

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, August 20, 2021

9:05 AM – 2:52PM

at

**Michigan State University Union, Lake Huron Room
49 Abbot Road, East Lansing, MI 48824**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Rhonda Lange
Brittni Kellom
Anthony Eid

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:05 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll.

Commissioner Szetela left at 9:36 AM and 2:25 PM. She returned at 9:43 AM and 2:28 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Orton left at 10:22 AM and returned at 10:25 AM

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Two individuals provided in-person public comment: Maria Enriquez and Juan Marinez. Six individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Norman Clement, Rebeka Islam, Nicole Biber, Jerron Totten, Judy Daubenmier.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Census Data. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "for Kim Brace with EDS to continue presenting on the Census Data" which was adopted. Mr. Brace continued his presentation on the census data and took questions from the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Begin Mapping – State Senate, Southeast & South Central Regions.
After instruction by EDS staff, the Commission reviewed and approved Communities of Interest.

RECESS

At 11:03 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 11:13 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:14 PM.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom
Rhonda Lange

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Begin Mapping – State Senate, Southeast & South-Central Regions.
The Commission continued reviewing and approving Communities of Interest.

RECESS

At 12:07 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for lunch until 1:25 PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:33 PM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Begin Mapping – State Senate, Southeast & South-Central Regions. MICRC staff provided an update on the Commission’s business for the afternoon and in future meetings. The Commission began drawing State Senate districts in the Southeast and South-Central regions.

MOTION: Approve Proposed Recommendations for Mapping Business by MICRC Staff. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Homework Assignments for August 23 & 24. Executive Director Hammersmith described the Commission’s homework for the next week.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

There were no minutes to review and approve.

STAFF REPORTS

There were no staff reports.

MDOS UPDATES

MDOS staff provided an update.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no discussion on correspondence.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no future agenda items to report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Brace and Director Hammersmith made announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.