

# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

Hybrid Meeting held in-person and via Zoom Webinar due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, pursuant to 2020 PA 254 (MCL 15.263 and 15.263a), and in compliance with Section 6(10) of Article 4 of Michigan's 1963 Constitution

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**Thursday, July 22, 2021**

**12:10 PM – 3:42 PM**

**at**

**Michigan Historical Center & Museum, Forum Room**

**702 W. Kalamazoo Street**

**Lansing, MI 48933**

## **MINUTES**

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

### **ABSENT:**

Brittini Kellom

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel

Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 12:10 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Kellom and a quorum was met.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-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 full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – JULY 8 AND JULY 9, 2021**

Upon separate motions, Commissioners discussed the meeting minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 8<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 9<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director Suann Hammersmith provided a report.
- b. General Counsel. General Counsel Julianne Pastula provided a legal update.

## **MDOS UPDATES**

MDOS Staff provided an update.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess until 1:00 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:03 PM.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

## **ABSENT:**

Brittni Kellom

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Kellom and a quorum was met.

## **UTILIZATION OF COMPUTER ALGORITHMS IN MAPPING**

Dr. Matthew Petering from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee gave a presentation on utilizing computer algorithms for mapping. Dr. Petering took questions from the Commission.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 2:35 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:36 PM.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

## **ABSENT:**

Brittini Kellom

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Kellom and a quorum was met.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 PM.