

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, September 7, 2021

12:01 PM – 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 (*joined the meeting at 12:37 PM*)

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)

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
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 12:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 12:37 PM and left at 1:05 PM.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting 12:43 PM and 12:47 PM. Commissioner Curry returned at 12:44 PM and 12:53 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting 12:57 PM and 2:25 PM. Commissioner Szetela returned at 1:01 PM and 2:28 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 1:27 PM and 1:41 PM. Commissioner Lange returned at 1:31 PM and 1:59 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Lange joined the meeting after the break at 2:23 PM.

Commissioner Clark left the meeting at 3:20 PM and returned at 3:24 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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. Two individuals provided in-person public comment: Dan Wholihan and Amer Zahr. Four individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Lisa Jevens, Sarah Lally, Evan Dillon.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Mapping Process and Procedures. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Executive Director Hammersmith to share an update on mapping processes and procedures" which was adopted. Director Hammersmith took a question from the Commission and the Commission held a discussion on the schedule.

MOTION: Approve the Presented Mapping Processes and Procedures. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Draft Mapping/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts except Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties. The Commission consulted their previous maps and began reconciling lines between drafted plans.

MOTION: Appoint Commissioner Rothhorn to Facilitate Discussion for New Business. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RECESS

At 2:05 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn put the motion "to recess for fifteen minutes until 2:20 PM" which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:21 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Anthony Eid

Brittini Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
(joined the meeting at 2:23 PM)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne
County, MI)

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Juanita Curry

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Draft Mapping/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts except Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties. The Commission continued consulting their previous maps and reconciling lines between drafted plans.

RECESS

At 3:48 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn put the motion “to recess until 4:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:02 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County,
MI)
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela (attending remotely from Wayne
County, MI)
Janice Vallette
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APPROVAL OF MINUTES – August 26 First and Second Meetings

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of two sets of meeting minutes from August 26th. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the first set of meeting minutes from August 26th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the second set of meeting minutes from August 26th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates to provide.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion on correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioners Clark, Commissioner Orton, Executive Director Hammersmith, and General Counsel Pastula made announcements.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:43 PM.