

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Hybrid Public Hearing 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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**Monday, October 25, 2021**

**1:01 PM – 7:02 PM**

**at**

**Treetops Resort**

**3962 Wilkinson Road, Gaylord, MI 49735**

## MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
*(arrived at 1:12 PM)*  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom *(arrived at 1:16 PM)*  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss (attending remotely from Saginaw Twp,  
Saginaw, MI)  
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  
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting  
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:01 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 1:12 PM.*

*Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 1:16 PM.*

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **COMMISSION BUSINESS**

- a. Approve Minutes of October 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners discussed the review and approval of meeting minutes from October 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 8<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-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 11<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-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 Rothhorn, Vice-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 Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 75 individuals who provided in-person public comment.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to recess for 140 minutes until 5:00 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 5:00 PM.

**PRESENT:**

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

Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

Richard Weiss (attending remotely from Saginaw Twp., Saginaw, MI)

Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A


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## **PUBLIC COMMENT (CONTINUED)**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 75 individuals who provided in-person public comment. 59 individuals provided remote public comment: Janet Armil, Anthony S , Lois Maharg, Judy Maiga, Jonathan Flynn, Kevin Weber, Nada Al-Hanooti, Charles Schoder, Erin O'Donnell, Gabrielle Bohrer, Anastacia Norris, Jasmine McKenney, Kailey Kanaziz, Judy , Kenan Kabbani, Scott Govitz, Steve Steve, Sharon Liu, Reed Rosado, Sonja Patrick, Cajsa Maki, Terry Marecki, Carrie Hatcher-Kay, Cindy Weir, Bill WILLIANMS, Doug Floto, Sue Smith, Joel Ombry, Shuvra Das, John Daniele, Rexhinaldo Nazarko, Kate Shishkovsky, Deboraha Sallee, Richard Renner, Martin Genter, Danielle Fergin, Art Reyes, Krista Soroka, Marie Hackleman, Steven sioma, Vicky Rigney, Brian Kerrigan, Naomi Ludman, Sara Holmes, Maureen Miller Brosnan, E.B. Jordan, Myrna Holland, Natalie Hayes, Paul Marquardt, Mark Payne, Cindy

Darrah, Amer Zahr, Lori Boyce, Yousif Yousif, Kaitlin Flynn, Namrata Carolan, Marsha Wheaton, Quincy Byrd, and Sarah Schulz.

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair thanked community volunteers, AV support, and Treetops Resort.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**MOTION:** Adjourn the hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The hearing was adjourned at 7:02 PM.