

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, January 13, 2022

10:05 AM – 1:26 PM

at

Cadillac Place, L150 Room

3044 West Grand Blvd., Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (*joined the meeting at 10:20 AM*)

Steven Terry Lett (*joined the meeting remotely from Lee
County, Florida at 10:38 AM*)

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 10:20 AM.

Commissioner Lett joined the meeting at 10:38 AM

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 11:34 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 Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Add “Vote for closed session to discuss pending litigation” as Item 6A. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: To empower Executive Director Hammersmith to resolve the issue between the General Counsel and Commission Chair. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Vallette. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED with Commissioner Szetela abstaining due to a conflict of interest.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Amend Rules of Procedure; Resolution 2022.01.01.

MOTION: Amend the proposed Rules of Procedure, part 5.5a. to put a period after the word “possible” to require Commissioners to provide notice of remote attendance as soon as possible and to delete

5.5b. Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Vallette. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.

Voting No: Commissioner Witjes

MOTION: Adopt the Resolution 2022.01.01 as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

b. Rescind Remote and Hybrid Meeting Policies and Procedures-Resolution 2022.01.02

MOTION: Adopt the Resolution 2022.01.02. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. 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. 6 individuals provided in-person public comment: Donyale Stephen-Atara, Rick Blocker, Natalie Bien-Aime, Anthony Scannell, Yvette McElroy-Anderson, Ericka Bryant. 1 individual provided remote public comment: Kurtis Fernandez

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

NEW BUSINESS

a. Consideration of Closed Session. The Commission considered entering a closed session to discuss pending litigation.

MOTION: Call to immediately enter closed session to discuss legal strategy and pending litigation. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 9-2.**

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

Voting No: Commissioners Szetela, Witjes

CLOSED SESSION At 10:58 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, transitioned the Commission into a closed session The closed session was called into to order at 11:04 PM and was adjourned at 12:21 PM. The closed session was convened in accordance with Section 6.2.5 of the MICRC Rules of Procedure for the purpose discussing legal strategy in pending litigation brought against the Commission being *Detroit Caucus, et al v. Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission*, MSC Docket No. 163926.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 12:24 PM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom
Steven Terry Lett (*joining remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner
Rebecca Szetela

RECESS

At 12:25 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice Chair, put the motion “to recess for 20 minutes until 12:45 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 12:52 PM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 1:05 PM*)
Brittni Kellom
Steven Terry Lett (*joining remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner
Rebecca Szetela

The Commission held a discussion regarding holding future meetings remotely.

MOTION: To end discussion regarding remote meetings and to take a vote on whether to hold meetings remotely for the months of January, February, and March 2022 **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: To suspend the rules of procedure to hold remote meetings temporarily due to the COVID 19 pandemic beginning January 27th through March 24th. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**
Voting No: Commissioner Eid

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

b. Issue Bid Requests for Lessons Learned Video and Report – Resolution 22.01.03. Communications Director Woods III outlined the process for bid issuance for a lessons learned video and report.

MOTION: Adopt the Resolution 2022.01.03. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

c. Publishing requirements within 30 days after adopting plans; Report on adopted plans. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined the Commission’s constitutional requirement for “material reports, reference materials, and data used” and provided a status update on the publication.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 28th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report.
- b. Communications and Outreach Director. Communications and Outreach Director Woods III provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS Staff had no report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 PM.