

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Monday, September 27, 2021

10:06 AM – 5:18 PM

at

Cadillac Place, L150 Room

3044 West Grand Blvd

Detroit, MI 48202

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, 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) *(left the meeting at 1:00 PM)*
Richard Weiss (attending remotely from Saginaw, MI) *(joined the meeting at 1:00 PM)*
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Brittni 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
Bruce Adelson, Federal Compliance Consulting
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

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

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 10:38 AM and 2:06 PM, and returned at 10:40 AM and 2:11 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Weiss joined the meeting at 1:00 PM.

Commissioner Wagner left the meeting at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Three individuals provided in-person public comment: Jennifer Fairfield, Peter Ruseckas, and Anthony Scannell. Five individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Tameka Ramsey, Kermit Williams, Judy Maiga, and Chris Andrew.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Continue Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Drafting State House Districts, including Reconciliation of Previously Drafted Maps, and Consideration of Alternative Maps. The Commission continued mapping State House Districts.

RECESS

At 11:59 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 61 minutes until 1:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Brittni Kellom
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Unfinished Business from the Previous Meeting – Drafting State House Districts, including Reconciliation of Previously Drafted Maps, and Consideration of Alternative Maps. The Commission continued mapping State House Districts while reconciling with previously drafted maps.

RECESS

At 3:07 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 13 minutes until 3:20 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:20 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

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

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Brittni Kellom
Erin Wagner

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

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NEW BUSINESS

- a. Consideration of Schedule Adjustments. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III shared facility and AV availability to schedule a meeting for the upcoming Friday.
- b. Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Procedure. General Counsel Pastula explained proposed amendments to the MICRC Rules of Procedure. Commissioners asked General Counsel Pastula questions and made suggestions to the proposed amendments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – NONE TO APPROVE

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report. Commissioners reviewed the proposed budget and asked questions to Executive Director Hammersmith.

MOTION: Accept the Proposed Budget with Recommendations by Executive Director Hammersmith. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioners Lange, Clark, Orton

- b. Communication and Outreach Director. Communication and Outreach Director Woods III provided a report. Director Woods III took questions from the Commission regarding Direct Mail Bids. The Commission held a discussion on authorizing the campaign.

MOTION: Withdraw/Cancel a Direct Mail Campaign. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION FAILED 5-5.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Eid, Lange, Weiss, Witjes, Clark

Voting No: Commissioners Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette,

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

Commissioner Szetela requested Executive Director Hammersmith to add an agenda item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18 PM.