

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Thursday, March 24, 2022

10:00 – 11:21 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT:

Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Huntington Beach, California*)

Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)

Anthony Eid (*remotely from Oakland County, Michigan*)

Brittni Kellom (*remotely from Lansing, Michigan*)

Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Reed City, Michigan*)

Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)

Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)

MC Rothhorn (*remotely from Lansing, Michigan*)

Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)

Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland, Michigan*)

Erin Wagner (*remotely from East Lansing, Michigan*)

Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)

Dustin Joseph Witjes (*remotely from Howell, Michigan*)

ABSENT:

OTHERS PRESENT: Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director
Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

MOTION: Amend the agenda to add “Reconsideration of the Seven percent raises” as item 5b. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting no: Commissioner Kellom

MOTION: Amend the agenda to add the “legal liaison” report as a standing agenda item after staff reports”. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chair, called for a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting no: Commissioner Kellom

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda, which was adopted. James Gallant and Anthony Scannell provided remote public comment.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Amendment to Edward Woods III Contract, Resolution 2022.03.11
Commissioners discussed an update on Edward Woods III’s contract.

MOTION: Adopt the Resolution 2022.03.11. **Motion by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Witjes, Vice-Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Lange, Wagner

b. Discussion of Seven percent pay raise for Commissioners. Commissioners discussed their seven percent pay raise effective Apr. 1, 2022.

MOTION: Amend the main motion to set each Commissioner's salary at 25% of the Governor's salary. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Wagner. Commissioner Witjes, Vice-Chairperson, held a vote by roll call. MOTION FAILED. .**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Clark, Lange, Orton, Szetela, Wagner

Voting No: Commissioners Curry, Eid, Kellom, Lett, Rothhorn, Vallette, Weiss, Witjes

MAIN MOTION: Set each Commissioner's salary at 35% of the Governor's salary. **Motion by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Witjes, Vice-Chairperson, held a vote by roll call. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting Yes: Commissioners Clark, Curry, Eid, Lett, Orton, Rothhorn, Szetela, Vallette, Wagner, Weiss, Witjes

Voting No: Commissioner Kellom

c. Amend Budget, Resolution 2022.03.12. Executive Director Hammersmith presented the budget.

MOTION: Adopt the Resolution 2022.03.12. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Witjes. Commissioner Witjes, Vice-Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Kellom

NEW BUSINESS

a. Document and Record Retention Policy, Resolution 2022.03.13. The Commission discussed staffing updates.

MAIN MOTION: Meet in person on Apr. 14 and make meetings after that remote. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Witjes, Vice-Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

b. Future Meetings. Communications and Outreach Director Woods suggested asking the Office of Auditor General to perform a financial audit as a discussion item at the next meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Feb. 24, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from Mar. 10, 2022. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, 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 provided a report.
- c. Legal Liaison. Commissioner Lett, Legal liaison, provided a report.

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Witjes. Supported by Commissioner Orton. Commissioner Rothhorn, Chairperson, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:21 a.m.