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>> CHAIR ROTHORN: As Chair of the Commission, I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 10:07 a.m.

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For the purposes of the public watching and for the public record I will now turn to the Department of State staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

Good morning, Sarah Reinhardt

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: It's lovely to see you in person. Good morning, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are remotely disclose where you are attending remotely from. I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present; attending the meeting from Huntington Beach, California.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

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>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present; attending from Lee County, Florida.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: I'm Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 10 Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: I will approve the meeting agenda.

Moved by Commissioner Witjes.

Seconded by Commissioner Orton.

Any discussion or debate on the motion? It's seconded and adopted all in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed please raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail the motion is adopted.

Without objection we will begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide live remote public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

I will call on your name and the staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you will be prompted by the zoom app to unmute your mic and speak.

Do we have live commenters or is it all remote? I think we are at remote only, okay.

So I will just continue.

If you on the phone, a voice will say that the host would like you to speak and prompt you to press star six to unmute.

I will call on you by your name or the last four digits of the phone number.

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You will have two minutes to address the Commission. Please conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

First in line to provide public Comment to speak is Mr. James Galant.

>> Hello, James Galant, Marquette Suicide Prevention Coalition, these are my opinions. I hope you can hear me because you were all garbled on this end a bit. Okay, yeah, well, I guess where we are at now between us you know, we can get to the business now you and I.

The Commission and myself.

We have a case in controversy which is rules of procedure and rules of procedure that Commission Lett did not acknowledge that was from before from the Commission on legislative apportionment because in August 30th, 2018 the Supreme Court had determined that this Commission the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission was not created by the amendment to the Constitution which this Commission and others has been reported in the news it's been provided to the Court that said the amendment created this Commission.

That is not true.

That is our case of controversy here.

This is what I'm preparing to go to Court and get the Court to decide whether or not this is new or this is the old Commission and the Commission has to follow those rules.

Today by resolution acknowledged rules of procedure from the prior Commission which was already in the Constitution and can move forward.

I will be giving my formal opportunity for mediation so we can go to mediation and work out what we agree to.

I noticed you folks did not really acknowledge one thing I ever said not the documents, not the rules, not anything so that is how I know I'm probably right because if you acknowledged anything it would change everything for you and change the narrative.

So please consider that.

And I think this is happening all through the Department of State.

Because the board of state canvassers I received from Mike Brady a FOIA request and appealed that and going through the processes and seems they don't have rules and all of your county board of canvassers have no rules.

They all downloaded the rules, this is about 40 years ago.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Thank you for your comments and addressing the Commission.

Next in line is Mr. David Allen.

>> Can you hear me.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes, we can.

>> My name is David Allen from Marquette and thank you for the opportunity to address the Commission.

I'm commenting because the MICRC is now to that point where they are addressing lessons learned.

I've watched hundreds of hours of your meetings in real time and analyzed the drafts and maps for many hours and I have three comments about your process and the results that I would like to convey.

One I'm deeply appreciative there was not pars and bickering among the Commissioners there were personality conflicts and realize they may be difficult but it's key that future Commissions embrace this idea. You are first and foremost a Commission and not parsons, you are there to fight.

That is very key for the future.

Second, I want to say I think the radical transparency required by the Constitution worked even though it made your jobs much more difficult.

I think you should advise future Commissions to embrace this transparency rather than to find their lives to make it easier and worked well and increased your credibility and getting buy this from the public.

Finally I think you did admirable job of providing outside groups From Street steam rolling the Commissioners who are amateurs at this and preventing hidden agendas coming through that is fantastic but there may be opportunities for future Commissions to leverage their own experts better.

The Commission can set clear firm guidance to create multiple examples and have the Commissioners deliberate on those examples repeat and reiterate.

For example you may ask for starting point maps that follow the criteria but explain to you how the different examples differ and how you might tackle those.

This will emphasize COIs and this one emphasize partisan fairness for instance.

You can take existing map and have them preserve the current version and change one thing partisan fairness and keep the COI and that county together and change.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Lessons learned for the Commission.

That concludes our public comment.

However I would like to mention that all e-mailed and mailed public comments are provided to the Commission before each meeting Commissioners are also regularly review the public comment portal.

On our www.Michigan.gov/MICRC website we appreciate everyone who offers public comment this whatever way you choose and invite you to keep sharing your thoughts especially if you would like to share ways the MICRC process or procedures have been good or could be more effective.

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Seeing that there is no unfinished business we were going to move on to unfinished business but there is none we will move to new business.

And may I suggest that my Vice Chair take it or would you like to facilitate the new business, please? Commissioner Witjes?

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Witjes new business item 6A Commission recognition and I will turn it over to Director Woods III at this particular point this time.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Good morning, everyone.

We are excited to provide recognition who have helped us draw fair maps with citizen input.

That was the goal of this distinguished Commission that you can see here this the room present on the screen.

And we are unfortunately missing three Commissioners and that would be Commissioner Rhonda Lange and Commissioner Brittini Kellom and Commissioner Erin Wagner and the Commission would like to thank you for all of your efforts that contribute to getting nearly 30,000 public comments.

Let me say that again.

Nearly 30,000 public comments.

Nearly 30,000 public comments.

That was more than California the first time around and then California only beat us by 24% the second time around.

Yet California is four times let me say that again four times the size of Michigan.

So what we want to do is show a brief video and then after the video the Commissioners will present to organizations and individuals right here this the middle, this front of the projected screen with your certificate and then you will go over here and take your picture and we will just keep lining that up.

We just want to reiterate I know some of us did not agree with everything the Commission did and some even sued the Commission.

But the only reason you're being recognized today is for your contributions to assisting us this get the nearly 30,000 public comments as relates to that and helping us fulfill our mission.

We can respectfully agree to disagree but we would never want to miss anyone that has played a part this getting the public comments.

So without further ado I'm going to share my screen and show you a video.

I will start it again.

[Music plays]

All right, thank you so much, ladies and gentlemen.

[Applause]

To kick off our celebration we are going to ask the representative here from Michigan municipal league? Okay Kelley Coon Michigan Nonprofit Association.

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All right Kelley, Michigan nonprofit the presenting person will come in the middle and you will come right in front of this and then you can be by the step and repeat there and that will be Dustin Witjes.

I'm sorry MC Rothhorn.

Presenting AARP will be Commissioner Juanita Curry and ask their two representatives come to the front at this time from the AARP.

And then Commissioner Eid if you can be ready with APAI votes to present.

Thank you.

Presenting for APAI votes and Rebecca Islam Commissioner Eid and Ms. Islam please come to the front.

That will be followed by Commissioner Orton with campus vote.

Campus vote Landon Myers, please.

Commissioner Eid you will wait for that picture, thank you.

Coming up, next the Commission for Middle Eastern American affairs.

I'm sorry we will skip the Detroit Hispanic Latino Commission and we will have Commissioner Szetela and their Commission, all right, excellent.

I'm sorry this is Detroit Hispanic development corporation.

And then you are coming up, next.

Thank you.

You will be joined over there with Commissioner Rothhorn with the picture.

The Disability Network Commissioner Janice Vallette and I see there they are Chip and Lauren are here.

You got the Commission.

That is way better than me.

All right Commissioner Curry you will join Commissioner Vallette for disability for the picture over here.

Here presenting the Hispanic Latino and now it's their turn Commissioner and presenting that one is that Commissioner Rothhorn or Commissioner Witjes filling in for Commissioner Witjes on that the Hispanic Latino, all right Commissioner Orton will join you for the picture and image is Nani here? Nadi? Mena yes for the image no one is here from that? Michigan League of Women Voters Commissioner Witjes.

And joining the two of you in the picture is Szetela Michigan 211.

Commissioner Cynthia Orton and Emma.

And with the Michigan 211 with Commissioner Vallette joining them with that picture, then Commissioner Weiss Michigan AFLCIO, all right, thank you Max Lewis, thank you for coming.

Okay Commissioner Rothhorn will present to the Michigan department of Civil Rights, Michigan Department of Civil Rights and is Mr. Andrew brown here? All right? Right here in the middle Lewis I'm sorry.

Commissioner Vallette will join me with a picture.

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Michigan league of conservation voters is Mark.

I saw Mark earlier.

There he is.

Commissioner Witjes and have a picture joined with Commissioner Szetela.

Next in the cue will be Commissioner Juanita Curry with the NAACP Michigan.

Okay Commissioner Curry will come up and we are looking for Gina Stewart from NAACP Michigan.

And then joining you in the picture is Commissioner Weiss then Commissioner Weiss Voters Not Politicians and I see Connie Cook is here with us today.

Joining Commissioner Vallette for that picture will be Commissioner Rothhorn.

Okay let's see if we can make sure we have everyone covered.

Michigan municipal league is Ms. Richards here? Excellent.

Excellent and Commissioner Orton will join you all in the picture there.

Denatta, okay great, joining presenting that will be Commissioner Weiss.

There we go.

It's good to see you, Nada.

Sorry, we will take care of it.

And taking the picture with Commissioner Weiss will be Commissioner Eid.

All right that will conclude our organizational part.

And now we have the opportunity to recognize some individuals who are here today that have been very, very helpful.

And the first one we would like to recognize is our great friend, formally with the Michigan Department of State now with AARP, the communications manager there who has done a stellar job just making things happen.

Can we give a warm welcome to Cathleen Simler? [Applause]

Presenting for Cathleen Simler is Commissioner Juanita Curry and we are going to ask that our Executive Director Suann Hammersmith to join us at the step and repeat banner to take a picture with all of our individual honorees.

If you guys don't know what Cathleen did, you got to ask somebody.

Cathleen was phenomenal.

Yes.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: From the very beginning.

And we were not good at speaking clearly.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Let's give Cathleen another appreciation.

Thank you so much.

[Applause]

It's nothing good like having young talent infused talent to have ideas, sharpen perspective and to make us better.

And we are so excited that Mustafa-Mashid a master student from the University of Michigan is in the House once again to help us.

We want to celebrate Mustafa and Commissioner Janice Vallette will present him with his certificate.

For a virtual presentation we would like to welcome the one that kicked off the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, she is a law student at Stanford University and we are so happy and excited for how Sally Marsh has got us started and she is able to join us virtually from the sunshine of California.

And here to present her certificate in a virtual experience is none other than Commissioner Cynthia Orton.

You will get right in the middle and put up a Hologram and thank you so much Sally. Sally you can speak.

>> Sally: Thanks everyone and hi everyone.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Hi Sally.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you so much.

Todd Wright is he here? Happy to have Todd Wright here happy to present is Commissioner rich ward Weiss and he worked with agency services and did a lot to make sure the Commission could get together.

A lot of the unsung heroes that work with DTMB and MDOS to make sure we have the technology, the equipment and things behind the scenes so we really want to thank Todd and others for all that they have done to make us functional in drawing fair maps. All right, and now we are going to ask that Commissioner Witjes come and pick up a certificate as well as a display case and we are going to ask that Yvonne young, Yvonne young, she is on a phone call, we will wait for Yvonne young at a later time but not a later date how about that.

It's always good to have an attorney as your friend.

And we have a great attorney who has worked with us since the inception providing sound legal advice and we would like to welcome Michael Brady to the front.

If you guys don't know Mike Brady you are truly missing a treat, a wonderful individual and I'm just happy for all that he has done to get us started and just wanted to just present him with our appreciation.

All right if you ever want a boast of energy some fun some great musician with someone who is creative and worked hard behind the scenes putting spreadsheets together, getting us organized, so much work that people may have no idea how much she contributes, she has been with us from day one and continues to be with us now, we are very fortunate to have Sarah Reinhardt.

Sarah please come to the front.

And Commissioner Rothorn.

Will present Sarah with her.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Wonderful dance music taste and helped us when we were trying to put together maps.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: You get to take a picture.

We have an attorney as our General Counsel who is no holds barred.

Not afraid to mix it up with anyone.

One of the things that we can say about Julianne Pastula is she is passionate, very passionate about legal, very passionate about public service.

She has previously served in Detroit and the Commission hired her and she did an excellent job, stellar job getting us organized, our rules of procedures stuff we didn't have she put it together and has just been a valiant voice in terms of speaking forcefully in terms of her convictions at in time it's our distinct privilege and honor to welcome back our former counsel to thank her for what she has done in the historic effort in the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Let us welcome Julianne Pastula.

And then I'm going to ask Commissioner Rothhorn, Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Witjes to come for the next presentation.

Commissioner Witjes if you can grab the flowers from the table at the front and then Commissioner Szetela and Commissioner Rothhorn if you can grab the certificate right there and come in the middle.

And now we are going to ask our inaugural Director Suann Hammersmith to come to the front.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Front and center one more time.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Who has been with the Commission from day one.

She was the first hire.

She has done way more than have been a culinary artist in terms of baking treats.

She has done Chair scripts that Julianne got us started with.

She has the budget, the finances, working behind the scenes, making sure the Commissioners had everything they needed to be successful.

She works tirelessly.

She is not combative.

She has an excellent professionalism in terms of her spirit and the Commission is very fortunate.

We have heard on many occasions grateful for all the things that Sue has done to get the Commission to draw fair maps with citizen input.

Can we give a warm welcome to Suann Hammersmith?

[Applause]

And then just to go back we just want to thank each of the organizations and I just did not get a chance but access has been phenomenal.

I see Rema is in the House.

And others.

And I just want to make sure that we just really thank access.

They have been helpful in terms of our tone hall meetings, getting things done and we are just very, very grateful to access and their efforts and their partnership.

Thank you so much.

AARP Michigan, we wanted to make sure seniors were involved and Lisa Cooper and her term the volunteers just excited that you are here.

And just able to be a part and we are much better as a result of the volunteers, the outreach that you have done across the state to ensure seniors are included.

APIA votes Rebecca Islam just excited about the town halls and a lot of the things that you organized to get us going.

Campus vote Landon with University partnership which is excellent in the month of September how we were able to get on college campuses and ensure that young people had an opportunity to raise their voices.

Very appreciative of that.

The Commission for Middle Eastern American affairs just very happy for that.

And Alex and all that we were able to do to get that done.

Just want to thank him for being a part of that.

Detroit Hispanic development corporation, Oscar you have been there from day one and appreciate your counsel, your advice and making sure we had opportunities to ensure that Spanish speaking people could hear in their own language and understand how to engage very, very grateful for that.

Disability Network of eastern Michigan.

Chip and Lauren just wanted to make sure that even people with disabilities had access to participate in democracy and you guys were very helpful and instrumental with that.

The Hispanic Latino Commissioner you guys have been there from day one even in the transitions thank you for the counsel, advice and showing up.

Nada we just want to thank you.

You guys did grass root and door knocking to make sure people were aware of what is going on in the redistricting process.

Sue Smith League of Women Voters when we did the cry out for virtual in a pandemic you guys stepped up and made sure we had opportunities to go virtual all across the state.

Just really want to thank you for that.

Michigan 211 we were concerned about people that did not have access where they were in rural areas and did not have digital access or urban areas, they could dial 211 and could register them over the phone so they could speak at our public hearings.

We really want to thank 211 for being with us throughout the first round and second round of public hearings.

Michigan AFLCIO.

Max is here but definitely want to thank Connor who was a constant presence on community meetings and appreciate all he had to share in terms of getting the word out Michigan department of Civil Rights wanted to make sure no communities were behind and we are very helpful and appreciative of that.

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Michigan league of conservation voters.

Mark was very consistent.

We had town halls, different things, made sure that people were brought to the public hearings to have their voices heard and really appreciate the outreach they have done.

Michigan municipal league, you gave us opportunities to write to your members.

When we were starting with our organizations in the beginning Michigan municipal league, Michigan Township association, Michigan association of counties, provided opportunities for us to present virtually to get the word out so we greatly appreciate that. NAACP Michigan.

All across the state gave us the opportunities to speak in a virtual place and greatly appreciate those opportunities.

And last but not least Voters Not Politicians.

Networking collaborating to make sure that the word got out all across the state about how you can participate and also holding us accountable they thought some things needed to be done to improve making those suggestions in a constructive manner we really appreciate the voters not politicians.

Can we give all of our organizations a round of applause as well? [Applause]

Now it looks like we can invite Yvonne young to the front finally.

Hurry up please, you are off the phone.

Yes, please.

All right go ahead.

We appreciate that swag and slow walk.

And if our inaugural Executive Director Suann Hammersmith can join us at the step and repeat banner, we want to thank Yvonne Young for all she did. We needed additional help and MDOS was gracious to recruit Yvonne Young to help the Commission so we could have an excellent experience at our first and second round of public hearings.

And we appreciate Yvonne and all that she has done as well as the MDOS team.

Thank you so much Yvonne.

You can slow walk over there.

To take your picture.

Let people see how it's done.

>> Thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Rema it's time for you to come up.

Access is in the House.

We don't want to forget.

Access, we have this presentation for you just to thank you for all that you have done.

And Commissioner Witjes will take a picture along with Commissioner Rothhorn with you at the step and repeat banner.

Thank you so much.

Okay is Alex here? If Alex is not here this will conclude -- Alex is here, good Alex.

Great, Middle Eastern American affairs and here to make this presentation is Commissioner Weiss.

I'm sorry Commissioner Eid, sorry.

And Commissioner Curry, you will join them with a picture over there.

I will go there and take a picture and Commissioner Rothhorn if you don't mind, we can take a brief recess to let our guests go and also thank them for coming our Commissioner Witjes.

Someone can entertain a recess.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Without objection at this point in time, we are going to take a five-ten minute recess. And I do want to thank every single one of you folks for coming out.

Ten minutes it is.

We will reconvene at 11:10 a.m.

[Recess]

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: As Vice Chair of the Commission I call the meeting back to order at 11:14 a.m. will the secretary please call the roll?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Hello Commissioners please say present when I call your name.

If you are attending remotely, please let us know where you are attending from.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present; attending the meeting from Huntington Beach, California.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

Rhonda Lange?

Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present; attending from Lee County, Florida.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette.

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: I'm present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Ten Commissioners are present.

And there is a quorum.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt. Without objection we will move back to item four on the agenda public comment.

Hearing none individuals that signed up for live in person public comment will now be allowed to do so.

You will have two minutes to address the Commission and I will call you by name.

The first person to address the Commission is Mr. Anthony Skinnell.

>> Hello, okay.

Hi.

Good to see you.

Good morning, okay, start the clock.

You know last week there was something about a Commissioner said I don't want to see a motion brought up again.

And I think particularly if they are watching remotely, I have not been paying attention closely sorry I had electric wire down in my House with a lot going on.

I hope the remote Commissioners are watching you have the right to bring up a motion to discuss or do whatever you want with your salary as many times as you see fit so I recommend you bring it up every time until I don't know.

I don't see how you can say I don't want to see something brought up again that is your right.

So that is what I think.

Not that I really care about the salary.

It's kind of a moot point.

Last week we had a Commissioner say it kind of sounded like the start of a joke we got a priest or Rabbi and said Schwarzenegger and Holder like our maps but I don't think they have ever lived or voted in Michigan.

And I think they are promoting a ballot initiative to create more of you guys across the 50 states.

So of course they are going to say you did a good job no matter what I'm just going to say that.

Not to say you know I'm a Michigander and I know how I feel about your maps.

I have heard other Michiganders requiring retiring members of Congress how they feel about your maps so it's out there and in the public record.

And then what was the last thing I was leaving off last week and got cut up with to parties and advantage I wish you would stop voting for the two parties we have two parties so good have to write the advantage in the laws including two major parties defined so we have a real sad system.

I was going to take the Michigan department of transportation map and rip it up but I'm not really.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Thank you for addressing the Commission at this point we will return back to new business without objection we will discuss new business B release responses for all public records requests.

Hearing no objection, I will have Commissioner Rebecca Szetela lead in discussion

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I did ask about in a couple weeks ago I asked to have it added on the agenda and it got pushed a few times.

I'm not really, I did not want to get in the issue of releasing all public records.

I'm focused on the public records that were released in response to the settlement agreement we entered into in the Wagner case.

And I really think one in terms of transparency two in terms of enabling our allies helping us in the litigation we had against us because we have done in large public records production that frankly the person requesting it did not pay for because we had a settlement agreement with them.

The people of the State of Michigan paid for it.

I think in the interest of transparency we should consider releasing those documents that have already been produced and just putting them out on our website along with other documents we have out there so that is what I wanted to discuss.

I know we kind of touched on the concept of releasing everything but I really want to focus on that one narrow issue.

In the interest of transparency potentially putting those out there for everyone to have a copy of.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Rothhorn.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Define the narrow issue again what you want to focus on

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: We had a FOIA request from Commissioner Wagner's lawyer where she requested a rather broad set of documents.

We had a lawsuit over that.

There was a settlement agreement entered into.

Between the Commission and Commissioner Wagner.

And there has been a rolling production of those documents over the last month I believe mid-April is when they were going to finally be produced so my proposal is because in the interest of transparency and then also because this is an unique situation where the person requesting it has not paid for it that was one of the objections raised before that was not fair if someone pays 100 for a FOIA request to give it to everybody but in this situation we don't have that.

Because as part of the settlement agreement we agreed there would be no cost for the production which means the people of the State of Michigan paid for the production because there is still a time cost associated with people having to go through documents redact them and determine what is to be produced and my proposal and I

will make a motion on this is to publicly post on our website all of the documents that were released pursuant to that FOIA request in the order we entered the stipulated order we entered into with Erin Wagner.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: I guess my only question is do we need a legal opinion from Mr. Brady or our legal lawyers? To release this?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: My understanding is because it's been reviewed and I think there has been some review and maybe, yeah and I guess I'm tempted to second it but I want to make sure that I don't want I'm also the Chair so I don't want to okay but maybe Mr. Brady do you want to chime in? Before I second?

>> Good morning, Mike Brady with the Michigan Department of State.

So I don't see a legal issue.

The release of all documents without review would be problematic as a lawyer who you know I've been working on FOIA and experience with that and also even more particular to the documents that were requested and have been produced and will be produced pursuant to the FOIAs I reviewed it and often frankly most of the material that has been redacted is material that includes your as Commissioners your personal information including medical things and other things as well.

Things going on with your families, your personal cell phone, other things along those lines.

That is absolutely appropriate with FOIA to be redacted.

It's standard practice to redact that.

And again for those reasons it would be inappropriate to release it without doing the redaction but once it's been reviewed and the information redacted it's a public document that has been redacted or personal information has been removed.

And so with that being said and the particular question before us from Commissioner Szetela I don't have any legal concern there.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Rothorn.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: I will second it in particular I'm thinking about the lessons learned at the second person who gave public comment today said they appreciated this but transparency we were required to do because there was a Supreme Court case that said no you can't do that.

That kind of upper level the threshold of transparency and feels like this could be like you said Rebecca we paid for it or the people of Michigan paid for it, it feels like it could be a very transparent way to proceed and it's been reviewed and it's a very specific thing so I'm going to second that motion.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: We got a motion and a second to release the FOIA documents that were given to Erin Wagner's lawyer.

Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Hearing none all in favor Commissioner Clark?

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>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I've got a question on that are there any other FOIA requests that individuals did not pay for that we should also post publicly?

>> There have been FOIA requests from Honigman and the second of the style. This happens in Government where someone will FOIA the FOIAs and say we are curious to see what people are FOIAing so please let us know what the other FOIA requests were.

That is the nature of that does not really require any sort of review and it does not so it's easy to go out and don't charge anything our goal is to get it out as quickly as possible and as cheaply as possible.

Because otherwise any staff time is really paid for by the people of Michigan.

So again there are other requests along those lines.

There may very well have been other FOIA requests along the same lines that General Counsel Pastula would have processed last year.

So you know there may be a way to go back through her e-mails or to understand other but I can't speak with specificity to prior requests.

I can just speak to the last couple months that the Department of State has taken this responsibility back over at the request of the Commission.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: The point I was getting to was should we treat all those people who did not pay anything equally and post theirs as well? And that may be a massive task though.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Mike?

>> Through the Chair forgive me Commissioner Szetela I see your hand.

Please go

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I was going to say don't people who typically request FOIA requests have to pay? This was unusual in there was a settlement agreement and agreed there would be no charge but I thought all FOIA requests typically you have to pay.

>> Through the Chair response to that would be not all FOIA requests do you have to pay FOIA is written in a way with sunshine laws with we the people of Michigan have a right to know what our Government is doing and have a right to ask for records and to review these records.

And so we are allowed to request to see public records and basically anything that is done by the Government would be potentially a public record.

There are certain exceptions to that like personal information or on going law enforcement investigations all laid out in the law if we can process it without a fee for a minimal amount of time, minimal can add up but if we can process it without a fee we do.

Vast mama majority of Department of State and I have a reason to believe this is true across Governments at every level in Michigan including other departments in the State of Michigan they don't charge when they don't need to.

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That said there are sometimes requests where someone will contact us and this happens regularly where someone will say I got a question about the Commission can I see all communications that the Commission had dating back to October or September 17th of 2020 when it was first convened, we want to see every single e-mail that went to or from.

That is a lot of material.

And so and we will write back and say there is going to be a cost for that because you are talking about over a year and a half of correspondence and frankly every time an e-mail was sent out it was sent out to 13 Commissioners so you are multiplying that out 13 times there is legitimately a need to review that so we will give back a fee.

The serious folks will come back and say, oh, yeah, I really don't need to see a year and a half I'm interested in communications between I don't know Edward Woods III and Commissioner Richard Weiss and interested in seeing that in July and August of 2021. Okay well in that case let me refine the search and then in refining the search you say actually with those two people with that timeframe you are talking about 20 e-mails 20 e-mails we can knock that off and probably won't cost anything but may cost something very nominal whatever that is.

That is how FOIA is intentionally structured in Michigan and that is how it plays out.

The thing about FOIA is that once the review has been done, then there is not a basis for charging someone else for the same request.

So whether we post these documents proactively on the website in the way that Commissioner Szetela calls for and frankly to be clear some Governments are in the practice of doing that because they don't have repeat FOIAs whether we post it on the website proactively or simply wait and someone else comes in and says you see this a lot as well within FOIA where the free press bridge magazine someone else they know that Commissioner Wagner's lawyer filed a lawsuit you know submitted the FOIA, filed the lawsuit, all of that was public record, the settlement was all done in public and will come in and say oh, you are done.

We are submitting a FOIA for exactly the same thing.

And at that point we don't have a basis for charging someone else for it because there is nothing else to review.

If they ask for exactly the same thing then you are talking about public records that have already been reviewed and redacted to remove the personal, private information that is really at issue in that particular production that happens all the time.

Open the newspaper and read any Article about Government and what is really going on behind that is FOIAs and once one you know media out let gets the story and forgive me I'm going on a little bit but it's general education to the public once you know let's say the Detroit free press or Detroit news once one entity submits FOIA it's absolutely common to have four or five other ones submit the same FOIA and say we want that too.

Who pays is who does it first and that is just how that works.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: In light of that because of that the concern is it's not fair for the first person paying if that is the practice in the State of Michigan then I honestly would be in favor of releasing everything that has been FOIA'd and already produced and just putting it on the website so it's already out there.

I'm happy to amend the motion to clarify that if you're still willing to second it MC.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Mike Brady.

>> Thank you again so that all makes sense.

If the Commission were to adopt it, I would note it would take some time for us to go back.

I don't immediately have access but I believe we can gain access to General Counsel Pastula e-mails to see the different FOIA responses, to gather that information and put that on the website.

That will at this point present an administrative frankly burden.

But I don't believe that that's going to be something that is a huge concern for us given the larger commitment from our department to support the Commission and transparency.

I just want to note it will take some time to actually go through and gain access.

Once we have got those e-mails then we will get them on the website.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: In light of the discussion instead of this being a one-time thing from here back wouldn't it make more sense if this is the direction we want to go to change our procedure, policy to just make anything that is FOIA'd then public? And then that would give our staff time to do that on an ongoing basis.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: So, if that's the case, don't we need to have to make a notice we will change our rules of procedure and have to red line it and take care of the whole thing all in one swoop?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I believe so.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: That is correct

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I think that would work going forward but I see that as being a separate issue of the ones produced so I would still like to see a vote on this motion and then we can look at having the rules changed moving forward and that will solve the problem going forward.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Let's take Commissioner Eid I'm sorry.

>> COMMISSIONER EID: I would be more in favor of the original motion as it was stated to be more tailored towards the documents that were already produced in the settlement agreement.

I don't want to cause administrative burden more than it needs to be and I think we can do those rule changes to fix the issues in the future.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: That makes sense.

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yeah, I mean I don't think it's going to be that big of a burden there were not that many FOIAs I think it was less than 25 we had total so I don't think it's that big of a lift honestly.

A lot of them were denied as being privileged from the outset so there would be nothing produced for those at all.

There is actually General Counsel Pastula did have an excel spreadsheet specifically listing all the FOIAs that has been shared with every single one of us and specifically says which ones were denied so I think we are talking less than ten FOIA requests here and don't think it's a big lift at all.

I know as part of her departure as well her in box was shadowed and shared with the current Executive Director so it is accessible and available.

That was planned for as part of her departure just as a continuity principle.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Okay so the motion that we are going to be voting on now is to release all previously FOIA requests including the FOIA request from Erin Wagner's lawyer, correct?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: I would clarify the documents produced in response to the FOYA request.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Documents produced in response to the FOIA request all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

I'm sorry.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Steve had a hand too

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: Yep.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Opposed same sign.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: 6-4.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: 6-4 is what I count.

The motion carries with a vote of 6-4.

>> VICE CHAIR SZETELA: I'll make a motion to amend rules of procedure going forward to mandate the posting of all responses to FOIA requests.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Motion and a second to amend rules of procedure, should be noticed and discussed and brought to us at the next meeting all in favor please any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed same sign.

Motion carries with one nay.

Without objection we will go to C request and audit from the office of auditor general hearing no objection I will ask director Woods to present this agenda item.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Okay at our it's not letting me do it.

At our last meeting we talked about having on the item of the agenda an audit from the office of auditor general.

In the Constitution it says we may be subject to an audit from the office of auditor general so just being proactive knowing that we have one of our core values is transparency is just going ahead and just requesting an audit of our finances and our you know financial procedures in terms of how we procured things and paid things and asking them to do that from October 1, 2020 which was the beginning all the way through March 31, 2022.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Chair Rothhorn, Commissioner Szetela?

>> I move to adopt resolution 20220314 request audit from the office of auditor general for the time period October 2020 through March 31, 2022.

Second.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: A motion and a second on the resolution 2022.03.14 is there any discussion or debate on the motion Commissioner Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Since everything we did was public and our budget was public and everything, I don't understand what an audit will show or understand why an audit will need to take place and will it cost the taxpayers money?

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Director Woods?

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: No, it won't cost taxpayer money at all that is part of their job with regards to that it's just a third-party analysis in terms of the work the actual Commission has done so it's just once again showing us to be open and transparent as you mentioned everything is done, everyone sees it and having them go back and document rules of procedures and how we followed our practices as relates to spending expenditures.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Szetela?

>> COMMISSIONER SZETELA: It will be helpful because we are going to the legislature to ask for more money and they will ask have we been responsible up to date.

If we have the audit, it presumes the question and immediate response yes, we have been responsible with the money we have been afforded under the current budget so I think that is kind of the point is to sort of help us defend ourselves in front of the legislature when we ask for more money.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Orton.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I understand and not against it I think it's kind of odd to audit something that has already been public the entire time.

I just don't understand that.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: They do that with other departments as well, the stuff that has been public the entire time and the will of the Commission but other departments have been audited you know.

You have heard in the news about unemployment insurance agency and its audit by the office auditor general so it's really up to the will of the Commission as to whether or not they want to do it.

If they request it, then we have to comply and so this is just more of a proactive move and saying, hey, come and audit us, check us out and with regards to that instead of waiting to see whether or not we will be audited at all.

So once again the will of the Commission.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: My personal person is I think it's a good thing and I think it's an excellent business practice and that we should move forward with it.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: And because we are trying to figure out how we are going to go dormant and trying to figure out how to sort of stop our business as usual.

It feels important to do this while we are still here so to speak so we can respond to it rather than, yeah not be able to respond.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Any other discussion or debate on the motion? Okay, so we have a motion and a second, motioned by Commissioner Szetela seconded by Commissioner Eid that the Michigan independent citizens redistricting Commissioner authorize the Executive Director to request an audit from the auditor general from October 21, 2020 to March 31, 2022, all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed same sign.

Motion carries unanimously.

At this point we are going to move on to new business item 6D process to cancel meetings.

Without objection I will have Director Woods present this item.

Hearing none please proceed.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

Process to cancel meetings.

As you discussed previously about amending rules of procedure, we have to have a notification process and so right what we are asking to do is more or less a notification of it and that we would actually do the same thing we are doing for the public records request at the next meeting this is according to amending rules of procedure Section 14-2 as relates to amendments.

Once again, another Section coming out of amending rules of procedure in terms of the process the Commission has to follow.

Currently our cancellation of meetings in Section 5-4 of rules of procedure says if any meeting or public hearing the Commission must be cancelled a notice shall be posted on the Commission website as soon as practicable prior to the cancelled meeting or public hearing but it does not tell you who has the authority to cancel the meeting. It just tells you this is how you notify but it does not tell you who has the authority.

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For our special meetings it says special meetings of the Commission may be scheduled by a majority of the vote of the Commission during a meeting or maybe called by the Chairperson Vice Chairperson or the Executive Director with not less than a five hour notice.

And so what we would like to propose today is for the cancellation of a meeting to replace Section 5.4 to read the Commission may cancel a meeting by a majority vote of the Commission during a meeting or by the Chairperson Vice Chairperson or the Executive Director with not less than a 24 hour notice.

And then we would add Section 5.41 and call it a cancellation of the meeting notification if any meeting or public hearing of the Commission must be cancelled a notice of cancellation shall be posted on the Commission website 24 hours prior to the cancelled meeting or public hearing.

If there are any questions, I can take them at this time.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I think that is a reasonable approach.

We have a clear approach and concise and make things go quickly.

And I think it's in our best interest to move forward with something like this.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Mike Brady.

>> Hello again.

So I discussed this with Executive Director Woods and we definitely think it makes sense.

The one note, caution I might offer is the language where it says with not less than a 24 hour notice.

So certainly you want it to be as soon as practicable as soon as if it's in a sense where it's not needed particularly as the Commission looks at this work ongoing litigation the Commission will still be around but the nature of the litigation doesn't frankly have as has been well discussed does not have many agenda items for the Commission.

So if it's May we may come up this doesn't make sense to have this meeting so you reach out, you got plenty of advanced notice for that.

And give the advance notice.

There could very well be and we have come across something close to this for health reasons at points in the past for the most part the Commission was able to sidestep if there is lack of quorum, if there were technological issues.

You know we rely on AV support and if they contacted us at 5 a.m. this morning and said you know some string of unfortunate events that you know had us not able to conduct this meeting then it might still need to be cancelled.

I don't know.

I'm not sure it makes sense or speculative but all the different and just about the 24 hour notice and the fact is things happen as we know.

And so the most important gap that Mr. Woods and I had identified was in the not having clarity as to who is able to determine whether the meeting must be cancelled which is in the language.

And this certainly addresses that.

So I just don't know about the 24 hour notice or say as soon as practicable because everyone would want to know that as soon as possible.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Yeah, Director Woods, I wonder if you can just say because I think we will need a motion if we are going to make this happen, right?

MR. EDWARD WOODS: it's coming back next time we meet so we can make the adjustment that Mr. Brady is requesting.

I know when we had our dialog we wanted people to know as soon as possible with regards to the conversation with Commissioner Rothhorn and Commissioner Witjes in terms of giving people time to travel or plan.

But in light of that if we can just say practicable, I'm assuming you know any time associated with it and five minutes before unfortunately it's five minutes before, correct?

>> I think so, yeah.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Good thing is we are virtual now so no one is coming so that is the good news.

And then I think we need to look at if we happen to have an in-person meeting we just have to do the best we can.

So we can make that adjustment and bring it back to the next meeting.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Any other discussion on this agenda item? Okay, without objection we will move on to agenda tomorrow 7 approval of minutes of March 24, 2022. This meeting was held via Zoom and the direct minutes have been provided to the Commission before the meeting and are posted on our website.

Are there any edits or additions or changes to these meeting minutes? May I have a motion to approve the meeting minutes? Motion made by Commissioner Orton, seconded by Commissioner Eid.

Any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none, we will go ahead and vote.

On the approval of the minutes all in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

Opposed same sign.

Motion carries unanimously.

Without objection we will move on to staff reports and we do have a staff report from Executive Director Woods.

Without objection please proceed Mr. Woods.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you Commissioner Witjes I want to thank in the transition Sue Hammersmith is here making sure I did not screw up your time.

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I knew that would be a fireable offense so I really wanted to make sure that the time and everyone to my knowledge has gotten paid on time so I was grateful so thanks Sue for your help in the transition.

Really, grateful for that Lori and Janelle and Keller will services and working with Rebecca so grateful for that.

The Commissioner report Commissioner Lett will speak about it later but it's being reviewed by our attorneys so I just want to share that with you.

The House general Government appropriations subcommittee is coming up, a week from Tuesday, a week from Tuesday at 10:30.

At the House office building.

We are making a request before that committee for a brief presentation.

I will show you the link as well as the address in case you may be interested in coming at 10:30 with regards to that.

Lessons learned report and video is in the final stages and still writing the draft and I think they have talked to everyone now and had a couple of challenges then the report and then it will go to the video which we will make sure is reviewed by attorneys.

We have archived boxes for storage and you have to use the boxes and they are required.

So if you have other boxes you are using you need to get boxes.

We have them here and want to thank Commissioner Witjes for helping me get those inside today so you can get them, take them home, but you have I want to be very clear if you used your own boxes that is a problem.

So please use the boxes and thanks to the great work of MDOS we were able to find some boxes complimentary so they did not cost the Commission anything so we have some boxes here so please take them and pack your files and then upcoming presentations, the area agency on aging association which is interested in learning more about the Commission so that is coming up, in a couple of weeks as well as the Michigan society of association of executives.

So that's what is happening.

I want to thank each and every one of you as I transition to make sure we don't miss a beat for your patience and kindness.

If there is anything I can do better or suggestions please feel free to give me a call, text or e-mail and you know I do respond so thank you again.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Director Woods, should we so I have binders.

What I'm thinking about is the archived boxes will you help us know how to use the box or should we anticipate can I anticipate sort of getting learned or like taught how to do it or what to do? Keep it in my binder not keep it in my binder.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: We will give you feedback on that.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Okay thank you.

>> MR. EDWARD WOODS: Thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Thank you Director Woods.

Moving on to agenda item 9, legal liaison report which I do believe we have one.

Without objection I will ask Commissioner Lett to make a brief statement on his report.

Are there any objections? Seeing none please proceed Commissioner Lett.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Thank you, Commissioner Witjes.

The I did have a meeting with the Fink law firm and we went over what the current state is as it pertains to several of the lawsuits.

First would be Banarian which the Court ruled that they would not grant an injunction preventing the districts from going into effect as we had voted on.

So that lawsuit continues, however, simply because the Court said, no, we are not going to give you an injunction does not mean no your suit does not have any Merritt whatsoever though it's unlikely that they will prevail given the current status.

However, they can certainly proceed.

They can have discovery.

And we will see where that one goes.

The what is called the AG lawsuit is similar to the Michigan Supreme Court case that was filed in the Western District of Federal Court.

It will be assigned to the same panel as Banarian.

So it is unlikely that they will be any more successful than Banarian was.

We did -- I did get a message, I assume everybody got it today that the AG Plaintiffs have filed a first amended complaint.

This is nothing particularly unusual.

They have under the Court rules the ability to do that.

They have done so.

And we will have Fink and Baker respond appropriately once the time for responding is there.

Everybody has not been served.

If you wish to be served personally, let Nate Fink know.

If you authorize him to accept service, which I recommend you do, then make sure you let him know that if you have not already done so.

The Director Woods indicated, I would comment on the minority reports and the report that is being prepared.

The only comment I have is the attorneys are reviewing all of those as it pertains to what is contained therein to make sure that they know what is coming as it pertains to how they respond in the lawsuits.

Not to edit or revise them in any manner.

There is also some discussion regarding ending of Commissioners' terms. I know attorney Brady as well as the Fink law firm have been discussing that. There are certain considerations to be given.

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Nothing that we have not already quite honestly talked about and how are we going to end.

And it's not clear.

There will be some more discussion on that end, on their end.

And then we will come back and we will talk about it.

That's really an update brings you up to date on where these cases are.

There is nothing overly new about any of them.

We will just see where they go.

At the present time, the AG case has not asked for an injunction to prevent the maps from going into effect.

It does not mean they couldn't ask for one later.

But at the present time they are not doing that.

Are there any questions, I would be happy to take them.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: Just appreciation, thank you, Steve.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: You're welcome.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Thanks, Steve.

Okay moving on to agenda item ten Michigan Department of State updates without objection I will ask either Mike Brady or Sarah Reinhardt to give us an update if they have one.

Seeing none please proceed Mr. Brady or Ms. Reinhardt.

>> Through the Chair thank you.

The one update I believe we have at the Department of State just relates to some of the FOIA responses that we have been working on.

Wanted to let the Commission know that as of yesterday afternoon we have fully complied with and produced all of the documents requested in the Wagner, Rhonda FOIA/lawsuit settlement.

That is now complete thanks to Megan your paralegal and thank you for providing per the additional hours we requested to be able to move through and make sure we had sufficient time to give it appropriate review.

So that's an update.

Glad to have that particular public record request completed.

There is another one that is open and ongoing.

It's from the free press.

From Clare Hendrickson and coming recently and working with that through your paralegal Meagan and so we are anticipating production maybe next week and certainly the week after that.

That is all, thank you.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Ms. Reinhardt, anything? All right, correspondence received in advance was provided in the meeting materials.

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Are there any agenda items that Commissioners would like to have added to future meetings.

Seeing none are there any announcements? All right, as the items on the agenda are completed and the Commission has no further business motion to adjourn is in order may I please have a motion to adjourn.

>> CHAIR ROTHORN: You may, sorry I'll second that so moved.

>> VICE CHAIR WITJES: Okay motion made by Commissioner Eid seconded by Commissioner Rothorn.

Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Seeing none go ahead and vote all in favor to adjourn please raise your hand and say aye.

Opposed same sign.

Meeting is adjourned at 11:59 a.m.