

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar. Full agenda, presentations, and video recordings are available at Michigan.gov/MICRC

Thursday, February 16, 2023

9:05 a.m. – 10:12 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Huntington Beach, California*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Brittini Kellom (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)
MC Rothhorn (*joining remotely at 9:33 a.m. from Ingham County, Michigan*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Township, Michigan*)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Eaton County, Michigan*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)

ABSENT: Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange
Dustin Joseph Witjes

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:05 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

MOTION: Add agenda item prior to public comment to make comments and hold a Moment of Silence for the victims of the MSU shooting. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Commissioners Juanita Curry and Steven T. Lett gave tributes. Executive Director Woods showed a video memorializing the victims. Commissioners Brittni Kellom and Douglas J. Clark expressed their sentiments before the Commission held a Moment of Silence.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Anthony Scannell.

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. FY 23 Budget Impasse. Executive Director Woods shared that the FY 23 Budget Impasse has been resolved and the Commission has received its funds (\$3.17 million).

MOTION: Authorize the Executive Director to work with legal counsel to resolve the lawsuit against the Michigan Legislature. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

b. FY 23 Budget Report. Executive Director Woods presented the first quarter of the FY 2023 budget.

c. MICRC Legislative Improvements. Executive Director Woods presented on the MICRC Legislative Improvements for the Voters Not Politicians Lessons Learned Report.

MOTION: Table the legislative improvements and recommendations.
Moved by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.

d. FY 23 Revised Budget. Executive Director Woods presented the FY 2023 Revised budget.

MOTION: Approve FY 23 Revised Budget as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

a. Office of Auditor General Request Executive Director Woods presented the Office of Auditor General Request.

MOTION: Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to approve Sigma request from the Office of Auditor General. **Moved by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

b. Temporary Staffing Services Contract Executive Director Woods presented about temporary staffing services.

MOTION: Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to execute a contract with Abacus Services Corporation for temporary staffing services for the Commission. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. January 19

MOTION: Approve the January 19 minutes. **Moved by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Approve sending MICRC Legislative Improvements to Voters Not Politicians for their Lessons Learned Report. **Moved by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

REPORTS

Executive Director Report. Woods provided a report on his work for January and highlighted the January website report to the Commission.

Legal Liaison Report. Commissioner Lett presented updates on the ongoing legal challenges.

MDOS Report. MDOS did not have a report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. **Moved by Commissioner Kellom. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Clark, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:12 a.m.