

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**10:00 a.m. – 11:50 a.m.**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan*)  
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan. Left the meeting at 11:32 a.m.*)  
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)  
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Mecosta County, Michigan. Left the meeting at 11:30 a.m.*)  
Brittni Kellom (*joined remotely at 10:07 a.m. from Wayne County, Michigan*)  
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)  
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)  
MC Rothhorn (*remotely from Lansing, Michigan*)  
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)  
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Township, Michigan*)  
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, Michigan. Left the meeting at 10:36 a.m.*)  
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)  
Dustin Joseph Witjes (*remotely from Tuscola, Illinois*)

## **ABSENT:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Edward Woods III, Executive Director  
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff  
David Fink, Fink Bressack  
Sara Ismail, ACCESS  
Kim Brace, Election Data Services

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Clark, 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:** Approve the agenda. **Moved by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS**

Commissioner Clark, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. No individuals provided remote public comment.

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

a. Temporary Staffing Services. Executive Director Woods presented the amended proposal for the temporary staffing services contract.

**MOTION:** Approve the amended proposal from Abacus Service Corporation to provide payroll and reimbursement services to the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) through the State's temporary staffing services contract. This amended proposal includes a markup of 24 percent and stops collecting federal and state unemployment taxes once the caps are reached. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Arab Community Center for Economic and Social Services Request. Kim Brace, Election Data Services, presented the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Work on 2030 Census Designation to provide a background for ACCESS's

request. Sara Ismail, ACCESS, requested the Commission’s support to add Middle Eastern & North African (MENA) as a Census designation to the OMB.

**MOTION:** Submit a resolution to OMB in support of adding a MENA designation. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED**

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

b. Archiving the Commission’s Work. Commissioner Clark, Chair, and Executive Director Woods presented to the Commission regarding archiving.

c. Litigation Counsel Attorney Addition. Commissioner Lett and Executive Director Woods presented to the Commission regarding an additional litigation attorney.

**MOTION:** Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to work with the Michigan Department of State to add Dima Atiya as a key personnel to the Litigation contract retroactive to Nov. 1, 2021. **Moved by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

d. Litigation Counsel Travel Clarification. Commissioner Lett and Executive Director Woods to the Commission regarding litigation counsel travel policies.

**MOTION:** Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to work with the Michigan Department of State to ensure approved travel expenses are reimbursed and hourly rate is not billed in the Litigation contract. **Moved by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

e. FY 23 Financial Report. Executive Director Woods presented to the Commission regarding the fiscal year 2023 financial report.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. February 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Approve the proposed minutes for the February 16, 2023, meeting of the MICRC. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

b. March 16, 2023, Meeting Minutes

**MOTION:** Approve the proposed minutes for the March 16, 2023, meeting of the MICRC. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

## **REPORTS**

Executive Director Report. Executive Director Woods presented updates to the Commission.

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

MDOS Report. MDOS staff provided updates to the Commission.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Commissioner Lange requested a discussion of archiving Commission information and materials be added to the next meeting.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Fink Bressack provided an update regarding ongoing litigation.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.