

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, July 29, 2021**

**12:03 PM – 4:11 PM**

**at**

**Cadillac Place, L150 Room**

**3044 West Grand Blvd.**

**Detroit, MI 48202**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

### **ABSENT:**

Brittni Kellom

MC Rothhorn

### **OTHERS PRESENT:**

Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel

Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director

Michigan Department of State ("MDOS") staff

Kim Brace, Election Data Services (“EDS”)  
John Morgan, Election Data Services (“EDS”)

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 12:03 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioners Kellom and Rothorn. A quorum was met.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION:** Add “Downloading Mapping Software on Commissioner Laptops” under New Business. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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

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

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. One individual provided remote 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**

- a. Staff Contract Amendment Options. The Commission held a discussion on the options presented to them regarding Paid Time Off (PTO) for staff.

**MOTION:** Adopt PTO “Option 1” for MICRC Staff. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Clark.**

**Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call.  
MOTION APPROVED 7-4.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Vallette, Wagner, Clark, Eid, Lange, Lett, Orton

**Voting No:** Commissioners Szetela, Weiss, Witjes, Curry

- b. Additional Information Regarding the System Security Plan (SSP) Exception. Executive Director Hammersmith provided additional information on the System Security Plan (SSP) Exception the Commission approved last week. Director Hammersmith took questions from the Commission.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Budget Update-Resolution 2021.07.08. Executive Director Hammersmith provided an update on the MICRC budget. Director Hammersmith took questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.07.08 Revisions to the MICRC Budget. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- b. Audio-Visual Procurement for Future Commission Meetings-Resolution 2021.07.09. Executive Director Hammersmith provided information on the Audio-Visual needs of the Commission.

**MOTION:** Adopt Resolution 2021.07.09 Authorizing Executive Director to Execute A/V Contracts for Meetings. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

- c. Proposed Communication and Outreach Activities. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III provided a report. Director Woods took questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.07.10 Media Buys to Increase Awareness & Engagement. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-**

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

Pursuant to Section 7.4.1(F) of the Rules of Procedure Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, designated Commissioner Clark as Acting-Chair in the event she has to leave the meeting.

- d. Determining Geographic Regions with which to Begin Mapping. Kim Brace and John Morgan with EDS moderated a discussion between Commissioners on their region-drawing assignment.

**RECESS**

At 1:53 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess until 2:05 PM” which was adopted.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:13 PM.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (*arrived at 2:19 PM*)  
Anthony Eid  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** Brittni Kellom  
MC Rothhorn

**ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioners Kellom and Rothhorn. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Curry arrived at 2:19 PM*

## NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- c. Commissioners Reach Consensus on the Regions to Utilize to Begin Mapping. The Commission discussed the number of regions to establish for the mapping process.

**MOTION:** Determine the Range of Regions as 9 or 10. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 8-3.**

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

**Voting No:** Commissioners Wagner, Curry, Lange

**MOTION:** Adopt Regional Plan “Test Plan #5”. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 3-8.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Weiss, Clark, Szetela

**Voting No:** Commissioners Wagner, Witjes, Curry, Eid, Lange, Lett, Orton, Vallette

- d. Homework: Commissioners to Review Maps and Public Comments Received from Region that Encompasses Flint and Tri-Cities (Saginaw, Midland, and Bay City) and be ready to Practice Drafting some Fictional Areas. Kim Brace explained the Commission’s homework.

**MOTION:** The Number of Regions Should be Considered on July 30<sup>th</sup> or August 5<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED FOR JULY 30th 8-3.**

**July 30<sup>th</sup>:** Commissioners Weiss, Witjes, Clark, Eid, Lett, Orton, Szetela, Vallette,

**August 5<sup>th</sup>:** Commissioners Curry, Lange, Wagner

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Commission discussed the July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes and offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 15<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner**

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

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report.
- b. Communications and Outreach Director. Director Woods III provided a report.

## **MDOS UPDATES**

MDOS staff provided an update.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Executive Director Hammersmith reported on future agenda items.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communications and Outreach Director Woods III made an announcement.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:11 PM.