

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, July 23, 2021

9:02 AM – 2:50 PM

at

Michigan Historical Center & Museum

702 W. Kalamazoo Street

Lansing, MI 48933

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 9:13 AM*)
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss

ABSENT: Dustin Witjes

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 9:02 AM.

ROLL CALL

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

Commissioner Kellom arrived at 9:13 AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Emergency Procurement for A/V for July 22-23, 2021 - Resolution 2020.07.04. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined the necessity to procure Chase Creative on an emergency basis as the venue was secured recently.

MOTION: To adopt Resolution 2021.07.04 to receive and file the information regarding emergency A/V procurements. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands and voice vote. MOTION APPROVED.**

- b. Consideration of Time Off for Staff and Commissioners. The Commission held a discussion on providing time off for itself and staff.

MOTION: To postpone line item until next week to receive staff recommendations. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands and voice vote. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Lange

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Communications and Outreach Director. Director Edward Woods III provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

RECESS

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “to recess for fifteen minutes until 10:15 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 10:18 AM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
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Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss

ABSENT: Dustin Witjes

DETERMINING GEOGRAPHIC REGIONS WITH WHICH TO BEGIN MAPPING

- a. Instructions on using Mydistricting Software. Kim Brace with Election Data Services outlined the practice session for the day. Mr. Brace instructed the Commission with the practical assistance of Commissioner Clark on how to become a user and draw on the MyDistricting software.
- b. Individual Commissioners Draw Regions. After Mr. Brace explained the user interface, Commissioner Clark composed regions within the state of Michigan.

RECESS

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 75 minutes until 1:15 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:18 PM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
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Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
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ABSENT: Dustin Witjes

DETERMING GEORGRAPHIC REGIONS WITH WHICH TO BEGIN MAPPING (CONTINUED)

The Commission presented Kristin Taylor with a certificate of appreciation. Commissioner Lett introduced a letter from the State of Michigan regarding the System Security Plan (SSP) Exception. The Commission held a discussion on the implications of the waiver.

MOTION: Authorize the Executive Director to Respond to DTMB for the Waiver in the Affirmative. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 7-3.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Szetela, Vallette, Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Rothhorn

Voting No: Commissioner Wagner, Weiss, Orton

Abstain: Commissioner Clark and Lange both due to lack of sufficient information about the issue to be decided.

- c. Homework: Review Public Comment from Commissioners' Region that Encompasses Flint and Saginaw and be ready to draft some fictitious areas.
Kim Brace explained the homework for the Commissioners.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Hammersmith reported on future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.