

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, November 2, 2021

9:04 AM – 6:37 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)
(joined the meeting at 11:38 AM)

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
(joined the meeting at 11:28 AM)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange

Erin Wagner

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 9:04 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.


Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 11:28 AM

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 11:38 AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, 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: Joseph Davis, John Schneider, Nathanael Bills, Sarah Howard, Kristal Boyd, Maria Starr-VanCore, Mari Rymar. 53 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Loida Tapia, Alexis Newland, Coleen Tuokkola, Tarun Aggarwal, Linda Appling, Andrew Chicotel, Tina Bednarski-Lynch, Anthony S , Geaunei Hemphill, Aaron Sternaman, Eric Lester, Jonathan CURRENT, Sarah Strait, Bruce Abbott, Fred Trexler, Amy Hawkins, Chris Murphy, Nealie Andrews, JPiontek, Jon Williams, Melissa Hiller, Cheryl Hayes, Mary LOFTIS, Tammie Smith, Brian Szuch, Gary Stark, Onita Fitz, Donald Biddinger, Brian Miller, Richard Williamson, Paul Kenyon, Maria Cimitile, McKeathan Robertson, Bill Marsh, Callie Bruley, Kerry Baldwin, Judy Maiga, Brian Burch, Lupe Ramos-Montigny, Ellen Beal, Carole Chi, Glenna DeJong, Abby Clark, Mark Lachey, Roger Downey, Dashuna Robinson, Amy Nichols, Max Aulbach, Danny, Garnet Lewis, Yousif Yousif, Austin M

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 House plans.

MOTION: Instruct EDS to Lock all the Districts in Proposed and Future Proposed Maps to Prevent Accidental Changes. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 10:10 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 10:20 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:21 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Anthony Eid
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

- Juanita Curry
- Brittini Kellom
- Rhonda Lange
- Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

RECESS

At 11:13 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 12 minutes until 11:25 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:28 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry
Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

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

RECESS

At 1:00 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 60 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 2:06 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)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

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

RECESS

At 3:05 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for fifteen minutes until 3:20 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:22 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)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

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

MOTION: Continue Reviewing the Detroit Area for 30 minutes and additional regions in 45-minute segments. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 3-8.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Vallette, Weiss, Clark

Voting No: Commissioners Witjes, Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela

RECESS

At 4:56 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 14 minutes until 5:10 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 5:08 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)
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

- Rhonda Lange
- Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. First Amendment to the Fink Bressack Contract, Resolution 2021.11.01. General Counsel Pastula discussed a proposed first amendment to the Commission's contract with Fink Bressack.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution to Approve the Proposed Amendment.
Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

MOTION: Dissolve the Legal Hiring Subcommittee. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no reports.

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS provided an update.

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

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 PM