

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

**9:05 AM – 4:32 PM**

**at**

**Cadillac Place, L150  
3044 West Grand Blvd  
Detroit, MI 48202**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (*left the meeting at 3:13 PM*)  
Anthony Eid  
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:**

Brittini Kellom

**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 9:05 AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 3:13 PM*

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**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. 16 individual provided in-person public comment: Rick Blocker, Anthony Watkins, Dorian Thompson, Mari Rymar, Maggie Fleury, Sara Hubbo, Alice M, Kate Shishkovsky, Andrew Chicotel, Brian Burch, Nicholas Barnes, Felicia Banks, Sloan Gibson, Bill Schmidt, Anthony Scannell. 47 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Margaret Schankler, Coleen Tuokkola, Irma Glaser, Loida Tapia, Carrie Hatcher-Kay, Mitch Disselkoan, Joel Ombry, Roberta Urbani, Nicole Hill, Anthony Watkins, Bruce Martim, Rich Thursh, Joe Bower, Reed Rosado, Ofelia Torres, Nikke Becerra-DHDC, Juliana Struyk, Jane Ann ONeil, Tony Daunt, Sarah Leon Martinez, Morgynn Vallieres, Lisa DiRado, Kim Gates, Manuel Brenes, Sophia W, Bob Cinabro, Sarah Howard, Kyle Stefanski, Kurt Van Koevering, John Keenan, ASM Rahman, Amanda Jaczkowski, Kurtis Fernandez, Amanda Oster, Emma Hall, Adam Kroczaleski, Nayeem Choudhury, Rachel Atwood, David Ryden, Bing Goei, Louise A Weller, Rebeka Islam, Jennifer Schlicht, Angie Miller, Chris Andrews, Andrew Thompson.

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

## **RECESS**

At 11:18 PM ~~AM~~<sup>1</sup>, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 12minutes until 11:30 AM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:32 AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:**

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry
- Anthony Eid
- 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:** Brittni Kellom

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Mapping/Deliberations. MDOS staff outlined the deliberation process for draft proposed maps for public hearings. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined the upcoming meeting/public hearing calendar. The Commission asked questions and held discussion on both topics.

## **RECESS**

At 12:15 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 60 minutes until 1:15 PM” which was adopted.

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<sup>1</sup> Per the Open Meetings Act [[MCL 15.269\(1\)](#)] any corrections made by a public body to approved Minutes must “show both the original entry and the correction” and therefore all corrections are shown using font ~~strike through~~ to denote deletions and red font to denote corrections.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:16 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
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:** Brittni Kellom

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Mapping/Deliberations. The Commission continued their discussion on the upcoming meeting/public hearing calendar. Next, the Commission began reconciling previous State Senate and Congressional draft plans.

## **RECESS**

At 2:59 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 11 minutes until 3:10 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 3:13 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Anthony Eid  
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  
Brittni Kellom

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

- a. Complete Any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Mapping/Deliberations. The Commission began reconciling State House Districts across previously draft plans.

### **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Communication and Outreach Director. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III provided a report.

### **MDOS UPDATES**

There was no update.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no discussion on correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 PM.