

# **Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission**

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**Thursday, August 26, 2021**

**1:15 PM – 3:55 PM**

**at**

**Grand Traverse Resort and Spa  
100 Grand Traverse Village Blvd  
Acme, MI 49610**

## **MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom  
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

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director

Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel  
Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director  
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff  
Election Data Services (“EDS”) staff  
Moon Duchin, Metric Geometry and Gerrymandering  
Group (“MGGG”)

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:15 PM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS**

Commissioners Eid and Kellom provided remarks. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. Three individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Chris Andrews, Jonathan Gonzales.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at [www.michigan.gov/micrc](http://www.michigan.gov/micrc)

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Reflections on the Southeast and South-Central State House and Senate Draft Districts. The Commission shared some reflections on the Southeast and South-Central draft mapping sessions.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Communities of Interest Updated Data. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for Moon Duchin from MGGG to provide updated data on

communities of interest from the portal" which was adopted. Moon Duchin shared her report and took questions from the Commission.

- b. Litigation Counsel Budget and Modified Contract. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "for General Counsel Pastula to cover the Litigation Counsel Budget and Modified Contract" which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula explained both the resolution and the language nuance in it. General Counsel Pastula took questions from the Commission.

**MOTION:** Establish Total Cost of Litigation Counsel RFP and Modify Contract Terms. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- c. Begin Mapping Drafts for Northeast, Northwest, and Upper Peninsula State Senate Districts. The Commission began draft mapping in the Northeast, Northwest, and Upper Peninsula regions with State Senate districts.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

There were no minutes to review and approve.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

There were no staff reports.

## **MDOS UPDATES**

There were no updates to provide.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no discussion on correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

## **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

There were no future agenda items to discuss.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:55 PM.