

# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

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**Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

**3:17 PM – 5:26 PM**

**at**

**Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room**

**49 Abbot Road**

**East Lansing, MI 48824**

## **MINUTES**

**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)

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  
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff  
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting  
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 3:17 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Amend the Agenda to Consider Setting a Closed Session as the Initial Item of New Business. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange and Wagner

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS**

**MOTION:** To Suspend the Rules and Change the Public Comment Time to 30 Seconds Per Speaker for this Meeting Only. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 11-2.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Curry, Eid, Kellom

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange and Wagner

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 41 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Jordan Scrimger, Abby Clark, SusanSmith, William Saxton, Mark Payne, KAREN SANTELLI, Kurtis Fernandez, Joe Sova, Wesley Watson, Chris Moultrup, Kathy Hood, Derryl Reed, Essence Wilson, Joel Arnold, Chris Andrews

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

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Closed Session. The Commission considered entering a closed session to discuss two attorney-client privileged and confidential memoranda providing legal advice from its counsel.

**MOTION:** Motion to Adopt Resolution to Call Closed Session in accordance with MCL 15.268(h) for the purposes of discussing the privileged and confidential memoranda exempt from disclosure under MCL 15.243(1)(g) titled *Voting Rights Act* of October 14, 2021, and *The History of Discrimination in the State of Michigan and its Influence on Voting* of October 26, 2021. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 11-2.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Curry, Eid, and Kellom

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange and Wagner

## CLOSED SESSION

At 3:49 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, transitioned the Commission into a closed session in accordance with MCL 15.268(h) on the privileged and confidential memoranda exempt from disclosure under MCL 15.243(1)(g) titled "Voting Rights Act" of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 and "The History of Discrimination in the State of Michigan and its Influence on Voting" of October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The closed session was called into to order at 4:05 PM and was adjourned at 5:19 PM. The purpose of the discussion was a public body discussion of attorney-client privilege information under MCL 15.268(h) exempt from disclosure under MCL 15.243(1)(g).

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 5:23 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Anthony Eid  
Brittini 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)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Juanita Curry

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Witjes called for a motion to adjourn.

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

**Voting No:** Commissioner Lange

The meeting was adjourned at 5:26 PM.