

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Monday, November 1, 2021

10:04 AM – 7:00 PM

at

Michigan State University Union, Lake Superior Room

49 Abbot Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI) (*left the meeting at 4:02 PM*)

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) (*joined the meeting at 10:18 AM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI) (*left the meeting at 4:58 PM*)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, 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
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:04 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 10:18 AM.

Commissioner Eid re-joined the meeting at 4:06 PM

Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 4:58 PM


Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 4:02 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Add “The Voting Pattern Analysis Presentation by Dr. Handley” to New Business . **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 7 individuals provided individual public comment: Mike Huerta, Sarah Hurlbert, Janet Meyer-Jackman, Don Wholihan, Sarah Howard, Kristal Boyd, Micheal Davis. 32 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Anthony S , Howard Baron, Phil Bianco, Pegg Clevenger, Jennifer Gallagher, Amador Ybarra, Pamela Reid, Michael Hewitt, Jason Gillikin, Nicole Villegas, Bryon Ennis, Karla Wagner, Porter Abbott, James Warner, Jessica Prins, Elaine Wolf-

Baker, Rayonte Bell, Dani Hoover, Norman Clement, Richard Williamson, Cathy Leikhim, Nikkia Hurlbert, Shuvra Das, Patrick Grubba, Sue Shink, Mark Payne, Karyl Baker, Joyce Smith, Michael Hoyh, Doug Harris, Denise Kolesar, Coleen Tuokkola, Bplank, Margaret Fleury, Elizabeth Hundley, Bruce Hundley, Anthony Watkins, Anastasey Manolatos, Max Gordon, Dorothy Munson, Mari Rymar, Jason Duncan, Kyle Stefanski, Dave Kepler, Nicholas Ponte, Ciara Lowe, Marie Giese, Josie Kornev, Chase Murphy, Chris Andrews, Alan Poehl, Maia Anthony, Fred Wooden, Ronda Hawkins, Donald Biddinger, Susan Domen, Tom Nemcek, Judy Maiga, Gerrit, Henrietta Ivey-Community, James Fisher, Jennifer Smith, Art Reyes, Janineiyer, Chris M, Kristi Cox, Josh Volk, Eileen, Jason Negri, JONATHAN CURRENT, Klaas Walhout, Yousif Yousif, Michelle H, Joe Watza, Kevin Green, Elizabeth Johnson, RJ Regan

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at www.michigan.gov/micrc.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission began reviewing the draft proposed State Senate and Congressional plans.

MOTION: Advance Map “10-29-21 SDv3 (Cherry)” for the State Senate to Publish for the 45-Day Public Comment Period for Consideration by the Public and a Final Vote. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 11-2.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Curry, Eid, Lett, Orton

Voting No: Commissioners Kellom and Lange

MOTION: Overlay Shapefiles of Draft Proposed Congressional Plans on a Blank Map for Discussion. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 12:59 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 61 minutes until 2:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:04 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
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:

N/A

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed Congressional plans.

MOTION: Instruct EDS Staff to Renumber the Cherry State Senate Districts from 1-38 from the Detroit Area to the Upper Peninsula.
Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

RECESS

At 3:48 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 12 minutes until 4:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
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
Anthony Eid

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed Congressional plans.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. The Voting Pattern Analysis Presentation by Dr. Handley. Dr. Lisa Handley provided a presentation on “Voting Patterns of Select Minority Groups in Michigan”. Dr. Handley took questions from the Commission.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed Congressional plans.

MOTION: Advance Map “10-05-21 v1 CD DW (Apple v2)” for the Congress to Publish for the 45-Day Public Comment Period for Consideration by the Public and a Final Vote. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 9-2.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Szetela, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn

Voting No: Commissioners Wagner and Clark

MOTION: Instruct EDS Staff to Renumber the Apple v2 Congressional Map from 1-13 from the Upper Peninsula to the Detroit Area. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Advance Map “10-08-21 v1 CD RAS (Birch v2)” for the Congress to Publish for the 45-Day Public Comment Period for Consideration by the Public and a Final Vote. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 9-2.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Eid, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela

Voting No: Commissioners Wagner and Kellom

MOTION: Instruct EDS Staff to Renumber the Birch v2 Congressional Map from 1-13 from the Upper Peninsula to the Detroit Area. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Advance Map “Chestnut” for the Congress to Publish for the 45-Day Public Comment Period for Consideration by the Public and a Final Vote. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 10-1.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Eid, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Kellom

Voting No: Commissioner Wagner

MOTION: Instruct EDS Staff to Renumber the Chestnut Congressional Map from 1-13 from the Upper Peninsula to the Detroit Area. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 6:00 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 6:10 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 6:15 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, 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
Rhonda Lange

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed Congressional plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no reports.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Eid made an announcement.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM