

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

Virtual Meeting via Zoom Webinar. Full agenda, presentations, and video recordings are available at Michigan.gov/MICRC.

Thursday, December 15, 2022

10:00 a.m. – 11:10 a.m.

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark (*remotely from Huntington Beach, California*)
Juanita Curry (*remotely from Detroit, Michigan*)
Anthony Eid (*joined remotely at 10:12 a.m. from Detroit, Michigan*)
Brittni Kellom (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)
Rhonda Lange (*remotely from Osceola County, Michigan*)
Steven Terry Lett (*remotely from Lee County, Florida*)
Cynthia Orton (*remotely from Battle Creek, Michigan*)
MC Rothhorn (*remotely from East Lansing, Michigan*)
Rebecca Szetela (*remotely from Wayne County, Michigan*)
Janice Vallette (*remotely from Highland Township, Michigan*)
Erin Wagner (*remotely from Charlotte, Michigan*)
Richard Weiss (*remotely from Saginaw Township, Michigan*)
Dustin Joseph Witjes (*remotely from Tuscola, Illinois*)

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Edward Woods III, Executive Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff
David and Nate Fink of Fink Bressack
Kim Brace, EDS

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Witjes, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called the roll. A quorum was met.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Witjes, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda," which was adopted. One individual provided remote public comment: James Gallant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. FY 23 Budget Update. Executive Director Woods and legal counsel presented updates to the Commission on the 2023 budget.

MOTION: Move to item 9 on the agenda, Legal Liaison Report, and then return to item 2. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Rothhorn. Commissioner Witjes held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

9. Legal Liaison Report. Commissioner Lett, Legal Liaison, discussed updates to ongoing lawsuits with their legal counsel, Nathan and David Fink.

b. Dormancy and Reactivation Plan. The Commission discussed planning for dormancy.

MOTION: Advance the Dormancy and Reactivation Plan for review by the Michigan Department of State. **Moved by Commissioner Szetela. Supported by Commissioner Clark. Commissioner Witjes held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Lange

c. 2023 Meeting Calendar. Executive Director Woods presented to the Commission the proposed monthly meeting dates for 2023.

MOTION: Adopt the 2023 Meeting Calendar. **Moved by Commissioner Clark. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Witjes held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

Voting No: Commissioner Lange

d. Sigma Requests. Executive Director Woods presented to the Commission the updates on the Sigma records requests.

MOTION: Authorize the MICRC Executive Director to sign Sigma requests for employees, including student interns, of the MI Department of Technology, Management and Budget, Michigan Department of Treasury, and the State Budget Office retroactively to December 1, 2022. **Moved by Commissioner Orton. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Witjes held a vote by show of hands. MOTION APPROVED.**

NEW BUSINESS

a. EDS Analysis of Maps. Mapping consultants from EDS presented to the Commission about election results.

b. September Financials. Executive Director Woods presented the updated September financial report.

MOTION: Accept the updated September financial report. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Weiss. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

Executive Director Report. Executive Director Woods provided a report to the Commission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Eid made an announcement wishing everyone Happy Holidays!

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Adjourn the Meeting and Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. **Moved by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Szetela. Commissioner Witjes, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.