

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021

4:00 PM – 8:01 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittni Kellom
Rhonda Lange
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss (joined meeting at 4:12 PM)
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Erin Wagner

OTHERS PRESENT: Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff
Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director
Julianne V. Pastula, General Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Lett called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 4:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners except Erin Wagner were present and a quorum was met.

Richard Weiss joined the meeting at 4:12 PM.

Commissioner Curry left the meeting at 5:45 PM due to technical difficulties and returned at 6:01 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Lett called for a show of hands to approve the agenda. Executive Director Hammersmith offered minor edits. **AMENDED AGENDA UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes. Commissioner Rothhorn noted that the Roll Call section include the name and time of commissioners who join the meeting late. Chair Lett called for a show of hands to approve minutes as amended. **AMENDED MINUTES UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lett advised the public to refer to the Commission's website for all written public comments along with the constitutional directive for the Commission to draw fair and equitable districts. Chair Lett then opened the floor to public comment. There was one request for public comment: Amin Ullah. A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOME

Chair Lett led the introduction and welcome of the Commission's new General Legal Counsel, Julianne V. Pastula.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Conflicts of Interest. At the request of the Commission, Mike Brady, Chief Legal Director for the Michigan Department of State, provided a presentation to commissioners on the concept of conflicts of interest, relevant protocols including the Commission's Code of Conduct and transparency, and group consistency versus individual consistency.
2. Interview Process:
 - a. Commission discussed and agreed upon interview questions for Communications and Outreach Director candidates and the process for asking questions.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Candidate Interviews:
 - a. Janet Lebson 5:15 to 5:45 PM
 - b. Edward Woods III 5:45 to 6:15 PM
 - c. Walter Sorg 6:15 to 6:45 PM
 - d. Bill Froehlich 6:45 to 7:15 PM

2. Commission Correspondence: Chair Lett shared letter to General Legal Counsel candidates not selected for the role.

3. Post-interview discussion and next steps: Vice Chair Kellom led a discussion on impressions from the interviews for Communications and Outreach Director candidates. Further discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.