

# Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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**Thursday, December 16, 2021**

**10:05 AM – 5:11 PM**

**at**

**Cadillac Place, Room L-150  
3044 W. Grand Blvd.  
Detroit, Michigan**

## MINUTES

### **PRESENT:**

Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom (*joined the meeting at 11:30 AM*)  
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton (*joined the meeting at 10:23 AM*)  
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

## **CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:05 AM.

## **ROLL CALL**

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

*Commissioner Kellom joined the meeting at 11:30 AM.*

*Commissioner Orton joined the meeting at 10:23 AM.*

*Commissioner Wagner left the meeting at 2:30 PM and returned at 3:51 PM.*

*Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 3:00 PM and returned at 3:40 PM.*

## **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**


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

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

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted.

81 individuals provided in-person public comment: Sarah Howard, Kristal Boyd, Donyale Atara, Sharon Wilson, Silvia Sims, Michael Wise, Mark Bone, Joseph Sova, Tim Mester, Cathy Leikhim, Nancy Brigham, MaryAnn Fontana, Nina Abrams, Juanita Ademodi, Dana Hill, Stephen Taylor, Jakarta Nakura, Marvin Harp, Clarence Hayes, Derrick Crawford, Natalie R. Bien-Aime, Deborah Hunter Harrill, Joshua Winslow, Zaid Shahid, Marvin Johnson, Ron Ford, Jr., Wayne Chambers, Jennifer Austin, Chris Mitzel, Jon Brown, Dallas Oliver, Yvette McElroy Anderson, Erika Bryant, Dennis Bryant, Amani Sawari, Laurie Lisi, Janet Prange, Steve Prange, Molly Morrissey, Norman Clement, Nomi Joyrich, Deborah Bohm-Rosenman, Virginia Pruess, Rick Blocker, Allen Wolf, BreeAna Atherton, Vernard Meadows, Sam Perster, Lance Meadows, Mari Rymar, Donna Squalls, Cristal Rivas, Joel Reges-Klann, Aarolyn McCullough, Justin Smith, Oscar Castanda, Kurtis Fernandez, Christian Casler, Dee Jones, Dana Hesse, Lily Cheng-Schulting, Merci Decker, Percy Johnson, Art Bryant, Mark Payne, Francesca Stephenson, Michelle Koppal, Loida Tapia, Tellis Chapman, Alice Mychajlonka, Amritha Venkataraman, Steve Bland, Jr., Laura Misumi, Isra Daraiseh, Hassan

Jaber, Mosein Hussein, Munni Rahman, Veronica Adams, Jerron Totten, and Briana Cartright.

87 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Chris Andrews, Rich Thrush, Joel Ombry, Anthony S , Chris Herweyer, Sarah Woolsey, Rebecca Grayson, Mosein Hussein, Diana Abouali, Hassan Jaber, and Sura Shlebah.

## **RECESS**

At 12:01 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 60 minutes until 1:01 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 1:06 PM.

**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 Charlotte, MI)
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** N/A

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS (Continued)**

Additional persons of the 87 providing remote public comment included: Rachid Elabed, Belal Elkadri, Rawha Abouarabi, Meredith Haddad, Sara Ismail, Jamie Kim, Delaney McDermott, Suerour Alabbasi, Elham Alesseng, Zainab Alnashi, Asraa Alhawli, Mikala Cox, Mariam Bazzi, Rima Meroueh, Shams Al-Badry, Cindy Weir, Joe Weir, Allison Wilcox, Drew Beckman, Micah Perkins, Joan Long,

JoAnn Bird, Julie Dye, Karen Feldmann, Coleen Tuokkola, Dorothy Munson, Rima Ayyad, Kermit Williams, Lisa Ingram, Jenna Mahmoud, La Cracha Handy, Manar AlNashim, and Baqir Mohieeldeen.

## **RECESS**

At 2:00 PM, due to technical difficulties with the audio-visual, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 2:10 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 2:15 PM.

**PRESENT:** Douglas James Clark  
Juanita Curry  
Anthony Eid  
Brittni Kellom  
Rhonda Lange  
Steven Terry Lett  
Cynthia Orton  
MC Rothhorn  
Rebecca Szetela  
Janice Vallette  
Erin Wagner  
Richard Weiss  
Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:** NA

## **PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS (Continued)**

The remaining persons of the 87 providing remote public comment included: Sophia Chue, Anisa Sabouha, Eman Mohamed, Patti Weber, Ayah Mohamed, Selma Saleh, Lois Maharg, Claudia Warren, Linda Barth, Rosa Holliday, Judy Maiga, Laurie Evans, Kevin Grimm, Karen Tighe, Susan Smith, Kathi Harris, Emily Clancy, Wendell Anthony, Joel Arnold, Essence Wilson, Judy Foster Davis, Susanne Waldrep, Kim Derrick Hunter, Lori Ross, Matt Cummings, Scott Stensaas, Sarah Abbott, Karen Adams, sureena koppolu, Emily Jernberg, Shari Jonsson, Joanie Parker, Cindy Krieg, Donald Jennifer Biddinger, Alan Poehl,

Patricia Singley, Callie Bruley, Bob Carrico, Carole Chi, Catherine Diggs, Jacki Dilley, Micheal Davis, and Linda Appling.

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

## **RECESS**

At 3:05 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for ten minutes until 3:15 PM” which was adopted.

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 3:20 PM.

**PRESENT:**

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry
- Anthony Eid
- Brittni Kellom
- Steven Terry Lett
- Cynthia Orton
- MC Rothhorn
- Rebecca Szetela
- Janice Vallette
- Richard Weiss
- Dustin Joseph Witjes

**ABSENT:**

- Rhonda Lange
- Erin Wagner

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- a. Updated Budget Projections. Executive Director Hammersmith provided updates to the proposed budget and took questions from the Commission. The Commission discussed appointing a Commissioner to have an oversight function over the legal team and legal expenses similar to the Commission’s process for approval of press releases.

**MOTION:** Approve the Proposed Budget, as Recommended. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn.**

**Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No: Commissioners Lange and Wagner.**

**MAIN MOTION:** Appoint a Commissioner for Oversight Function over Legal Team. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 5-8.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Szetela, Weiss, Clark, Lett, Orton

**Voting No:** Commissioners Vallette, Wagner, Witjes, Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lange, Rothhorn

**MOTION:** Amend the Main Motion to Appoint Commissioner Lett, and Chair as a Secondary, to Oversee Legal Team. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED 6-7.**

**Voting Yes:** Commissioners Szetela, Weiss, Clark, Curry, Lett, Orton

**Voting No:** Commissioners Vallette, Wagner, Witjes, Eid, Kellom, Lange, Rothhorn

**MOTION:** Call the Question on Motions Related to Legal Oversight. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Final Vote Process. Executive Director Hammersmith and MDOS Staff explained the Commission Final Vote Process. The Commission answered decision points regarding the process.

**MOTION:** Approve Resolution 2021.12.01 Final Vote Process, as Amended. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

**Voting No:** Commissioners Wagner and Lange.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from December 2<sup>nd</sup>. **Motion by**

**Commissioner Rothhorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett.  
Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands.  
MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 PM.