

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Monday, October 11, 2021**

**10:03 AM – 4:03 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)

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

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI) (*joined the meeting at 11:06 AM*)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Rebecca Szetela

Janice Vallette

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)

### **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 Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:03 AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 11:06 AM.*

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

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **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. Five individuals provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard, Kristal Boyd, Robert Dragan, Dylan Wa, Robert Joerg. 38 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, LaMar Lemmons, Anthony Scannell, Robert Dragan, Doreen Gardner, Todd A Perkins, Jason Gilmore, Connie Orr, Nate Falling, Chad Sreenwyk, Ann Collins, Joe Bush, Rosa Holliday, Julia Chambers, Kurtis Fernandez, Kate Shishkovsky, Nick Ciaramitaro, Jennifer Austin, La Cracha Handy, George Rogers, Curtin Lyons, Evelyn, Dorian Thompson, Ratna Rao, Randy B, Dr. Adeeb Mozip, Matt Wiedenhoeft, Jen Eyer, Jesse Chvojka, Judy Daubenmier, Leigh Greden, Damian Mitchell, Cynthia Davis, adelmozip@gmail.com, Joan Long, Ken Willcutt, Carolyn Ballard, Judy Maiga, Carmi Finn

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## UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Compliance Analysis and Deliberations. The Commission discussed how many collaborative maps will be published for the second round of public hearings.

**MOTION:** Extend the Deadline for Commissioners to Submit Individual Plans to Thursday at 10:00 AM. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Motion to Reconsider the Vote to Publish State Senate Draft Proposed Map “10-08-21 v1 SD” as a Collaborative Map for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED 9-3.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Rothhorn, Szetela, Wagner, Weiss, Clark, Curry, Eid, Lange, Lett

**Voting No:** Commissioners Witjes, Vallette, Orton

**MAIN MOTION:** Vote to Publish State Senate Draft Proposed Map “10-08-21 v1 SD” as a Collaborative Map for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 1-11.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Witjes

**Voting No:** Commissioners Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Clark, Curry, Eid, Lange, Lett, Orton

**MOTION:** Publish up to 5 Collaborative Maps of Each Type for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## RECESS

At 11:11 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 9 minutes until 11:20 PM” which was adopted.

## CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:46AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
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  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioners reviewed the meeting minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup>. The Commission offered no edits.

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 28<sup>th</sup>. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **STAFF REPORTS**

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director provided a report. The Commission held a discussion on public hearing guidelines and the mapping process.

**MOTION:** Amend the Agenda Under Staff Reports to Permit the Executive Director to Present on Public Hearing Guidelines and Mapping Documents. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MAIN MOTION:** Change the Time for the Public Comment Time at Public Hearings to 90 Seconds. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lange. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Amend the Motion to “Change the Time for the Public Comment Time at Public Hearings to Two Minutes” to “90 Seconds”. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lange, Wagner, and Clark

**MOTION:** Approve the Mapping Process Version 10.10. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There were no items of 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.

## **RECESS**

At 12:18 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 62 minutes until 1:20 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:42 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
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  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

- a. Compliance Analysis and Deliberations. The Commission discussed which collaborative maps would be published and their meeting/public hearing schedule.

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-04-21 v2 SD” (Elm) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**  
**Voting No:** Commissioner Kellom

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-07-21 SD RAS BK” (Cherry) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela,**

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

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-08-21 v1 SD” (Spruce) (#226) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-08-21 v2 HD” (Peach) (#228) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-08-21 v1 HD” (Oak) (#229) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-08-21 v1 HD RAS” (Pine) (#227) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Increase the maximum number of Collaborative Maps of Each Type to publish for the Second Round of Public Hearings to 6 from 5. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Lett and Eid

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-05-21 v1 CD DW” (Apple) (#201) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-08-21 v1 CD RAS” (Birch) (#230) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**  
**Voting No:** Commissioner Clark

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-07-21 v1 CD DC” (Maple) (#219) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Publish Plan “10-07-21 v1 CD AE” (Juniper) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Not Publish Plan “9-29-21 v1 CD” (Willow) (#187) for the Second Round of Public Hearings. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**  
**Voting No:** Commissioner Lange

**MOTION:** Adopt the Amended Public Hearing Guidelines. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** Cancel the October 12<sup>th</sup> Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **RECESS**

At 3:27 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 13 minutes until 3:40 PM” which was objected to.



**MOTION:** TO recess for 10 minutes. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Witjes and Szetela

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:51 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)  
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  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

## **ABSENT:**

N/A

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)**

- a. Compliance Analysis and Deliberations. The Commission continued discussing their public hearing schedule.

**MOTION:** Shift the Public Hearing in Grand Rapids to October 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
**Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioner Lange

**MOTION:** Provide Director Woods Flexibility in Securing an Alternative Location of Marriott or Amway. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

## **MDOS UPDATES**

There were no updates.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

**MOTION:** Adjourn the Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM