

# **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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**Thursday, July 1, 2021**

**5:04 PM – 9:34 PM**

**at**

**DeVos Place**

**303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503**

## **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

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:**

Erin Wagner

**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 5:04 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Director Hammersmith 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 114 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Dorothy Munson, John Considine, Cynthia Davis, Connie Eardley, Eliane Overbeck, Betsy Ann Goulette Moskowitz, Frank Lynn, Charles Hampton, James Thrall, Kim Gates, Nick Herrick, Diana Nelson, Kris Pachla, Kurt Kimball, John Fitzgerald, Benjamin Soltis, Eric Piehl, Scott Urbanowski, Josh Roskamp, Gayle Harvey, Sheri Gilreath-Watts, Dale Zurakowski, Nanette Hersberger, Gary Stark, Robert Baker, Reed Rosado, Thomas Rudy, Kent Vanderwood, Shauna Bagin, Jane Davenport, Thomas Martine, Cary Fleischer, Weslet Watson, Josh DeVries, Paul Miller, Paul Franklin, Rebecca Curran, Jason Finch, Micah Perkins, Ryan Letts, Elizabeth White MacDonald, Nathan Phillips, John Gorentz, Matt Braat, Fred Overeem, Onesimus Peewee, James Lunga, Cindy Krieg, Bill Rees, Nancy Rees, Thomas Charron, Tim Ziegler, Robert Smith, Katie Fahey, Karla Wagner, Dan Tonhoopen, Tom Burke, Garland Piper, James Ernest, Richard Grime, Christina Fong, Julie Tablante-Blanco, Tom Hooker, Jannie Burchfield, Deanna Piper, Hall Longman, Bonnie Kazmar, Charles Kazman, Dana Marino, Edwin Marino, Bill Witte, Ginger Kamps, Donna Baynai, Mike Baynai, Rhonda Jewell, Joshua Volm, James Gallant, Matthew Badanek, Christina Vann, Adam Dietrich, Ron Draayer, Lily Cheng-Schutting, Tony Maurer, Thomas

Nemcek, Patricia J. Kernstock, Martha Schumacher, Denise VanDerkolk, Jan Pazdur, Nora Salas, Kristen VanArnam, Justin Kazmar, Tom Apol, Marlin Baker, Rina Baker, Grace Veenstra, Mike Booker, Richard Chapla, Sarah Woosey, Chris Heweyes, Sue Merrell, Kim Jorgensen Gane, Jeff Winston, Sonja Patrick, Cameron Jones, James Pitsch, Jordan Jornitsman, Lisa Ellison, Rhonda Solomon, Keith Beyke, Michael Williams, Matthew Patulski, John McGarry, and Josi Korner. Three individuals provided remote public comment: Lisa Jevens, Kathi Harris, Magdalena Rivera.

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 fifteen minutes until 7:20 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 7:26 PM.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittini Kellom  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

## **ABSENT:**

Erin Wagner

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for the Executive Director to provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith thanked the community volunteers and individuals who gave public comment. Director Hammersmith also thanked the closed captioners, ASL interpreters, and language interpreters, who were with the Commission through the public hearing tour.

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

The hearing was adjourned at 9:34 PM.