

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023

10:04 AM – 11:04 AM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Huntington Beach, California*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Anthony Eid (*joined remotely at 10:12 AM remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Brittini Kellom (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely 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: Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Osceola County, Michigan*)
MC Rothhorn (*remotely from East Lansing, Michigan*)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, Michigan*)

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 10:04 AM.

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. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

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. One individual provided remote public comment: Anthony Scannell.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. FY 23 Budget Update Executive Director Woods and external legal counsel presented updates to the Commission on the 2023 budget.

b. Dormancy Plan and Reactivation The Commission discussed planning for dormancy.

MOTION: Adopt the dormancy and reactivation plan. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Witjes held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

a. FY 22 Budget Closeout Executive Director Woods presented about the fiscal year 2022 budget.

b. FY 23 Outstanding Expenses Executive Director Woods presented about fiscal year 2023 outstanding expenses.

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c. MICRC Legislation Improvements ~~Executive Director Woods presented a recommended meeting schedule for 2023~~ **The Commission discussed legislative recommendations pertaining to redistricting and the MICRC¹.**

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

a. October 27

MOTION: Approve the October 27 minutes. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

b. November 17

MOTION: Approve the November 17 minutes. Motion by **Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

c. December 15

MOTION: Approve the December 15 minutes. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

REPORTS

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

MOTION: Approve paying former staff at their last hourly rate and travel reimbursement for their assistance in MICRC legal cases. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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MOTION: Move meeting start time for the February 16 meeting from 10am to 9am. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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

MDOS Report. MDOS staff provided updates to the Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:04 AM.

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