

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Wednesday, September 1, 2021

10:06 AM – 4:04 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

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittini Kellom

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, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:06 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. 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 in-person public comment: Carlo Castiglioni. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Bailey Hamilton.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting. The Commission completed drafting State House districts in the West region.
- b. Review of Maps Drafted at Previous Meeting and any Alternative Proposed Drafts. The Commission discussed and reviewed previously drafted maps.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Communities of Interest Considerations in Regions Where Maps Have Been Drafted. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for Executive Director Hammersmith to provide information on the Communities of Interest review process” which was adopted. After Director Hammersmith’s report, the Commission discussed the revisions to the COI process.

MOTION: Approve the Updated COI Process and Considerations Version v.8.31. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 5-7.**

Voting Yes: Commissioner Lett, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes, Eid
Voting No: Commissioner Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Wagner, Clark, Curry, Lange

RECESS

At 12:02 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 75 minutes until 1:17 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:37 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Communities of Interest Considerations in Regions Where Maps Have Been Drafted. The Commission considered Communities of Interest clusters.

RECESS

At 3:04 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for sixteen minutes until 3:20 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:21 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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

ABSENT: Brittni Kellom

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Communities of Interest Considerations in Regions Where Maps Have Been Drafted. The Commission continued considering Communities of Interest clusters.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Communication and Outreach Director. Communication and Outreach Director Woods III provided a report

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS staff provided an update.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion on 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, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:04 PM.