

# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

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**Tuesday, June 29, 2021**

**1:03 PM – 2:17 PM**

**at**

**VanDyk Mortgage Convention Center  
939 Third Street, Muskegon, MI 49440**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Juanita Curry

**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 AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:03 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

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

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to approve.

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

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. One individual provided public comment: James Gallant

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

There was no unfinished business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. General Counsel Update. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for General Counsel Pastula to provide a legal update" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula described Resolution 2021.06.04 regarding re-issuance and reposting of requests for proposals for Litigation Counsel. No bids were received for the first posting and proposed amendments were

made to the RFP. The amendments would reduce the number of cases reported in each category from 10 to 5, clarifies that election law experience in Michigan be preferred but not required, reduce the lobbying and political donation disclosure time-period to 11 years from 21, and remove duplicate questions regarding the key deliverables. There was also some wording changed regarding the flexibility for work hours and Commission meeting attendance.

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution 2021.06.04. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. EDS Continuing Education. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "Kim Brace to provide a presentation" which was adopted. Kim Brace, with Election Data Services (EDS), continued presenting on the data elements of redistricting. The presentation included an update on racial and political data in the "Data Cube".
- c. Resolution 2021.06.05 MICRC Organizational Chart. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to present a resolution" which was adopted. Executive Director Hammersmith presented an organizational chart for the MICRC. General Counsel Pastula is the communication link to Bruce Adelson of Federal Compliance and Director Hammersmith will be the communication link to Kim Brace of EDS. Director Hammersmith fielded questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution 2021.06.05. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Eid, Kellom, Lange, Orton, Rothhorn, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes

**Voting No:** Commissioners Clark and Lett

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Hammersmith reminded the Commission that there would be a virtual meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM to discuss the recommendations of the Redistricting Process Committee. The agenda would also

include conversation on the number of hours the Commission will need to do their work in the weeks and months ahead.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 PM.