

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Friday, September 25, 2020
9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom
Rhonda Langue
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
M. Rothhorn
Glenn Shaw
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: N/A

OTHERS PRESENT: Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Chair Lett called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 9:12 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All commissioners except Commissioner Shaw were present and a quorum was met. Commissioner Shaw was delayed due to technical issues, but joined the meeting at 9:28 AM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Chair Lett called for a Motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioners discussed the draft minutes and offered edits. Chair Lett called for a motion to approve minutes as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Chair Lett called for a show of hand and voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Lett opened the floor to public comment. There was no public comment. A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.

OATH OF OFFICE

MDOS staff administered the oath of office to Commissioner Shaw.

INTRODUCTIONS

Each commissioner introduced themselves.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Administrative Items. MDOS staff provided an update on the Commission's administrative requests.
2. Executive Director Job Posting and Next Steps.

MOTION: Request MDOS staff to post the executive director position description as amended and handle receipt of responses. **Motion by Chair Lett. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Request MDOS staff to engage the Attorney General's Office for legal advice on the Commission's executive director job search in the context of the constitutional requirements as well as those of the Open Meetings Act. **Motion by Chair Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. Thank you notes. Discussion of

RECESS

Chair Lett called for a motion to recess for lunch until 12:00 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

RETURN TO ORDER

Chair Lett called the Commission back to order at 12:02 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Meeting Schedule. The Commissioners discussed the proposed schedule.

MOTION: Request MDOS staff to post the executive director position description as amended and handle receipt of responses. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

2. Webinar / Presentation Topics.

MOTION: Request MDOS staff to move forward with scheduling a webinar on Michigan Demographics & the Census at the earliest convenience. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Rothorn. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Request MDOS staff to schedule the following webinars in order but with flexibility to accommodate presenters' schedules: Michigan Demographics & the Census, Public Hearings: Outreach, Taking Testimony, & Communities of Interest, Voting Rights Act Requirements and Racial Gerrymandering, Map Software Options, and Public-facing Mapping Tools, Explaining Redistricting's Relationship with Math and Data. **Motion by Commissioner Kellom. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

3. General Counsel and Legal Structure.

MOTION: Request MDOS staff to post the general counsel position description as amended and handle receipt of responses. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Chair Lett held a voice vote. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

4. Next Meeting Agenda.
5. Discussion to continue Old Business/New Business format. Agenda topics for next week: additional staffing needs, administrative updates (emails, phones, compensation) thank you notes, subcommittees, Code of Conduct.

ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:52 PM.