

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, May 18, 2021

6:01 PM – 8:02 PM

at

**The Northern Center at Northern Michigan University
1401 Presque Isle Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
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: Brittni Kellom

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 Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 6:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

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

Commissioner Szetela, 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 Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment portion of the agenda" which was adopted.. There were 25 individuals who provided in-person public comment: James Gallant, Johnny DePetro, Katie Barglint, Josh Fruik, Gene Champagne, Carla Champagne, Mary Ellen Krieg, Gayle Marjaniemi, Wendy Irish, Victorie Wus, Jane Ryan, Burt Mason, John Braamse, Christina Sarazin, Lucy Wilcox, Ruth Ziel, Cajsa Maki, Scott Manning, Ryan Stern, James Bauer, Bob Myers, Carol Vining Moore, Jim Nankeruis, Karen LaMore, Kevin Crup. There was 1 individual who provided remote public comment: Victoria Dinkin.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at www.michigan.gov/micrc.

RECESS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for motion to recess.

MOTION: Recess until 7:45 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-**

Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) back to order at 8:45 PM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
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Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
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Rebecca Szetela
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Richard Weiss
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ABSENT: Brittni Kellom

ROLL CALL

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

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-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 announced the next public hearing would take place on Thursday, May 20, in Gaylord.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The hearing was adjourned at 8:02 PM.