

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Wednesday, September 8, 2021

10:08 AM – 4:45 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) *(left the meeting at 2:51 PM)*

Anthony Eid

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela *(left the meeting at 1:35 PM and returned at 1:38 PM)*

Janice Vallette (attending remotely from Highland, MI) *(left the meeting at 2:51 PM)*

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI) *(joined the meeting at 1:47 PM)*

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittni Kellom

Rhonda Lange

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 Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:08 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 1:35 PM and returned at 1:38 PM

Commissioner Wagner joined the meeting at 1:47 PM

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 2:51 PM

Commissioner Vallette left the meeting at 2:51 PM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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.**

MOTION: Reconsider Line Item 7 from the September 7th Meeting, Approval of Both Sets of Meeting Minutes from August 26th,. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. 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 first set of meeting minutes from August 26th. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. 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 second set of meeting minutes from August 26th. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. 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. Two individuals provided in-person public comment: Jason Peek and Christina Sarazin. Six individuals provided remote public comment: Theresa Mitchell, James Gallant, Jordan Scrimger, Josie James, Matt Dame, Aisha Zanib,

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/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts Outside of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties. The Commission continued to draft State Senate Districts while consulting their previous maps to reconcile lines between drafted plans.

RECESS

At 12:04 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to recess for 75 minutes until 1:20 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 1:27 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
Anthony Eid
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette (attending remotely from Highland, MI)
Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Brittini Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft Mapping/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts Outside of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties. The Commission continued to draft State Senate Districts while consulting their previous maps to reconcile lines between drafted plans.

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

RECESS

At 2:38 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 12 minutes until 2:50 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 2:51 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Anthony Eid
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry
Brittini Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Janice Vallette

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting, including Draft Mapping/Reconciliation of State Senate Districts Outside of Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties. The Commission continued to draft State Senate Districts while consulting their previous maps to reconcile lines between drafted plans.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Utilization of Public Comment Portals from MGGG and EDS. The Commission held a discussion on posting of maps and where the public can comment on draft maps, whether they comment directly on the EDS mapping software or through the MGGG portal.

MOTION: Upload Read-Only Maps to the EDS MyDistricting Website with Identifier Information and Refer the Public to Submit their Comments to the MGGG Public Comment Portal.
Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a voice vote.
MOTION APPROVED.

Voting No: Commissioner Wagner

- b. Draft State Senate Districts in the East Central and Thumb Areas Excluding Saginaw and Genesee Counties. The Commission drafted State Senate Districts in the East Central and Thumb areas.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. General Counsel. General Counsel Pastula provided a report.
- b. Communications and Outreach Director. Communications and Outreach Director Woods III provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.