

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, May 27, 2021

5:10 PM – 6:12 PM

at

Lansing Center

333 E. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom
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
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: N/A

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 Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 5:10 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the public hearing minutes from May 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th and the May 20th meeting minutes. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from May 13th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from May 18th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from May 20th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from May 20th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes.**

**Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from May 25th. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were two individuals that provided in-person public comment: James Gallant and an unidentified person.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Accessing/Printing Maps and Comments from the Public Comment Portal. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for MDOS staff to provide an update” which was adopted. Departmental Analyst for the Department of State, Sarah Reinhardt, informed the Commission that the Public Comment Portal has been updated so Commissioners and the public can right-click on a comment and open it in a new tab. In the next week, Commissioners and the public will be able to do an advanced search and print comments.
- b. School District Data. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Commissioner Clark to discuss School District Data” which was adopted. Commissioner Clark discussed the topic of keeping school districts intact within the same district. Commissioner Clark acquired data until 2017 and will keep the Commission updated on this item.
- c. Update on Contract with EDS. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Executive Director Hammersmith to update to the Commission on EDS” which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith and General Counsel Pastula updated the Commission about future steps with EDS.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “Executive Director will now address Individual Requests from Commissioners/One Voice” which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith has received a multitude of individual requests and requested the Commission have patience when she responds to them.
- b. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “Executive Director will now provide an update on the Executive Assistant Position” which was adopted. Director Hammersmith recommended the Commission approve the hiring of Sara Martinez, as an Executive Assistant.
- c. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “Executive Director will now address Expanded Times to Accommodate Commission Business and Public Comments at Public Hearings” which was adopted. Director Hammersmith made multiple suggestions on how to accommodate more time for Commission meetings during the public hearing season. The Commission held a discussion on options for more meeting time.

MOTION: Adopt Resolution 2021.05.12 to hire an Executive Assistant. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

MOTION: Postpone Agenda Item 7.a.3. to the June 3rd Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Kellom, Lange, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes

Voting No: Commissioners Clark and Eid

MOTION: Postpone Items 7.b.1 and 7.b.3 on the Agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- d. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “General Counsel will present information regarding a Waiver of Potential Conflict of Interest” which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula explained the background of the petition

with the Michigan Supreme Court on extension of time and the proposed waiver of potential conflicts of interest.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.05.13 Waiver of Potential Conflicts of Interest. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Clark, Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes

Voting No: Commissioner Lange.

MOTION: Postpone Agenda Item 7.c the Communication and Outreach Report. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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 Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 PM.