

Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission

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Tuesday, June 15, 2021

1:06 PM – 2:50 PM

at

**The Village Dome at Fellowship Chapel
7707 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48235**

MINUTES

PRESENT: Douglas James Clark
Juanita Curry
Anthony Eid
Brittini Kellom
Rhonda Lange (attending remotely from Reed City, MI)
Steven Terry Lett
MC Rothhorn
Rebecca Szetela
Janice Vallette
Erin Wagner (attending remotely from Charlotte, MI) (*left at 1:50 PM and 2:11 PM, returned at 1:52 PM and 2:23 PM, respectively.*)
Richard Weiss
Dustin Joseph Witjes

ABSENT: Cynthia Orton

OTHERS PRESENT: Suann Hammersmith, Executive Director
Julianne V. Pastula, General Counsel (attending remotely)
Edward Woods III, Communications and Outreach Director
Michigan Department of State (“MDOS”) staff

CALL TO ORDER AND WELCOME

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called the meeting of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (MICRC) to order at 1:06 PM.

ROLL CALL

MDOS staff called roll. All Commissioners were present except Commissioner Orton and a quorum was met.

Commissioner Wagner left at 1:50 PM and 2:11 PM, then returned at 1:52 PM and 2:23 PM, respectively.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon separate motions, Commissioners discussed the public hearing minutes from June 8th and 10th. The Commission also discussed the June 10th meeting minutes. The Commission offered no edits.

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

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the meeting minutes from June 10th. **Motion by Commissioner Rothorn. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

MOTION: Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to approve the public hearing minutes from June 10th. **Motion by Commissioner Curry. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

PUBLIC COMMENT PERTAINING TO AGENDA TOPICS

Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion "to begin the public comment pertaining to agenda topics portion of the agenda" which was adopted. There was one individual who provided virtual public comment: James Gallant.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for the Executive Director to introduce Bruce Adelson to present on race and redistricting” which was adopted. After being introduced, Mr. Adelson presented about race in redistricting, utilizing court cases, redistricting terminology, and other examples to illustrate the issue. Mr. Adelson instructed the Commission on how it should approach race as a whole and in specific situations.
- b. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for the Communication Director will provide a Communication and Outreach Report” which was adopted. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III provided an update on outreach including the toll-free phone line, billboards, and town hall events. Director Woods demonstrated the statistical engagement of the public through general attendance, in-person comments, remote comments, and virtual comments in the public comment tool.
- c. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for the Executive Director to provide an update on the budget” which was adopted. Director Hammersmith reported that an updated budget was provided as of May 31st. Director Hammersmith covered several line items in the budget, including funds expended, amounts confirmed or projected to be spent, and confirmed the budget as amended on May 6. She provided estimated services from MDOS. Director Hammersmith took questions from the Commission.
- d. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, put the motion “for Commissioner Lange to add Commissioner Clark to the Redistricting Process Committee” which was adopted. Commissioner Lange asked the Commission to include Commissioner Clark in the Redistricting Process Committee for his experience and knowledge.

MOTION: Appoint Commissioner Clark to the Redistricting Process Committee. **Motion by Commissioner Lange. Supported by Commissioner Lett. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Kim Brace will be presenting on Thursday, part 2 of his Continuing Education. Director Hammersmith will be reaching out to commissioners for their reflections on the listening tour. The topics of fairness and consensus decision-making will be covered in future meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Commissioner Eid noted the venue's location was on the border of the 13th and 14th congressional districts and the Commission should keep that in mind for the public hearing. Executive Director Hammersmith is reaching out to the Redistricting Process Committee and consultants to see if the meeting can be held on July 8th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Communication and Outreach Director Edward Woods III reported that the July 15th meeting in Benton Township and the August 26th meeting in Traverse City will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. The meetings at colleges and universities in September will also be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Commissioner Kellom, Chair, called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION: Adjourn the meeting. **Motion by Commissioner Lett. Supported by Commissioner Curry. Commissioner Kellom, Chair, held a vote by show of hands. MOTION UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.