

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Wednesday, October 20, 2021**

**1:25 PM – 10:44 PM**

**at**

**TCF Center**

**1 Washington Blvd., Detroit, MI 48226**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 1:30 PM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton (attending remotely from Battle Creek, MI)

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, 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

Election Data Services ("EDS") staff

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:25 PM.

## ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was present.

*Commissioner Kellom arrived at 1:30 PM, left the meeting at 2 PM and returned at 3 PM.*

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

## COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. Budgets for FY '21 and '22. Executive Director Hammersmith presented the budget for the next fiscal year.

**MOTION:** Approve the Draft Fiscal Year 2022 Budget. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioner Lange

- b. Approve Minutes of 9/29 – 10/5. Commissioners discussed the review and approval of meeting minutes from September 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> (two sets), October 1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioner Orton offered one edit to the September 29<sup>th</sup> minutes and one edit to the October 4<sup>th</sup> minutes.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 29<sup>th</sup>, as corrected by Commissioner Orton. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the first set of meeting minutes from September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the second set of meeting minutes from September 30<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 1<sup>st</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Kellom. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 4<sup>th</sup>, as corrected by Commissioner Orton. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 5<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- c. Media Reports. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, provided each Commissioner an option to continue receiving media reports or not.
- d. Public Hearings & Debriefings. Director Hammersmith outlined the mapping process and procedures related to public hearings and debriefing sessions.

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Kellom presented on the goals of the MICRC and the importance of public input.

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Director Hammersmith explained the requirements for the second round of public hearings, the types of proposed draft maps, the redistricting criteria, and the process for adopting maps.

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for the General Counsel to provide a presentation" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula articulated the guidelines for providing public comment.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 201 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Grace Green, Maria Simon, Christine Peck, Dana Hill, Cindy Litwinowicz, Coleen Tuokkola, Nina Abrams, Mandheer Singh, Les Little, Salvador Sancen, Sucan Steyewelt, Natalie Bien-Aime, Donyale Stephens-Atara, Andrea Cartwright, David Samson, Ray Herrick, Mary Ann Fontana, Marion Mahoney, Yvette McElroy-Anderson, Larry Barnett, Rick Blocker, Mariam Bazzi, Pam Smith, Carla Meier, Keith Williams, Nabil Leach, Wayne Chamber, Angelo Weaver, Vernetta Burns, Soshua Mehay, Tonsia Ray, Lance Meadows, Travis Morgan, Jim Paul, John Delkis, Kate Shishkosky, Bill Schmidt, Eddie McDonald, Mark Payne, Loida Tapia, Chris LaDuke, Steve Walker, Bilal Hammoud, Michael Wiese, Sharon Wilson, Anthony Scannell, Norman Clement, Jon Brown, Andrea Cartwright, Betty Edwards, Brooke Harris, Percy Johnson, Dzovinas Hanakoizian, Raffi Ourlian, Jerron Totten, Jonathan Gonzales, Jill Adams, Deborah Bloomfield, Anthony Watkins, Nancy Brigham, JoAnne Robertson, Gabi Grossbard, Andrew Nurmi, Miya Williamson, Michael Joseph, Rev Dr Harriette Smiley, Alsina McMorris, Seydi Sarr, Dennis Talbert, Mona DeQuis, Nicholas Okeefe, Carl Hollier, Margaret Fleury, Jocelyn Harris, Richard Clement, Lena Bemberg, Joseph Person, Rich Customer, Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Susan Nook, Mari Rymar, Sal Agrusa, Monique Blake McCormick, Sharmaine Robinson, and Laura Misumi.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 80 minutes until 5:00 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 5:08 PM.

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

**ABSENT:** Juanita Curry

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## **PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to continue the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. The following individuals provided in-person public comment: Dim Wang, Wendell Anothony, Wanda Jan Hill, Denise-Dee Robinson, Carol Banks, Bruce McClellan, Kimyetta McClellan, Kimyetta Janeski, Keith Hines, Cindy Darrah, Linda Torp, Brian Cartwright, Roosevelt

Woods, John Johnson, Kurtis Fernandez, Dipita Day, Angela Brown, Brenda Williams, Loretta Hobbs, Charles Wade, Celeste Shimoura-Goedert, Eugene Greenstein, Marletta Boyd II, Tiffanie Simmons, Michelle George, Tarun Aggarwal, Wanda Mayes, Tonya Rincon, Guylynn Harris, Rishard Woard Nelson, Allen Wolf, Nomi Joyrich, Cherie Happy, Debie Rosenman, Kris McLonis, Sheila Stribling, Judy Davis, Cyrisse Allen, Danita Wimbush, James Barczyk, Ashlee Moseley, Kamilial Landrum, Eshan Tacbsen, Robert Dindoffer, Mohammed Amin, Michael Sklar, Homer Jolly, Asm Rahman, Moho Islam, Mohammed Islam, and Amanda Jaczkowski.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 9 minutes until 7:10 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 7:20 PM.

## **PRESENT:**

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

## **ABSENT:**

Juanita Curry

## **PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to continue the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. The following individuals provided in-person public comment: Rahim Mia, Ebad Ahmed, Yasif Rahman, Marunur Chowdhury, Katie Cox, Rezaul Chowdhury, Abuhurrira Dewan, Geaunei Hemphil, Tahmid Mustafa, Aimon Islam, Tamir Rahman, Alisha Bell, Nikki Becerra, Osiak

Chapa, Laura Gomez, Christal Rivas, Alex Brunson, Cindy Gamboa, Claudia Zavala, Justin Winkelman, Marilu Guznian, Michael Strother, Mark Ashley Price, Venus Brown, Sylvia McClinton, Addison Mauck, Tim Christensen, Claudia Bravo-Sanchez, Lourdes Valdivia, Fabiola Venegas, Veda Avila, Alexis Douglas, Valentin Dumitrescu, Felicia Johnson, Venita Reed, Larry Reed, Cheryl Webb, Rafia Ndboa, Dewar Awsvar, Andrea Hunter, Walter Epps, Darrick Rushing, Abu Musb, Iqbal Hossain, Damon Johnson, Sam Riddle, JJ Jewell, Andrea Bradley-Baskin, Ragine Head, Brittney Gordy, MD Hasan, Mike Worton, Steve Sindlinger, Black LaFuente, Paula Williams, Annamarie Rogers, Kimberly Woodson, Craig James, Ken Licari, Mary Jo Johnson, Venishia Wee Dale, Veronica Adams, Dorian Tylo, and Kelly Burbank. 115 individuals provided remote public comment: George Davis, Keith Cooley, Gary Morehead, James Gallant, Anthony S , Laurie Lisi, Kim Phinnessee, Ethan Petzold, Adonis Flores, Felicia Banks, Jonathan Gonzales, Fred Cummins, Andrea Pollock, Denise Goldsmith, Andrew Chicotel, Anastasy Manolatos, Nasser Beysoun, Soh Suzuki, J Clarke, William Lethemon Jr., Rosalind Cox, Wendy Appleton, Fay Beydoun, Sue Hadden, Doreen Murray, James Zogby, Judy Maiga, Briana Cartwright, Esq., Kenan Kabbani, Glenda Stainback, Marcus Walton, Wesley Watson, Mohammed Islam, Doug Floto, Lynn Blasey, Ammie Woodruff, Colleen Crossey, Sarah Lally, Flora Luo, Joshua L. Mehay, Ratna Rao, Melanie Hartman, Sonya Moore, Kyle Stefanski, Bonnie Van Keersbilck, Audrey Anderson, Percy Johnson, Maia Anthony, Dr. Pamela Trotman Reid, Rima Meroueh, Leslie Collins, and Evelyn Clement.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 10 minutes until 9:46 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 9:50 PM.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Anthony Eid  
Brittini Kellom  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton (attending remotely from Battle Creek, MI)  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Eaton County, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Juanita Curry

### **PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to continue the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. The following individuals, who had signed up, provided remote public comment: Zach Geyer, Shani Penn, Jabed Chowdhury, Douglas MacLean, Zelda Anderson, Debra Sacheck, Darney Standfield, Debra Card, Aaron Sepulveda, Mohsein Hussein, Bridgett Fawaz Anouti, Asraa Alhawli, Eman A Mohamed, Lina Hourani-Harajli, MayAnn Sobh, Elham Alesseng, Yasameen Mahmood, Anisa Sahoubah, Al Owski, Ciara Lowe, Phelan Johnson, Mary Murphy, Denise, Pam Weinstein, Abdallah Sheik, Jacquelyn Jones, Jenice Mitchell Ford, Masoud Alawamleh, Kathy Zelmanski, Rubel Amin, Rebeka Islam, Nicole Smith, Young Eun Yook, Fanta Jatta, Sumon Kobir, President Buffington, Randa Cain, Chad King, Brenda Hill, Cassy Jones-McBryde, Daniela Davis, Henrietta Ivey Home Care Worker, Tahira Keemba Ahmad, Mariam Bazzi, Bob Zeuner, Kelly Ingels, Jeynce Poindexter (She/her/hers), Linda Moore, Robert, Hudson Villeneuve, Janet Prange, Leo S., Steve Prange, Narissa J. Ayoub, Yasmine Elhagehassan, Amer Zahr, Monica G, Anthony, Laurie Evans, Brandon Jessup, Earle Holsapple, Paulette Compass, Darryl Conliffe, Jeffery D. Robinson, and Phone #.D.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc).

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "for Commissioner Rothhorn to provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. Commissioner Rothhorn thanked community volunteers, AV support, and the TCF Center.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION:** Adjourn the hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Kellom. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**



The hearing was adjourned at 10:44 PM.