

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, August 5, 2021

1:05 PM – 3:40 PM

at

Cadillac Place, L150 Room

3044 West Grand Blvd.

Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark (*left at 2:57 PM and returned at 3:02 PM*)

Juanita Curry

Anthony Eid (*arrived at 2:20 PM*)

Brittni Kellom (*arrived at 1:40 PM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
(*left at 2:30 PM*)

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
Kim Brace, Election Data Services (“EDS”)
John Morgan, Election Data Services (“EDS”)
Kent Stigall, 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 1:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioners Kellom and Eid and a quorum was met.

Commissioner Kellom arrived at 1:40 PM

Commissioner Eid arrived at 2:20 PM

Commissioner Lange left at 2:30 PM

Commissioner Clark left at 2:57 PM and returned at 3:02 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Interchange New Business Item 6b. and 6d. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. 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 amended 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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Discuss/Assess Commissioner Experimental Plans for the “State of Thumb” Assignment. Kim Brace with EDS gave an update on the release of data. The Commission discussed their homework assignments on the “State of Thumb” exercise. The Commission returned to this item after announcements.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Report from the Litigation Counsel Committee. Commissioner Lett provided a report from the Committee for the Review of Litigation Counsel RFP Submissions. The Commission discussed the submission.

MOTION: Invite BakerHostetler LLP for an Interview. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 12-0.**

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

Voting No: N/A

- b. Considerations for the Calendar Beginning August 24. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined recommendations from MICRC staff regarding the current calendar. Director Hammersmith raised considerations for October. The Commission held a discussion on the calendar.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.08.02 Revised Commission Meeting Schedule. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioners Lange and Witjes

MOTION: Postpone Consideration for October Dates. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- c. Caveats Required to Obtain QuickBooks Purchase. Executive Director Hammersmith explained the QuickBooks software for accounting.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.08.01 QuickBooks Purchase. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- d. Notice and Report on July 29 Informal Contract. Executive Director Hammersmith reported on an Audio/Visual contract with Encore.

MOTION: Receive and File Report. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 2:34 PM, Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 2:44 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:53 PM.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry
- Anthony Eid
- Brittni Kellom
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette
- Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Rhonda Lange

ROLL CALL

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 23, 2021

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of meeting minutes.

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 23rd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Communications and Outreach Director. Director Woods provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Commission reviewed one item of correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Executive Director Hammersmith reported on future agenda items.

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 Lett. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.