

Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in person at the Michigan Bankers Association building in Lansing, MI. Remote access via Zoom was also available for members of the public and Commissioners in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. The MIDC website and meeting notice included information for members of the public on how to participate.

November 22, 2021

Time: 9:00 am

Michigan Bankers Association
507 S Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933

Commission Members Participating

The following members participated in person in Lansing:

- Presiding Officer Christine Green
- Joshua Blanchard
- Tracey Brame
- Paul Bullock
- Hakim Crampton
- Andrew DeLeeuw
- Judge James Fisher
- David Jones
- Debra Kubitskey
- Margaret McAvoy
- Judge Robinson Garrett
- John Shea
- William Swor
- Rob VerHeulen

The following members participated remotely under exemptions from the Open Meetings Act. During roll call, these Commissioners were asked to identify the county, city, town or village and state from which they are attending, that information is reflected below in parentheses following each Commissioner's name.

- Kimberly Buddin (Novi, Oakland County, Michigan)
- James Krizan (Lincoln Park, Wayne County, Michigan)
- Tom McMillin (Oakland County, Michigan)
- Cami Pendell (Eaton County, Michigan)

- Gary Walker (Chocolay Township, Marquette County, Michigan)

Presiding Officer Green called the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (“MIDC” or “the Commission”) meeting to order at 9:01 am.

After a disruption from individuals attending the meeting via Zoom, Commissioner Blanchard moved to eject members of the public who were not muting themselves and who were disrupting the meeting. Commissioner Brame seconded. The motion carried.

Introduction of Commission members and guests

Presiding Officer Green welcomed attendees to the meeting. No guests wished to introduce themselves.

Public Comment

Malice Green offered public comments.

Additions to agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. Commissioner Shea moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Judge Fisher seconded. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

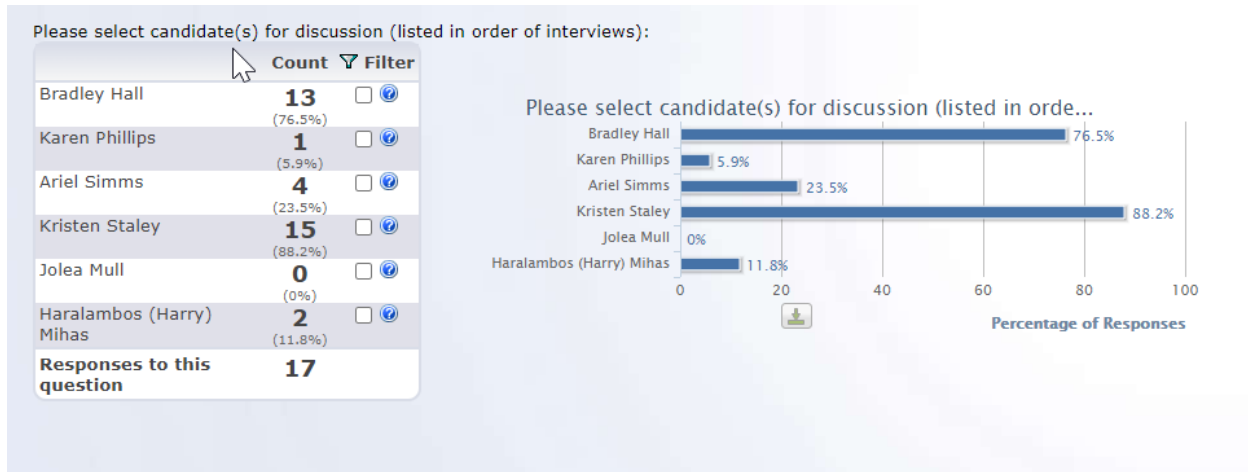
Judge Fisher moved that the consent agenda containing the minutes from the October 29, 2021 meeting be adopted with the change of Commissioner Blanchard’s location to East Grand Rapids, Kent County, Michigan. Commissioner Swor seconded. The motion carried.

Selection of Executive Director

Executive Director Hiring Committee Chair Gary Walker thanked the candidates for applying. He provided an overview of the committee’s process. The committee reviewed all applications and score them, then made recommendations for the candidates to be interviewed by the full Commission. All Commissioners had access to the materials submitted by each candidate.

Commissioner McAvoy moved that the Commission rank the candidates via an electronic poll and discuss the top three candidates. Commissioner Walker seconded. The motion carried.

Commissioners were provided a link to rank their top candidates. The poll was displayed for everyone participating to see.



Commissioner Jones moved that the qualifications for the top two candidates from the Commission's poll, Bradley Hall and Kristen Staley, be discussed. Judge Fisher seconded. The motion carried.

The Commission moved to discussion of the qualifications of each candidate.

After discussion, Judge Fisher moved that the Commission hire Kristen Staley to be the Commission's Executive Director. Commissioner McAvoy seconded. Presiding Officer Green requested a roll call vote. The motion carried, with 16 yeas (Green, Brame, Buddin, Bullock, Crampton, DeLeeuw, Fisher, Jones, Krizan, Kubitskey, McAvoy, Robinson Garrett, Shea, Swor, VerHeulen and Walker) and two nays (Blanchard and McMillin).

Pursuant to the MIDC Action at the August 17, 2021 regular business meeting, Commissioner Walker work with Ms. Staley and LARA on the terms of an offer for the Executive Director position.

The next meeting is December 21, 2021 at 9:00 am. It will be held at the Michigan Bankers Association Building in Lansing and via Zoom.

Commissioner Kubitsky moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Swor seconded. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Marcela Westrate