

# 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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**Tuesday, June 15, 2021**

**5:06 PM – 7:27 PM**

**at**

**The Village Dome at Fellowship Chapel  
7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48235**

## MINUTES

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

**ABSENT:** Cynthia Orton

**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**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 5:06 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Commissioner Curry to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Curry provided a history of the MICRC including its strategic plan.

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, outlined the purpose of the MICRC and the public hearings.

Commissioner Kellom, 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 Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There were 40 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Charles Thomas, Articia Bomer, Kimberly Uhuru, Percy Johnson, Saron Guillory, Kimberly Crafton, Rev. Wendell Anthony, Maria Dickerson, Curtis Lipscomb, Robin Missud, Mayoral Candidate Cheryl Webb, Dorothy Lowe, Charles Shannon, Cheri Constantine, Nicholas Barnes, Anita Jones, Chui Karega, Jamiel Martin, Nancy Wang, Jennifer Jamison Lofton, Ashley Lewis, Jennifer Fassbender, Mark Covington, Catherine Diggs, Carol P. Banks, Mark C. Payne Jr., Gina Liu, Councilman Roy McCalister Jr., Constance Simon, Donyale Stephen-Atara, Rev. Dr. Steve Bland Jr., Denise Lyles, Fredia Butler, Teresa Clarington, Javelel Webb, Chris McCarss, Richard Clement, Colton Dale, Commissioner Monique Baker McCormick, and Lucinda J. Darrah. There were 11 individuals who provided remote public comment: Scott Brines, Cher Coner, Susan Hendricks, Chakusola Guinn, Sonja Hill, Keith Harder, Tomena Rawls, Emma Davis, Yolanda Greer, Kibibi Blount-Dorn, Najanava Harvey-Quinn.

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

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to recess for ten minutes until 6:47 PM" which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 6:57 PM.

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

**ABSENT:** Cynthia Orton

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for the General Counsel to provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula thanked the community volunteers and individuals who gave public comment.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The hearing was adjourned at 7:24 PM.