

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, May 18, 2023

10:02 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, 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 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
Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff
Ava DeBenedet, Ann Arbor Public Schools
Amelia Repp, Ann Arbor Public Schools

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Clark, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:02 a.m..

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Approve the agenda. **Moved by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Curry. 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. One individual provided remote public comment: James Gallant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. C-SPAN Award Winners from Skyline High School. High school students from Ann Arbor Public Schools presented their Redistricting project to the Commission.

b. Archiving the Commission's Work

MOTION: Move that the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission places its archives with the State of Michigan Archives and the University of Michigan. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

c. Amendment to the Rules of Procedures of the State of Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, Section 6.2

MOTION: Modify section 6.2 of the rules of procedure to state that official actions shall be taken only at a meeting which is conducted in accordance with these rules. The Commission shall conduct meetings in person or remotely by majority vote of the Commission in setting such meetings as follows: **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner**

**Curry. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.
MOTION APPROVED**

MOTION: Ratify relevant actions prior to this amendment. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED

NEW BUSINESS

a. Fiscal 23 Budget Update Executive Director Woods presented the financial report for April 2023.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. April 20, 2023, Minutes

MOTION: Approve the proposed minutes for the April 20, 2023, Meeting of the MICRC. Moved by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED

b. Clarifying a Motion from the April 20 minutes.

MOTION: Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to work with the Michigan Department of State to ensure approved travel expenses are reimbursed and the hourly rate is not billed for travel, unless Commission work is being done, in the Litigation Contract. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED

REPORTS

Executive Director Report. Woods presented updates to the Commission.

MOTION: Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to work with legal counsel to resolve the FY 2024 MICRC budget. Moved by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED

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

MOTION: The Commission continues to meet remotely unless the Commission elects to meet in-person. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

MDOS REPORT

CORRESPONDENCE

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.