

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, September 9, 2021**

**1:06 PM – 3:53 PM**

**at**

**Ferris State University, University Center**

**805 Campus Dr.**

**Big Rapids, MI 49307**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (*joined the meeting at 1:25 PM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

### **ABSENT:**

Juanita Curry

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, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:06 PM

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 1:25 PM.*

*Commissioner Kellom left the meeting at 2:53 PM and returned at 3:00 PM*

*Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 3:04 PM and returned at 3:18 PM*

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**MAIN MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Amend the Agenda to Add “New Business” Item 6.B. on Discussing Extending Meeting Times and the Commission Schedule. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. 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. Five individuals provided in-person public comment: Mike Williams, Stacy Young, David Eisler, Sarah Howard, Ian (Jon) Ruggles. Eight individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Robert Dindoffer, Nadia Alamah, Brandy Nash, Chris Andrews, Norm Shinkle, James Asa Huguelet, Bruce.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Complete any Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting. After General Counsel Pastula and Mr. Adelson issued some remarks, the Commission discussed draft maps from previous meetings.

**MOTION: Combine Lenawee and Monroe Counties Into One District and Erase Previous Draft Mapping in the Southwest Region Done the Prior Day. Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 4-7.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioner Orton, Vallette, Clark, Lett,

**Voting No:** Commissioner Rothhorn, Szetela, Weiss, Witjes, Eid, Kellom, Lange.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Draft State Senate Maps in Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties. The Commission began drafting State Senate maps in the Metro Detroit region (Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Saginaw, and Genesee Counties).
- b. Discuss the Commission Schedule. Commissioner Szetela discussed meeting start times, future meeting locations, and adding Friday meetings.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES – AUGUST 30**

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 30<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. 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.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There are no 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 Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:53 PM.