

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, November 18, 2021

10:09 AM – 1:55 PM

at

**University of Michigan, Michigan League
911 N. University Avenue
Ann Arbor, MI 48109**

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark

Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)

Anthony Eid

Brittni Kellom

Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
(left the meeting at 1:10 PM)

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

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 via Zoom

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:09 AM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

Commissioner Clark left the meeting at 10:49 AM and returned at 10:52 AM.

Commissioner Szetela left the meeting at 11:33 AM and returned at 11:37 AM.

Commissioner Lett left the meeting at 11:37 AM and 11:53 AM and returned at 11:41 AM and 12:41 PM, respectively.

Commissioner Vallette left the meeting at 11:41 AM and returned at 11:45 AM.

Commissioner Rothhorn left the meeting at 11:48 AM and returned at 11:52 AM.

Commissioner Lange left the meeting at 1:10 PM.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. 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. 55 individuals provided in-person public comment: Judy Hart, Gary Morehead, Ed Saunders, Nancy Durance, Halie Fox, Brian Greminger, Molly Pitcher, Sharon Houck, Kathy McClinchey, Cathy Upton, Mr. X, Mike Cameron, Gayle Steiner, David Wesner, Sandra Sorinieker, Anson Leh, Mike Mychajlonka, Bill Richardson, Laurie Lisi, James Hallock, Cilla Tomas, Ron Emaus, Jill Adams, Jim Paul, Jeannie Brown, Stephanie Riley, Ginny Preuss, Carolyn Stark, Robert Joerg, Janet Goldwasser, Alice M, Stuart Dowty, Timothy Wilson, Nancy Wang, Yalcin Yanikoglu, Lester De Pietro, Bruce Barton, Anthony Scannell, Kurtis Fernandez, Jackie Leslie, Susan Shink, Jennifer Biddinger, Vicky Gorsuch, Norman Clement, Colleen Anderson, Loida Tapia, Nicholas Martens, James Minnick Jr., Mark Payne Jr., Dim Mang, Roger Downey, Harrision Parker, Munni Rahman, Laura Misumi,

and Rezma Tsang. 35 individuals provided remote public comment: James Gallant, Chris Andrews, Surabhi Balachander, Jennifer Austin, Essence Wilson, Lori M Ross, Gregory Fox, Bernie Banet, Molly Morrissey, Jill Haver-Crissman, Margaret Schankler, Caroline Nathans, Kathe McPhail, Eli Nathans, Pam Byrnes, Rich Thrush, Dorothy Munson, Nada Al-Hanooti, Janice Sovak, Leslie Kamil, Percy Johnson, Karen Lawrence, nomi joyrich, Amador Ybarra, Vanessa, Paul Hauglie, Theresa Reid, Rosa Holliday, Barb Handley-Miller, Andrew Kirshner, Lisa M Jevens, Sarah Torres, Lisa Downey, James Sheerin, and Eileen McNeil.

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

RECESS

At 12:02 PM, Commissioner Szetela, Chair, put the motion “to recess for 30 minutes until 12:32 PM” which was adopted.

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 12:41 PM.

PRESENT:

- Douglas James Clark
- Juanita Curry (attending remotely from Detroit, MI)
- Anthony Eid
- Brittni 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

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Review 2021 Budget and 2022 Projections; Future Structure. Executive Director Hammersmith reviewed the 2021 fiscal year budget. Director Hammersmith presented projected expenses in the 2022 fiscal year budget. The Commission asked questions to MICRC staff on both budgets.

MOTION: Adopt the Projected Budget for the 2022 Fiscal Year, as presented. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- b. Updated Braille Quote. Executive Director provided updated information on the Commission's contract with its Braille vendor.

MOTION: Approve the Updated Estimate for the Braille Vendor to Produce the Proposed Maps and supporting information. **Motion by Commissioner Eid. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

- c. Process for Review of Collaborative Proposed Maps and Individual Maps Prior to Deliberations on Final Maps. The Commission held a discussion on reviewing proposed maps before the final vote.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 27th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 28th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from October 29th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett.**

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

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 1st. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 2nd. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 3rd. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 4th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 5th. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Szetela, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from November 8th. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Szetela, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

STAFF REPORTS

- a. Executive Director. Executive Director Hammersmith provided a report.

- b. Communications and Outreach Director. Communications and Outreach Director Woods III provided a report.

MDOS UPDATES

There were no updates.

CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence. All correspondence received is included in the public comment provided to the Commission.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Commissioner Witjes recommended a future agenda item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Szetela, Chair, thanked individuals who assisted the Commission in providing accessibility.

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 1:55 PM.