

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, January 27, 2022

10:00 AM – 11:41 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Juanita Curry (*joined the meeting remotely from Detroit, Michigan at 10:12 AM*)

Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)

Brittni Kellom (*joined the meeting remotely from Wayne County, Michigan at 10:06 AM*)

Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, Michigan*)

Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)

Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)

MC Rothhorn (*remotely from Lansing, Michigan*)

Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)

Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland, Michigan*)

Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, Michigan*)

Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Twp., Saginaw, Michigan*)

Dustin Joseph Witjes (*remotely from Howell, Michigan*)

ABSENT:

Douglas James Clark

OTHERS PRESENT:

Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel

Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 10:06 AM.

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 10:12 AM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Add “Discussion of Chair Position” as Item 6.f. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Lett, Kellom, Szetela and Weiss

MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. 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. Four individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Anthony Scannell, Susan Smith, and Mark Payne.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Vendor for Lessons Learned Video and Report; Resolution 2022.01.04.

Outreach and Communications Director, Edward Woods, III, provided information to the Commission about vendor selection for the lessons learned video and report.

Because only one bid was received, he requested an addendum for the contract of the current contractor, Gud Marketing, to perform the work.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2022.01.04, Vendor for Lessons Learned Video and Report in the amount of \$49,999.99. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioners Lange and Wagner

b. Post Campaign Survey Regarding Awareness of MICRC; Resolution 2022.01.05. Communications and Outreach Director, Edward Woods, III, provided information to the Commission about a post-campaign survey by Glengariff Group, Inc. as an addendum to the Gud Contract.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2022.01.05, Post Campaign Survey Regarding Awareness of the MICRC. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioners Lange, Orton, Wagner, and Witjes

c. Report Template for Dissenting Reports. Communications and Outreach Director, Edward Woods, III, provided information to the Commission about a template for dissenting reports.

MOTION: Move that dissenting reports be due on February 25. Commissioner Eid proposed a friendly amendment to change the date to March 3, which was accepted by Commissioner Lett. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

d. Budget Report for the First Quarter of 2022 Fiscal Year. Executive Director Hammersmith provided information to the Commission about the first quarter budget.

MOTION: For Executive Director Hammersmith to approach the legislature about increasing the Commission's budget. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Motion withdrawn by Commissioner Eid.**

e. Potential Modifications to Rules of Procedure. General Counsel Pastula provided information and options to the Commission about further modification of the Rules of Procedure.

MOTION: Reduce the Commissioner's pay rate to 25% of the governor's salary. **Motion by Commissioner Wagner. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by Roll Call. By a vote of 2-10, MOTION FAILED.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Wagner and Lange.

Voting No: Commissioners Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Weiss, and Witjes.

f. Discussion of the Chair Position.

MOTION: Motion to censure Commissioner Szetela for conduct unbecoming of a commissioner and violation of the Rules of Procedure. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by Roll Call. By a vote of 3-8, MOTION FAILED.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Lange, Wagner, and Witjes

Voting No: Commissioners Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Vallette, and Weiss.

Abstain: Commissioner Szetela due to conflict of interest

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from January 13th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

a. Executive Director. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Lett and Kellom provided announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:41 AM.