

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Wednesday, October 6, 2021

9:04 AM – 6:47 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)

(joined the meeting at 2:09 PM)

Anthony Eid *(joined the meeting at 9:13 AM)*

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)

(joined the meeting at 11:05 AM)

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

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 9:04 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Eid joined the meeting at 9:13 AM and rejoined after the 10:51-11:05 AM recess at 11:10 AM.

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 2:09 PM and left at 5:50 PM.

Commissioner Lange joined the meeting at 11:05 AM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. 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. Six individuals provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard, Maria Enriquez, LaShawn Erby, Maria VanCore, Lorenzo Lopez, and Floren시오 Hernandez. 41 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Anthony Scannell, Judy Maiga, Kris McLonis, Rob Payne, Al Owski, Barb Iovan, James Muffett, Abdulhakem Alsadah, Katherine Schmidt, Art Reyes, Kathrleen Curell, Phil R., Cindy Weir, Claire Ott, Mary Murphy, Benjamin Ratner, Holly Hughes, Edythe Ford, Jennifer Austin, Percy Johnson, Sterling Brewer, Ellen Beal, Caroline Ross, Marilyn, Lisa Dirado, Donna Secor, Pennington, Kate Shishkovsky, Donna Givens Davidson, Don Wilkinson, Roberta Urbani, Yvette McElroy Anderson, Lakshmi V, Adel Mozip, Scott Holiday, Chris Andrews Rev. Dr. Steve Bland, Jr. Emily Rohrbach, Martin Cousineau, Curtis Ivery, and Adeep Mozip.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Continue Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps for Compliance and Adjustments. The Commission began adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 10:51 AM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 14 minutes until 11:05 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
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:

Brittni Kellom
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps for Compliance and Adjustments. The Commission continued adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 12:57 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 63 minutes until 2:00 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:09 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:

Brittni Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps for Compliance and Adjustments. The Commission continued adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 4:00 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 10 minutes until 4:10 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:13 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:

Brittni Kellom

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps for Compliance and Adjustments. The Commission continued adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 5:50 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 15 minutes until 6:05 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 6:05 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- 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
- Juanita Curry

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continue Assessment of Collaborative State Senate, Congressional, and State House Maps for Compliance and Adjustments. The Commission continued adjusting their collaborative State House maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no reports.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates

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.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-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 6:47 PM.