

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Wednesday, September 15, 2021

10:10 AM – 4:43 PM

at

Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room

49 Abbot Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Anthony Eid

Steven Terry Lett (attending remotely from Interlochen, MI)

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittni Kellom

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:10 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Lett left the meeting at 12:00 PM and returned at 3:03 PM.

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 3:33 PM and returned at 3:47 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 10 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Karen Tighe, Carol Heron, Barb Handley-Miller, Kathleen Curell, Norman Clement, Claudia Warren, Robert Knoblauch, Chris Andrews, and Bruce Barlund.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft Mapping for State Senate or Congressional Districts. The Commission continued drafting maps for State Senate Districts.

RECESS

At 11:58 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 62 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 1:03 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner
Steve Terry Lett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft Mapping for State Senate or Congressional Districts. The Commission continued drafting maps for State Senate Districts.

RECESS

At 2:08 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for five minutes until 2:13 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:16 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner
Steve Terry Lett

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft Mapping for State Senate or Congressional Districts. The Commission continued drafting maps for State Senate Districts.

RECESS

At 3:35 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 3:45 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:47 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Steve Terry Lett (attending remotely from Interlochen, MI)
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft Mapping for State Senate or Congressional Districts. The Commission held a discussion about the mapping process and public comments, then proceeded to compose alternate draft State Senate maps.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 2, 2021 (1ST AND 2ND MEETINGS), SEPTEMBER 7, 2021, AND SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 (1ST MEETING)

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of both meetings minutes from September 2nd. The Commission also discussed the review and approval of the meeting minutes from September 7th and the first set of meeting minutes from September 9th. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the first set of meeting minutes from September 2nd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the second set of meeting minutes from September 2nd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 7th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the first set of meeting minutes from September 9th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

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

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

No future agenda items were discussed.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.