

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, September 30, 2021**

**10:06 AM – 4:00 PM**

**at**

**Oakland University**

**Oakland Center, Gold Rooms**

**312 Meadow Brook Road**

**Rochester, MI 48309**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Anthony Eid (*joined the meeting at 10:34 AM*)

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) (*joined the meeting at 2:03 PM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela (*joined the meeting at 10:45 AM*)

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  
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting  
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Rothhorn, 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.

*Commissioner Eid joined the meeting at 10:34 AM*

*Commissioner Szetela joined the meeting at 10:45 AM*

*Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 2:03 PM*

*Commissioner Lett left the meeting at 10:42 AM and returned at 10:50 AM*

*Commissioner Vallette left the meeting at 11:36 AM and 3:05 AM. Commissioner Vallette returned at 11:48 AM and 3:18 PM, respectively.*

*Commissioner Rothhorn left the meeting at 2:22 PM and returned at 2:27 PM*

*Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 2:31 PM and 3:32 PM. Commissioner Szetela returned to the meeting at 2:35 PM and 3:37 PM, respectively.*

*Commissioner Witjes left the meeting at 2:45 PM and returned at 2:48 PM*

*Commissioner Eid left the meeting at 3:14 PM and returned at 3:20 PM.*

*Commissioner Clark left the meeting at 3:23 PM and returned at 3:30 PM.*

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Continue Mapping Adjustments and Deliberation. The Commission discussed their upcoming meeting/public hearing schedule. Next, the Commission discussed the number of maps presented at public hearings. Lastly, the Commission continued adjusting its draft plans for State House districts.

**MOTION:** Schedule Meetings for the Upcoming Monday and Tuesday. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **RECESS**

At 12:07 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 60 minutes until 1:07 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:09 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS**

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. 15 individuals provided in-person public comment: David Dulio, Gary Moreland, David Coulter, Janet Prange, Steve Prange, Stephanie Keywell, Brian Dunphy

David Jaffe, Laurie Lisi, Ayannah Joi Cleary, Josh Schiver, Bruce Fealk, Ginger Ketelsen, Ryan Olds, Gerald Lang. 18 individuals provided remote public comment: Karen Adams, Edward Heubel, Nada Al-Hanooti, Dorothy Munson, Ethan Petzold, James Gallant, Anthony S, Karen T Santelli, Chris Andrews, Emily Clancy, Kurt van Koevering, ASM Rahman, Lynn Blasey, Cathy Leikhim, Catherine Daligga, Erica Peresman, Lalit Sethie, Robert Dindoffer.

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

## UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Mapping Adjustments and Deliberation. The Commission continued adjusting its draft plans for State House districts.

**MOTION:** Suspend mapping process document and allow for the presentation of Commissioner Szetela's Alternate Map. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 3-10.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Clark, Eid, Kellom

**Voting No:** Commissioners Orton, Rothorn, Szetela, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes, Curry, Lange, Lett

## NEW BUSINESS

- a. Draft Amended Rules of Procedure, General Counsel Pastula, Resolution 2021.09.07. General Counsel Pastula presented the modifications to the Rules of Procedure for approval.
- b. Promotions Consultant Contract, Communications and Outreach Director, Edward Woods III Resolution 2021.09.08. Communication and Outreach Director provided an overview of the promotions contract. Director Woods III took questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Approve Promotions Consultant Contract. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange and Wagner

## STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

## **MDOS UPDATES**

There was no update.

## **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**

Commissioner Lett returned to the discussion on the meeting/public hearing schedule. The Commission discussed the meeting/public hearing schedule.

**MOTION:** Schedule Meetings from October 4<sup>th</sup> through the 8<sup>th</sup> from 9 AM to 8 PM except for Monday (10 AM to 8 PM). Schedule Meetings on October 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>, 10 AM to 8 PM and 9 AM to 8 PM, respectively. October 18<sup>th</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup> will Host Five Public Hearings Across the State of Michigan. October 27<sup>th</sup> through November 5<sup>th</sup> will Feature Map Deliberations and a Vote. Publication of Maps for 45 Days of Public Comment begins on November 14<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 11-2:**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Witjes, Weiss, Clark, Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Orton

**Voting No:** Commissioners Wagner and Lange

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

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00 PM.