

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, July 1, 2021

1:03 PM – 2:17 PM

at

DeVos Place

303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

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 LLC

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 Commissioners Lange and Wagner. 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 Orton. 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

MOTION: If Mr. James Gallant's Public Comment does not Pertain to the Agenda Topics, He Should be Barred from Making that Comment. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED**

Voting No: Commissioner Eid

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. MICRC Timeline and Roadmap. Executive Director Hammersmith presented a timeline/roadmap draft created by MICRC and MDOS staff. Director Hammersmith laid out a timeline for meeting dates, future agenda items, releases of data, the estimated time for the second public hearing tour,

map submission, and post-Commission work items through 2022. Director Hammersmith and Department of State Analyst Reinhardt fielded questions from the Commission. The Commission instructed Director Hammersmith to work between both the Commission and vendors to determine the number of hours of work required per week. The Commission held a discussion to reconsider their previous motion regarding Mr. Gallant.

MOTION: Hold a Meeting of the Commission on July 9th. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Abstain: Commissioner Szetela did not participate in the discussion or vote as she was meeting with General Counsel.

MOTION: Reconsider the Commission's Previous Motion Regarding Mr. Gallant. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 7-4.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Kellom, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Witjes, Clark

Voting No: Commissioners Lett, Weiss, Curry, Eid

MOTION: If Mr. Gallant Speaks Outside of the Agenda Topics at a MICRC Meeting, He is Prohibited from Speaking. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY FAILED 0-11.**

Voting Yes: n/a

Voting No: Commissioners Kellom, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Witjes, Clark, Lett, Weiss, Curry, Eid

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Communications and Outreach Report. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III debuted two videos to promote the Commission's redistricting efforts. Director Woods indicated that more promotional work is expected, including the possibility of a documentary. Lastly, Director Woods thanked the Commission for their outreach.

- b. SCOTUS Decision: Brnovich/AZ VRA Case. Bruce Adelson, with Federal Compliance Consulting LLC, summarized the U.S. Supreme Court decision on the Brnovich vs. Democratic National Committee case. Mr. Adelson took questions from the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Hammersmith provided information on future agenda items in her timeline/roadmap presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Rothhorn indicated that his birthday would be celebrated the following day.

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.