

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Hybrid Public Hearing held in-person and via Zoom Webinar due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic, pursuant to 2020 PA 254 (MCL 15.263 and 15.263a), and in compliance with Section 6(10) of Article 4 of Michigan's 1963 Constitution

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Thursday, May 13, 2021

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

at

Wings Event Center

3600 Vanrick Drive, Kalamazoo, MI 49001

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittini 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 Eaton County, 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

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the hearing of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 6:00 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present and a quorum was met.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Orton provided a history of the MICRC including its strategic plan. Executive Director Hammersmith outlined the purpose of the MICRC and the hearings. General Counsel Pastula articulated the guidelines for providing public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, opened the floor to public comment. There were 69 individuals who provided in-person public comment: Michael VanDenBerg, Andy Helmboldt, Melanie Kurdys, Jim Pedersen, Diane Barret-Curtis, Kathleen McKee, Naomi Ladman, Ben Jamieson, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Kathleen Olmsted, Joey Andrews, Charley Coss, Charles Harttung, Tony Lorentz, Mark Hill, Marcene Telfer, Greg Moore, Jeff Green, Rachelle Smit, Jack Bley, Ken Neumann, Amy Scrima, Marty Schumacker, Dennis Benson, Rob Richardson, Jon Hoadley, Tom Graham, Robert Hosack, Kay Perry, Kim Harris, David Harris, Don Schmidt, Jerry VanderRest, Emma Baratta, Steve Frisbie, Paul Schincariol, Abby Meir, Beth Kelly, Cory King, Alan Waller, Mr. Girts Lorencis, Austin Marsman, Bronwyn Haltom, James Asher, Sid Shank, Ryan Gilbert, Jerry Potratz, Evan Oudekerk, Paul Deyoung, Matt Nilson, David Maturen, Deb Baker, Jerry Solis, Richard Stark, Micah Perkins, Allan Bickly, Jamie Swafford, Kathy Moussalli, Larry Prounellfer, Catherine Hurley, Ken Willcutt, Brian Kincaid, Nicholas Matens, Charles Benedict III, Tom Birkhold, Cle Jackson, David Pawloski, Jonathan Byrd, Cameron Brown. There were 5 individuals who provided remote public comment: Lynn Gray, Tamara Mitchell, Anthony Pennock, James Gallant, and Cherly Vosburg.

A full inventory of live and written public comment is available at RedistrictingMichigan.org.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Executive Director Hammersmith thanked the community volunteers and individuals, who gave public comment. Director Hammersmith announced the next public hearing would take place on Tuesday, May 18, in Marquette.

ADJOURNMENT

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

MOTION: Adjourn the hearing. **Motion by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The hearing was adjourned at 9:00 PM.