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>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. As Chair of this Commission I call the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission to order at 3:17 p.m.

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For the purposes of the public watching and for the public record I will now turn to the Department of State staff to take note of the Commissioners present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Good afternoon, Commissioners. Please say present when I call your name. If you are attending the meeting remotely, please disclose you are attending remotely and where you are physically attending from.

I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present; attending remotely from Detroit Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita, give us one moment.

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All right. Let's try this again. Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Present; attending remotely from Detroit, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Heard loud and clear. Thank you, Commissioner Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> COMMISSIONER KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

Rhonda? Commissioner Curry, can you hear us?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I can hear plain, very good.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Curry, can you hear me?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Lange, can you hear me?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioner Lange, I can see there you are present.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Is there conversation going on? I can't hear a thing.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: I will message you in the chat.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Wagner, can you hear us? Okay, so

Commissioner Wagner can hear us too.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

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>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: All Commissioners are present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you. You can view the agenda at Michigan.gov/MICRC. I would now entertain a motion to approve the meeting agenda. So moved.

Motion made by Commissioner Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: I'll second it.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Seconded by Commissioner Orton.

Is there any discussion or debate on the motion?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: I would like to put a motion to amend the agenda to add consideration of resolution to set a closed session as the initial new business line item today.

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion made by Commissioner Clark, seconded by Commissioner Lett to amend are we adding it after public comment?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, after public comment.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Adopt the motion to call a closed session pursuant to MCL 15.268H and 15.2431G.

What? Just put it on the agenda with the motion and a second or do we have to vote on it?

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair, right now I believe Commissioner Clark has just asked that this item be placed on the agenda for discussion. And potential consideration after the public comment portion of your agenda is completed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Just adding it for discussion.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: As a line item.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: So we don't need to vote on it.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Motion to add it to a line item for potential adoption.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Resolution related to the closed session.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Madam Chair apologies for the interruption Commissioner Lange I believe can hear us now can you tell us where you are attending remotely from.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Is there any discussion or debate on the motion to amend the agenda? Yes.

All in favor please raise your hand and say aye.

Opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the motion to amend the agenda is adopted.

Now we will move on to the actual ap develop shun of agenda as amended is there any discussion on the adoption of the agenda.

Hearing none let's vote on the agenda itself as amended all in favor raise your hand and say aye.

All opposed raise your hand and say nay.

The ayes prevail and the agenda is adopted.

Thank you, everybody.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I'd like to make a motion to change the public comment time from one minute to 30 seconds for today only.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion made by Commissioner Witjes to alter the public time period to 30 seconds for today only, seconded by Commissioner Lett.

Is there any discussion or debate on the motion? Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I don't feel that that's fair.

People online that I've seen that have been sitting here waiting to give remote comment have been sitting here for a couple hours through no fault of their own.

And I know we've got a lot of business to do, but I think we owe them that curtesy.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Any additional discussion or debate? Commissioner Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes, I just feel that 30 seconds is not going to by the time they tell their name and everything. It will be up and a waste of time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Okay, any additional discussion or debate? All right. So we have a motion made by Commissioner Witjes to suspend the rules with timeframe for public comment.

We are going to reduce it proposed to reduce it to 30 seconds.

Seconded by Commissioner Lett.

All in favor, please raise your hand. Oh, yeah, let's do a roll call vote on that if we could. 30 seconds for today only, yes, temporary suspension of the rules.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners, please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no.

I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order.

Starting with Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

- >> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?
- >> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Sorry Richard Weiss?
- >> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?
- >> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?
- >> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?
- >> COMMISSIONER CURRY: I'll go with the majority, yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?
- >> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?
- >> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.
- >> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of 11 yes to two no, the motion carries.
- >> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you, Ms. Reinhardt.

All right, without objection we will now begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of our meeting. Hearing no objection, we will now proceed with the public comment pertaining to agenda topics.

Individuals who have signed up and indicated that they would like to provide in-person public commentary to the Commission will now be allowed to do so.

Actually we are not doing in person, everyone who was here left and individuals who signed in and would like to provide live remote public commentary, I will call on your name and staff will unmute you. If you are on a computer, you will be prompted by the Zoom app to unmute and speak.

If you are on the phone a voice will say a voice would like you to speak and press star six to unmute.

I will call on you by your name.

Please note if you experience technical or audio issues or do not hear from you to 3-5 second we will move on to the next person in line and return to you after they are done speaking.

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As a reminder to everyone online, we reduced the speaking time today to 30 seconds so you will have 30 seconds to address the Commission. So please get straight to your remarks and conclude your remarks when you hear the timer.

The first in line to provide public comment is James Gallant.

>> After discussing my concerns with the former Attorney General Bill Schuette in Gaylord, I realized that this Commission's lack of semblance of order is institutionalized

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bullying and a direct result of member Lett as the Chair pro tem allowing democrat member Vice Chair facilitator Kellom and democrat member Witjes to negotiate side bar agreements that are not in the minutes. They are in the transcripts, to the detriment to the republican party.

You Commissioners appear to agree to provide full and equal agency between yourself and the members including the Chair, which is in direct contradiction to the Constitution.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Jordan S.

>> Hi all, my name is Jordan. And, first of all, I'm very sorry to hear about the threat on your safety today.

The work you are doing is incredibly important to justice and also our democracy. In the Lansing area I want to it rate I'm pleased with the Congressional and State Senate map and still I urge you to take another look at the house maps.

You can preserve communities of interest in the area while also creating another House District.

I believe that we can balance the necessity of partisan fairness and community connectedness and I thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Jordan and Thank you for addressing the Commission. Next in line is Abbey Clark.

>> Good afternoon.

I just want to echo what Jordan just told you.

Very appreciative of your hard work especially with the uncertainty of what was happening today.

And over the course of the public hearings we see that you're listening to the public and I also want to echo I think you heard from a lot of people there is still a lot of work to do on the State House map in particular.

I think you've got some really strong Congressional drafts and can tweak the State Senate drafts and work on the State House draft and thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Susan Smith number four.

>> Good afternoon.

I'm Susan Smith vice president League of Women Voters of Michigan.

As you know the MICRC's use of Dr. Handley voting rights analysis has cause some concern about Michigan voters.

One of the prime concerns seems to be that she didn't use primary election data when she performed her racial bloc voting analysis.

The league requests the Commission to ask Dr. Handley to address the following questions: Number one, why didn't she use the primary election data?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. William Saxton.

>> Hello, my name is Bill. I'm a resident of Grand Rapids here in Kent County.



Thank you so much for your efforts so far.

I've been watching most of these hearings and when it comes to Congressional maps it appears that the birch map is the most popular.

In every area of the state because it performs better on numbers except for west and Southwest Michigan.

Nobody I know democrat republican things Ottawa County should be with Midland in a Congressional District for example.

There are several other collaborative Commissioner maps such as the apple map or Commissioner Eid's Congressional map.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Mark Payne number six.

>> All right good afternoon, Commissioners so the Commission must take the time and useful set of tools and careful review of maps submitted by the public and VRA analysis with primary data beyond the 2018 gubernatorial and will have a direct impact on critical issues like access to clean affordable water for the next decade.

You must take the necessary time over the next ten days to take in account population deviations bloc voting age population scores and partisan test results to ensure the new District accurately reflects.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 7, Karen Santelli.

>> Hi, can you hear me.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> Okay thank you.

My name is Karen Santelli and what I'd like to do is just talk about West Michigan Cascade Township.

I live in Cascade Township.

Cascade Township is an urban area.

It's part of Metro Grand Rapids.

My school tax dollars all go to urban Grand Rapids school districts.

Even Cascade's address is in Grand Rapids as well as mine.

Cascade's website describes itself as a population with 90% urban.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Curtis Fernandez.

>> Can you hear me now.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> On behalf of APIA vote Michigan I'm asking the Commission to revisit the State Senate map in Troy.

It disenfranchises the community in Troy.

Please reconsider for more of Sterling heights with a large AAPI community.

There is more work to do I thank you the Commission for its time and please stay safe.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number nine Emily.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Number nine and ten are not present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Number 11, Joe Sova.

>> Hi.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We can hear you.

>> I'm not seeing, there we go.

I'll speak fast good afternoon, Commissioners. My name is Joe. I'm the Midland County drain Commissioner for the City of Midland.

We have 84 drain Commissioners in this fine state and work with under the State of Michigan drain code and many others.

So when someone states that District lines should not be drawn based on drainage districts or watersheds, I'm here to tell you in 22 in municipal Government managing water and storm water systems watersheds should be primary.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Wesley Watson.

>> Good afternoon, Commissioners.

I'll be brief.

Some of the takeaways from previous public comments events, I just want to reinforce original support of prop two with voters in Michigan.

To believe that the party that urns majority of votes delivers the majority of seats.

White fully the partisan fairness scoring. We are depending on you and thank you for your time.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Kathy Hood.

>> Hello and thank you for serving on the committee.

I'm a resident of Novi and the Pine District 110 splits Novi and our school District.

I agree the Farmington should be kept together and think that Novi should be kept together too and I'll put the rest of my comments online, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 17, essence Wilson.

>> Hello, I'm essence Wilson a Flint resident at the Flint hearing it said whole and not to put it in a single House District.

For the past ten years we did not have one but two representatives in Lansing and a much better solution than packing Flint in a single District and would risk being a partisan gerrymander and lead to wasted votes do due to the Flint voting pattern P2723 as a better example of how to resolve these concerns thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Number 18, Joe Arnold.

>> Hi name is Joel Arnold a Flint residence don't and wanted to echo what many residents said yesterday current State House maps do not serve our City.



Rather than pack Flint in a single District I ask you have work to ensure we have one reliable District that a Flint resident can be elected in and that remains majority Black with a second seat as we have today.

Packing Flint in a single District would be its own form of a partisan gerrymander and please reference P27273 as a model to follow to be sure our community retains opportunities.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you for addressing the Commission. Last commenter is Chris Andrews.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Chris, if you can hear us, you are free to address the Commission, if you can unmute yourself. It looks like Chris may be experiencing audio issues. I recommend that we move on.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: That concludes our public comment for today. However I would like to mention that all e-mailed and mailed public comment is provided to the Commission before each meeting and Commissioners also review the public comment portal on our [www.Michigan.gov/MICRC](http://www.Michigan.gov/MICRC) website on a regular basis. We appreciate everyone who provides their public comment in whatever form they choose to do so and invite the public to share thoughts, maps and communities of interest.

At this point we don't have any unfinished business to cover today however we do have the discussion of the resolution by Commissioner Clark.

Go ahead Commissioner Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes, I would like to put a motion forward that the Commission has a closed session meeting to discuss two memorandum from legal counsel.

One of those memorandum is regarding the VRA.

And the other regarding the history of discrimination in Michigan.

No actions will be taken in the closed session and only the contents of the cited attorney/client privilege legal memoranda will be discussed.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We have a motion by Commissioner Clark seconded by Commissioner Lett to adopt the resolution that was forwarded us in advance of the meeting.

I'll read the resolution into the record.

Resolution to call closed session we are solved in accordance with Section 8H of the open meeting act 1976PA267 MCL 15.268H a closed session of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission MICRC is hereby called on and then there is an opening for the day of the week the month and the date and the time. With its attorneys being General Counsel Julianne Pastula and VRA legal counsel Bruce Adelson to discuss the privileged and confidential memorandum titled Voting Rights Act of October 14, 2021, and history of discrimination in the State of Michigan and its influence on voting of October 26, 2021.

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These memorandum are both attorney/client communications prepared by legal counsel to MICRC and exempt from disclosure 13G of freedom information act MCL 243.1G. In order to pass this resolution we will need a two thirds roll call vote of the members appointed and serving as Commissioners pursuant to MCL 15.2671.

Is there any discussion or debate on the resolution? Commissioner Lange I see you have your hand up.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: I'm against going closed session.

I don't feel it's necessary.

We all received the memos and if in Commission is working on full transparency in my opinion let's be transparent.

I know that's probably not what most want to hear but I'm just going to voice my opinion.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: I think we want to hear it Commissioner Lange.

What we got though is the idea that the we need all the help we can get and what we don't know we don't know but our counsel is suggesting we do this and what I also believe and in my heart right now we want to make sure these maps get approved the first time.

Not the remanded to us.

I'm afraid if we don't go into this and I don't know what I don't know.

They are suggesting it.

I trust them and feel we should go in this to try to understand why we understand this, why we need this in order to again prepare ourselves to get these maps done right the first time.

Not, yeah, later.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yeah, I want to add that this is a common tool used in redistricting.

It was used significantly in Arizona.

And it is something that I believe will benefit us as we move forward.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: I would concur with Commissioners Rothhorn and Commissioner Clark.

I think that this will allow us to freely discuss attorney/client matters with our lawyers freely and openly where we can all as a group ask questions about the memorandum that we received.

All right let's go ahead with that roll call vote.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners please state your support of the motion with a yes or a no.

I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Madam Chair.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes, General Counsel.

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>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: I apologize to the interruption for Ms. Reinhardt did the Commission want to set a time to go in closed session or upon adopted of the resolution if it is, in fact, adopted.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Upon adoption of the resolution we will need a time.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Okay so the motion as the Chair read it earlier would be for 102721 upon adoption of the resolution.

Thank you for the clarification.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners please indicate your support of the motion with a yes or a no.

I will call on Commissioners in alphabetical order starting with Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> VICE CHAIR ROTHORN: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes.

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Doug Clark?

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry?

>> COMMISSIONER CURRY: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Yes.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: No.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: By a vote of 11 yes to two no, the motion carries.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you Ms. Reinhardt.

All right so the resolution has been adopted.

We are going to move to closed session.

It is October 27, 2021, the time is 3:49 p.m.

All many endings of the public are required to exit the room.

And the online streaming of the open meeting will resume at the conclusion of the closed session.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: Thank you so much Madam Chair so again the Commission will reconvene in the public meeting directly after the closed session has completed.

So again when the closed session is completed there will be the open session will continue.

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>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Audio test one two Rhonda can you confirm you can hear me? Just nod your head.

Thank you so much.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: We are ready to go as Chair of the Commission I recall this meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission back to order at 5:23 p.m.

Will the secretary please call the roll?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Commissioners please say present when I call your name.

If you're attending today's meeting remotely, please disclose during roll call you are attending remotely as well as your physical location.

I will start with Doug Clark.

>> COMMISSIONER CLARK: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Juanita Curry.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Anthony Eid?

>> COMMISSIONER EID: Present.

Brittini Kellom?

>> CHAIR KELLOM: Present.

Rhonda Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Present; attending remotely from Reed City, Michigan.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Steve Lett?

>> COMMISSIONER LETT: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Cynthia Orton?

>> COMMISSIONER ORTON: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: MC Rothhorn?

>> COMMISSIONER ROTHORN: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Rebecca Szetela?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Janice Vallette?

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>> COMMISSIONER VALLETTE: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Erin Wagner?

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Richard Weiss?

>> COMMISSIONER WAGNER: Present; attending remotely from Charlotte, Michigan.

>> COMMISSIONER WEISS: Present.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: Dustin Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: Present.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Commissioner Witjes? I was going to say you are waving at me over there.

>> MS. SARAH REINHARDT: 12 Commissioners are present. And there is a quorum.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Do I have to say for the closed Commission.

>> MS. JULIANNE PASTULA: On the open session minutes if you could please restate the closed session occurred, the time that it was convened and adjourned and the topic, thank you.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Thank you so just for the public record we had a closed session on the privileged and confidential memorandum entitled Voting Rights Act October 14, 2021, and history of discrimination in Michigan and influence on voting dated October 26, 2021, the closed meeting was called at 4:04 and adjourned at 5:19 a.m. and it was a public body discussion of attorney/client privilege information under MCL 15.268H.

Commissioner Witjes?

>> COMMISSIONER WITJES: I move to adjourn.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Second.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: Motion to adjourn by Commissioner Witjes and seconded by Commissioner Lett is there any discussion or debate on the motion? All in favor please raise -- Commissioner Lange?

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Why would we adjourn when our meeting was set to go until 8:00 or is this for a break?

>> CHAIR SZETELA: No, this is not for a break.

This is to adjourn the meeting for the day in order to facilitate some planning for tomorrow's sessions in light of the events earlier today.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: But we are scheduled until 8:00 p.m. and there is work to be done.

I guess I'm out of the loop so never mind.

>> CHAIR SZETELA: All in favor say aye.

All opposed say nay.

>> COMMISSIONER LANGE: Nay.

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>> CHAIR SZETELA: By a vote of 12-1, the ayes prevail and the meeting is adjourned at 5:26 p.m.  
Thank you.