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**PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom

Rhonda Lange

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

M.C. Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (joined at 9:04 AM)

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner

Richard Weiss (joined at 9:14 AM)

Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:**

N/A

*Erin Wagner left meeting at 12:45 PM*

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

**CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Chair Lett called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:00 AM.

**ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners were present, and a quorum was met.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

Chair Lett called for a Motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Curry. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes and offered edits. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Wagner. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. Chair Lett called for a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Lett opened the floor to public comment. There were three requests for public comment though only two signed on to address the live commission meeting: Joe Spaulding, Nancy Wang. A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [RedistrictingMichigan.org](http://RedistrictingMichigan.org).

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. Administrative Items. MDOS staff provided an update on the Commission’s administrative requests.
  
2. Correspondence:
  - a. Commissioners discussed request from David Dulio, professor of Political Science at Oakland University, for a study of Michigan’s redistricting process.  
**MOTION:** Chair Lett called for a motion to move forward with

Oakland University Professor Dulio's request that the commission participate in a study of Michigan's redistricting process. **Motion by Chair Commissioner<sup>1</sup> Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Commissioners agreed to defer management of requests for public speaking engagements to the commission's staff, once hired.
  - c. Commissioners rejected request from Tom McMillan to hire two co-executive directors.
3. Interview Process:
- a. Commission discussed and agreed upon interview questions for Executive Director candidates and the process for asking questions.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Candidate Interviews:
- |                                 |                      |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|
| a. Brandon Brice                | 10:16 to 10:36AM     |
| b. Sheryl Mitchell              | 10:39 AM to 11:11 AM |
| c. Janette Phillips             | 11:29 AM to 12:04 PM |
| d. Suann Courtright Hammersmith | 12:05 PM to 12:29 PM |
| e. Amna Seibold                 | 12:30 PM to 12:57 PM |
| f. Vicki DeVould                | 12:58 PM to 1:23,PM  |
2. Post-interview discussion and next steps:

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Eid to have the Secretary of State schedule another meeting for final consideration of Executive Director candidates. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## ADJOURNMENT

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<sup>1</sup> Per the Open Meetings Act [[MCL 15.269\(1\)](#)] any corrections made by a public body to approved Minutes must "show both the original entry and the correction" and therefore all corrections are shown using font ~~strike through~~ to denote deletions and red font to denote corrections.

There being no further business, Chair Lett called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. Motion by Chair Lett. Supported by Co-chair Kellom. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:01 PM.