

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, October 29, 2021

9:03 AM – 5:05 PM

at

Michigan State University Union, Lake Superior Room

49 Abbot Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 9:09AM*)

Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) (*joined the meeting at 9:56 AM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (*joined the meeting at 9:09 AM*)

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI) (*left the meeting at 4:13 PM*)

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 Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:03 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Eid joined the meeting at 9:09 AM and 3:04 PM,

Commissioner Szetela joined the meeting at 9:09 AM

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 9:56 AM

Commissioner Wagner left the meeting at 1:02 PM and returned at 1:53 PM.


Commissioner Wagner left the meeting at 4:13 PM.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 4:13 PM and returned at 4:40 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 32 individuals provided remote public comment: Ken Willcutt, Ian Robinson, Jeremy Lapham, John Fitzgerald, Micah Perkins, Tim Allen, Leigh Eicke, James Gallant, Anthony S , Ryan Letts, Karen SANTELLI, Catherine Daligga, Kelly Mitchell, Chris Herweyer, Tish Loftis, Judy Daubenmier, Kurtis Fernandez, Jennifer Austin, Jennifer Fairfield, Jill Dunham, Kris Pachla, Matthew Richenthal, Lyle Vogler, Carlos Sanchez, Richard Williamson, Cory King, Robert Joerg, Yousif Yousif, Jason Colella, Josie, Robert Dindoffer, Shardae Chambers

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission began reviewing the draft proposed State Senate plans.

MAIN MOTION: Run a Partisan Fairness Check and Run Partisan Fairness Checks as Amended. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Amend the Main Motion to Modify Language that a Partisan Fairness Check will be Conducted with all Future Changes to a Plan to Reflect Language that a Partisan Fairness Check Will be Conducted when a Commissioner Requests. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 10:56 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for fourteen minutes until 11:10 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:13 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed State Senate plans.

RECESS

At 11:50 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 70 minutes until 1:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. After discussing the meeting schedule, the Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed State Senate plans.

MAIN MOTION: Approve the Meeting Schedule from 11/1 – 11/5 as Amended. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Amend the Main Motion to Extend Meeting Times Until 9:00 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION FAILED.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Witjes, Orton, Weiss

MOTION: In the Current Meeting, Consider the Ann Arbor Area from 1:10 PM to 2:10 PM, the Midland Area from 2:10 PM to 3:10 PM, and the Grand Rapids Area from 3:10 PM to 4:10 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 2:40 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for fifteen minutes until 2:55 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:59 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
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: Anthony Eid

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed State Senate plans.

RECESS

At 3:55 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 4:05 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:13 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
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
Juanita Curry

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Deliberations Regarding Proposed Maps. The Commission continued reviewing the draft proposed State Senate plans.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no reports.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, 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 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 PM