

# 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, October 21, 2021**

**1:11 PM – 7:22 PM**

**at**

**Lansing Center**

**333 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 1:46 PM*)  
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  
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:11 PM.

## ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom arrived at 1:46 PM.

## ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

**Voting No:** Commissioner Curry

**MOTION:** Amend the Agenda to Add Item 4.b., “Discussion on the October 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting”, and Move Debriefing to Item 4.c. **Motion by Commissioner Vallette. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange, Curry, and Wagner

## COMMISSION BUSINESS

- a. Approve Minutes of 10/6. Commissioners discussed the review and approval of meeting minutes from October 6<sup>th</sup>. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 6<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Discussion on the October 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting. The Commission held a discussion on whether to hold a meeting on October 30<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION:** Cancel the October 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Clark, Eid, Witjes.

c. Debriefing Session.

**MOTION:** Move to Public Comment. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioner Eid

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Commissioner Rothorn 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 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 96 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Tenisha Yancy, Cheryl Sibilsky, Susan Gibson, Thomas Klunzinger, Mike Huertz, Sherri Masson, Brigit Macomber, Cheryl Hayes, Melany Mack, Timothy Cohn, Susan Andrews, Chris Andrews, Nicklas Zande, Debra Wirth, Kyle Jones, Linda Appling, Elsa Reyna, Julia Lindsey, Collin Toth, John Schneider, Chad Jansen, Constance Lippert, Karen Andrews, Laurence Kloss, Aaron Martinez, Howard Pizzo, Bruce Barloud, Randy Stone, Ron Wilson, Norm Shinkle, JoAnne Dula, Rose Cousin, Dan Wholihan, Jennifer Biddinger, Nathanael Bills, Jeremy Garzz, Vijayal Jayaraman, Nikk Rwetzki, Jonathan Byrd, David Hopkinson, Monica Schafer, Marilyn Fox Wade, Derek Wright, Ted Wilson, Jared Hannard, Dale Copedge, Sandra Carolan, Jason Peek, Edward Cook, Bill

Richardson, Cynthia Richardson, TaJuan Thirdgill, Jim Johnson, Tom Emery, Keith Beyke, Jeremy Steele, Shannon Mejia, Meingun Pamp, Azhanae Ailing, William Asher, Wendy Chetkovich, Joseph Davis, Liz Estes, Matthew Horwitt, Patricia Maden, Bruce Wade, Mark Payne, Amanda West, Lawrence Murphy, Karrington Kelsey.

## **RECESS**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to recess for 118 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 5:06 PM.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
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  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
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## **ABSENT:**

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

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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 the Commissioner Rothhorn to provide acknowledgements" which was adopted. Commissioner Rothhorn thanked community volunteers, AV support, and the Lansing 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 Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The hearing was adjourned at 7:22 PM.