

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, November 4, 2021**

**9:03 AM – 6:50 PM**

**at**

**Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room**

**49 Abbot Road**

**East Lansing, MI 48824**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 1:58 PM*)

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Lansing, MI)

(*remote starting at 9:16 AM, and then joined the meeting in-person at 10:21 AM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Lansing, MI)

(*joined the meeting at 4:36 PM*)

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 9:03 AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 12:21 PM and returned at 1:35 PM.*

*Commissioner Kellom attended remotely starting at 9:16 AM and then joined the meeting in-person at 10:21 AM.*

*Commissioner Eid joined the meeting at 1:58 PM.*

*Commissioner Wagner joined the meeting at 4:36 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 Item 6.a. under New Business, “Approval of a Braille Vendor”. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Amend the Agenda to Add Item 6.b. under New Business, “Discussion Regarding Individual Plans”. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. 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. 15 individuals provided individual public comment: Gary Morehead, Kyle Zawacki, Ryland Bennett, Kristal Boyd, Sarah Howard, Sean Lee, David Hopkinson, Christina Sarazin, Karen Andrews, Eric Bellman, Steve Dawes, Ben Wright, Eugene Greenstein, Dennis Quehl, and Emmah Coker. 72 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Loida Tapia, Anthony S , Marian Mahoney, Carole Chi, Felicia Banks, Doug Floto, Colleen Tuokkola, Nina Dodge Abrams, Chris Herweyer, Onta Fitz, Barb Handley-Miller, Ciara Lowe, Laurie Lisa, Jermain Lee Jones, Laurie Evans, Spencer Haisha, Matt Wiedenhoeft, Regina Randall, Judy Hart, Margaret Schankler, Ben Umanos, Ian Robinson, [retiredmichaelfields@gmail.com](mailto:retiredmichaelfields@gmail.com), Ed Saunders, Ehsan Taqbeem, Ryan Husse, Prince Miles, Melanie Kurdys, Corinne, Rod Thomson, Karen Tighe, Mary Idzikowski, Judy Maiga, La Cracha Handy, Elizabeth Harris, Wendell Anthony, Robert Hosack, Richard Williamson, Max Lewis, Ken Mitchell, Art Reyes, Amanda Oster, Matthew Wilk, Garrett Brown, Michelle Hazekamp, Robert Joerg, Jason Colella, John Poelstra, Sara Holmes, Bronwyn, Grace F., Janice Harte, Norman Clement, Laura Branz, Justin Roebuck, Bob Carrico, Alan Poehl, Geri McCaleb, Tina Dietsch, Donyale Stephen-Atara, Cathy Leikhim, Diane Karabetsos, Barb Anness, Denise, Lois Furry, Alice, Jennifer Austin, Mark Payne, Yousif Yousif, Elise Lang, and Robert Dindoffer.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc).

## **RECESS**

At 10:35 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for fifteen minutes until 10:50 AM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:53 AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Brittini Kellom

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Erin Wagner  
Anthony Eid

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

### **RECESS**

At 12:30 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 60 minutes until 1:30 PM” which was adopted.

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:32 PM.

### **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 1:58 PM*)  
Brittni Kellom  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela (*rejoined the meeting at 1:35 PM*)  
Janice Vallette  
Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Erin Wagner

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

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

**MOTION:** Advance Map “Magnolia” (Magnolia V2, re-named Magnolia) for the State House 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 Kellom. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 11-1.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange

**MOTION:** Instruct EDS Staff to Re-number the Magnolia State House Map from 1-110 from the Detroit Area to the Upper Peninsula and Lock the Districts, afterward. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**RECESS**

At 2:51 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 14 minutes until 3:05 PM” which was adopted.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:10 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  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Erin Wagner

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Approval of a Braille Vendor. Executive Director Hammersmith recommended a Braille vendor for the Commission to hire.

**MOTION:** Approve Braille Vendor. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Discussion on How to Submit Individual Plans. The Commission held a discussion on the constitution with respect to the submission of individual plans and considerations of plans for the final vote.

**MOTION:** An Individual Commissioner Can Submit One Plan for the State House, State Senate, and Congress for the 45-day public Comment Period Without a Vote of the MICRC. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 9-3.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Witjes, Curry, Kellom

**MOTION:** If No Final Map Meets the 2 Democrats/2 Republicans/2 Independents Under 14(c)(i), Commissioners can Only Propose Plans that have Gone Through the 45-day Public Comment Period. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela.**

**Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 8-4.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Curry, Eid, Lange, Witjes

**MOTION:** The Due Date to Submit Individual Commissioner Maps and Documentation to be considered During the 45-day Public Comment Period is Monday at 10:00 AM. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 6-6.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Lett, Szetela, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Clark

**Voting No:** Commissioners Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lange, Orton, Rothhorn

**MOTION:** The Due Date to Submit Individual Commissioner Maps and Documentation to be considered During the 45-day Public Comment Period is Monday at 12:00 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 10-3.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange, Wagner, Curry

## **RECESS**

At 4:38 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for twelve minutes until 4:55 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:54 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  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Lansing, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

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

**MOTION:** Advance Map “Hickory” for the State House 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 Kellom. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 10-3.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange, Wagner, Witjes

**MOTION:** Instruct EDS Staff to Re-number the Hickory State House Map from 1-110 from the Detroit Area to the Upper Peninsula and

Lock the Districts, afterward. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** End Debate on Deliberation of State Senate Map “Senate v3 Ann Arbor Analysis”. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes.**

**Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 9-4.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Lange, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Vallette, Wagner, Witjes, Clark, Curry



**Voting No:** Commissioners Szetela, Weiss, Eid, Kellom

**MOTION:** Advance Map Senate v3 Ann Arbor Analysis “Palm” 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 Lange. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 8-5.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Wagner, Weiss, Clark, Curry, Lange

**Voting No:** Commissioners Szetela, Vallette, Witjes, Eid, Kellom

**MOTION:** Instruct EDS Staff to Re-number the Palm State Senate Map from 1-38 from the Detroit Area to the Upper Peninsula and Lock the Districts, afterward. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioner Kellom

**MOTION:** Advance Map “Linden” 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 Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 11-2.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Wagner and Lange

**MOTION:** Instruct EDS Staff to Re-number the Linden State Senate Map from 1-38 from the Detroit Area to the Upper Peninsula and Lock the Districts, afterward. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from October 20<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes.**

**Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from October 21<sup>st</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

There were no reports.

## **MDOS UPDATES**

There were no updates.

## **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 6:50 PM