

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, August 24, 2021

9:06 AM – 2:16 PM

at

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

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry
Brittni Kellom
Erin Wagner

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

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 9:06 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

MOTION: Amend the Agenda to Extend the Agenda Until 5 PM. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 5-5.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Orton, Rothhorn, Vallette, Clark, Eid

Voting No: Commissioners Lange, Lett, Szetela, Weiss, Witjes

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. One individual provided in-person public comment: Mike Huerta. Two individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant and Callie Bruley.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Continuation of Draft Mapping State House, Southeast Region. The Commission continued draft mapping State House districts in the Southeast region.

RECESS

At 10:45 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion "to recess for fifteen minutes until 11:00 AM".

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 11:06 AM.

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Juanita Curry
Brittni Kellom
Erin Wagner

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- a. Continuation of Draft Mapping State House, Southeast Region. The Commission continued draft mapping State House districts in the Southeast region.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. General Counsel Action Items. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “for General Counsel Pastula to cover General Counsel Action Items” which was adopted. General Counsel Pastula provided an overview of Resolution 2021.08.18 which establishes the total cost of the local counsel RFP and extend the formal invitations to bid. General Counsel Pastula took questions from the Commission.

MOTION: Approve Resolution 2021.08.18. **Motion by Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Assign the Local Counsel RFP Evaluation to the Committee for the Review of Litigation Counsel RFP Submissions. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Lange

- b. Draft Mapping – State House, South-Central Region. The Commission began drawing State House districts in the South-Central region.

RECESS

At 11:58 AM, Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, put the motion “to recess for 77 minutes until 1:15PM”.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:25 PM.

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark
Anthony Eid
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
Cynthia Orton
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT:

Juanita Curry
Brittini Kellom
Erin Wagner

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

NEW BUSINESS (CONTINUED)

- b. Draft Mapping – The Commission continued drawing districts in the South-Central region.

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

Executive Director Hammersmith and Kim Brace discussed future agenda items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no 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 Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Vice-Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM.