

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, March 16, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 10:54 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Osceola County, Michigan*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)
MC Rothhorn (*remotely from East Lansing, Michigan*)
Rebecca Szetela (*joining remotely at 10:11 a.m. from Wayne County, Michigan*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Township, Michigan*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)
Dustin Joseph Witjes (*remotely from Tuscola, Illinois*)

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom
Erin Wagner

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Witjes, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Moved by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

MOTION: Add agenda item to discuss a request form the Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services (ACCESS). **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION FAILED.**

Voting No: Commissioners Clark, Curry, Lange, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Witjes, 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: Anthony Scannell and James Gallant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. FY 23 Budget Impasse. The Commission's legal counsel provided an update regarding the resolution of the FY 23 Budget Impasse and potential concern for FY 24.

NEW BUSINESS

a. Executive Director Contract Extension. Commission Steven T. Lett presented the contract extension for the Executive Director.

MOTION: Approve the Executive Director employment contract from April 2, 2023, through September 30, 2023. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED, 10-1. Commissioner Lange voted no.**

b. Chair and Vice-Chair Elections. The Commission nominated and voted on a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Witjes, Chair, called for nominations for Chair.

Commissioner Clark was nominated by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Clark accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote for Douglas Clark to serve as Chair by roll call vote. Commissioner Clark was selected as Chair.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Rhonda Lange	No
Steve Lett	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
MC Rothhorn	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes
Dustin Witjes	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes

Commissioner Witjes, Chair, called for nominations for Vice-Chair.

Commissioner Orton was nominated by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Orton accepted the nomination.

Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote for Cynthia Orton to serve as Vice-Chair by roll call vote. Commissioner Orton was selected as Vice-Chair.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Steve Lett	Yes
Cynthia Orton	Yes
MC Rothhorn	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes
Dustin Witjes	Yes
Anthony Eid	Yes
Rhonda Lange	No

REPORTS

Executive Director Report. Woods presented updates to the Commission and thanked the Commission for extending his contract.

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

MDOS Report. MDOS staff provided updates to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Lett requested that we add the letter from Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services as a new agenda item for the next meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Rothhorn and Clark expressed appreciation to Commissioner Witjes for his leadership. Commissioner Rothhorn thanked Commissioners Clark and Orton for accepting their new leadership roles.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. **Moved by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.