

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, October 7, 2021

9:00 AM – 6:49 PM

at

Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room

49 Abbot Road

East Lansing, MI 48824

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
(joined the meeting at 9:16 AM and left at 12:51 PM)

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
(joined the meeting at 11:18 AM)

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
(left the meeting at 2:18 and returned at 2:28, then left the meeting at 6:37 PM)

Steven Terry Lett

Cynthia Orton

MC Rothhorn

Janice Vallette

Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
(left the meeting at 4:13 PM)

Richard Weiss

Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rebecca Szetela

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 9:00 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Curry joined the meeting at 9:16 AM and left at 12:51 PM

Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 11:18 AM

Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 2:18 PM and returned at 2:28 PM, then left the meeting at 6:37 PM

Commissioner Wagner left the meeting at 4:13 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 Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

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. Five individuals provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard, Kristal Boyd, Kate Rogers, Ryland Bennet, and Collin Toth. 18 individuals provided remote public comment: Melany Mack, Tom TenBrink, Denzel McCampbell, Judy Maiga, Jordan Scrimger, Aislinn Langley, Ratna Rao, Nicholas Carlson, Dominique Stepp, Asha Vinod, Eric Hartman, Evan Oudekerk, Anthony Scannell, Mark Lemoine, Cathy Leikhim, Eileen McNeil, James Gallant, and Robert Dindoffer.

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

Pursuant to Section 7.4.1(F) of the Rules of Procedure Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, designated Commissioner Orton as Acting-Chair in the event he had to leave the meeting.

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.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the review and approval of both sets of meeting minutes from September 23rd. The Commission also reviewed the meeting minutes from September 24th and 27th. The Commission offered no edits.

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the first set of meeting minutes from September 23rd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the second set of meeting minutes from September 23rd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 24th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Eid. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 27th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- 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 10:48 AM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 12 minutes until 11:00 AM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-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 (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
- Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
- Anthony Eid
- Brittni Kellom (*joined the meeting at 11:18 AM*)
- Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Janice Vallette
- Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Rebecca Szetela

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 12:51 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 59 minutes until 1:50 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:01 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, 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
- Janice Vallette
- Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

- Juanita Curry
- Rebecca Szetela

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, State Senate, and Congressional maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance.

RECESS

At 4:13 PM, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 17 minutes until 4:30 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 4:33 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (attending remotely from Rochester Hills, MI)
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom (attending remotely from Wayne County, MI)
Rhonda Lange
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Rebecca Szetela
Erin Wagner

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 Senate maps for VRA and partisan fairness compliance. The Commission held a discussion about the mapping process and the publication of draft proposed maps.

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report.

MOTION: Accept the Schedule from Director Hammersmith as Amended. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**
Voting No: Commissioner Kellom

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

Commissioners Witjes and Lett made announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Rothhorn, Vice-Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49 PM.