

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.

October 29, 2021

Time: 8:30 am

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

Commission Members Participating

The following members participated in person in Lansing:

- Chair Christine Green
- Tracey Brame
- Paul Bullock
- Hakim Crampton
- Andrew DeLeeuw
- Judge James Fisher
- James Krizan
- 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.

- Joshua Blanchard (~~Greenville, Montcalm County~~, **EAST GRAND RAPIDS, KENT COUNTY**, Michigan)
- David Jones (Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan)
- Gary Walker (Chocolay Township, Marquette County, Michigan)

Commission Members Absent

- Kimberly Buddin
- Tom McMillin
- Cami Pendell

Staff Members Participating In Person and via Zoom

Marla McCowan, Deborah Mitchell, and Marcela Westrate

Chair Green called the Michigan Indigent Defense Commission (“MIDC” or “the Commission”) meeting to order at 8:50 am.

Introduction of Commission members and guests

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

Public Comment

There were no members of the public who wished to offer comments.

Additions to agenda

There were no additions to the agenda. Commissioner Swor moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Commissioner DeLeeuw seconded. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Commissioner McAvoy moved that the consent agenda containing the minutes from the October 19, 2021 meeting be adopted. Commissioner Kubitskey seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Search Committee

Chair Walker thanked the members of the committee for participating. The Commission will hold a Special Meeting on November 22 at 9:00 am for the purpose of reviewing the executive director candidates and their qualifications.

Commission Business

Executive Director Interviews

The Commission began the Executive Director candidate interviews. Each member of the Commission was assigned one question to ask of each interviewee. The same questions were asked of each candidate. The interviews were recorded and made available to members who were unable to attend the meeting.

The candidates were interviewed in the following order:

- Hall, Bradley
- Phillips, Karen
- Simms, Ariel
- Staley, Kristen

- Mull, Jolea
- Mihas, Haralambos

Judge Fisher moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Shea seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:48 pm.

The next meeting will be a special meeting held on November 22, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Marcela Westrate