

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, August 17, 2023

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Rochester Hills, Michigan*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Anthony Eid (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Brittini Kellom (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Wexford County, Michigan*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Grand Traverse County, Michigan*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)
MC Rothhorn (*remotely from Lansing, Michigan*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely Wayne County, Michigan*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Luce County, Michigan*)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, Michigan*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)

ABSENT: Dustin Joseph Witjes

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff
Fink Bressack
Bruce Adelson, VRA Counsel

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 Lett.**
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 public comment: James Gallant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Changing the rules of Procedure for Calling a Special Meeting The commission discussed updating the rules of procedure.

MOTION: Adopt changes to the rules of procedure to allow two commissioners to call a special meeting. **Moved by Commissioner Szetela.**
Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED, 4-8.

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
Doug Clark	No
Juanita Curry	No
Anthony Eid	No
Brittni Kellom	No
Rhonda Lange	Yes
Steve Lett	No
Cynthia Orton	No
MC Rothhorn	No

Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	No
Erin Wagner	Yes
Richard Weiss	Yes

b. FY 23 Revised Budget. Executive Director Woods presented the revised fiscal year 2023 budget.

MOTION: Move to approve the budget as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

a. Legal Representation Individually and Collectively for the Commission. Nate Fink, Fink Bressack, provided a legal opinion on this topic.

MOTION: That the commission does not pay for a commissioner’s personally retained counsel. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 9-3**

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

Erin Wagner No

Richard Weiss Yes

b. Voting Rights Act Media Coverage. Bruce Adelson, Voting Rights Act legal counsel, presented this item.

c. FY 23 Financial Report for July Executive Director Woods presented to the Commission about the fiscal year 2023 financial report for July.

MOTION: Approve the financial report as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

d. FY 24 Proposed Budget Review

MOTION: Approve the proposed budget for 2024 as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

e. National Redistricting Commission Conference

MOTION: That the commission may voluntarily attend the National Redistricting Commissions Conference virtually or in-person, and that the Commission will not pay for a commissioner's individual cost to attend. **Moved by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 8-3**

<u>Commissioner</u>	<u>Vote</u>
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Doug Clark	Yes
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Juanita Curry	No
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Anthony Eid	Yes
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Brittni Kellom	No
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Steve Lett	Yes
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Cynthia Orton	Yes
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MC Rothhorn	Yes
Rebecca Szetela	Yes
Janice Vallette	Yes
Erin Wagner	No
Richard Weiss	Yes

f. Executive Director Contract Extension

MOTION: Modify the Executive Director contract term as presented. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED, 11-1**

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

g. Meeting Date Change for the December 2023

MOTION: Change the December meeting date from Thursday, December 23, to Tuesday, December 19. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by**

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

MOTION: Table the remaining agenda items until the next meeting. Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Clark, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Orton, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.