah, Glenn Wilson, Claire Ott, Roberta Urbani, Ahmad Hammad, Elisa Urtiaga-Medina, Martin Johnston, Emily Kallunki, Jason Michener, Catherine Daligga, Jacob Crevier, Carol Arnosky, Tara Michener, Tyran Burgess

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair thanked community volunteers, AV support, and the Dort Financial Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Chairperson, called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Adjourn the hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes.**
Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela,

**Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION
UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The hearing was adjourned at 9:15 PM.