

## Michigan Indigent Defense Commission Meeting Minutes

The meeting was held in person at the Michigan Bankers Association building in Lansing, Michigan. Remote access via Zoom was available for Commissioners and, upon request, for members of the public. The MIDC website and meeting notice included information for members of the public on how to contact the MIDC to obtain the Zoom link for participation. Commissioners were able to participate remotely if they qualified for an exemption under the Open Meetings Act or if they requested an accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act, 42 USC 12131 *et. seq.*, and Rehabilitation Act, MCL 395.81 *et. seq.*, pursuant to Attorney General Opinion No. 7318.

**June 24, 2025**

**Time: 9:30 am**

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

### **Commission Members Participating**

The following members participated in person:

- Chair Tracey Brame
- Thomas Adams
- Kimberly Buddin
- Paul Bullock
- Michael Carter
- Andrew DeLeeuw
- James Fisher
- Charissa Huang
- James Krizan
- Judge Paula Mathes
- Margaret McAvoy
- Tom McMillin
- Glenn Simmington

The following Commissioners were absent:

- Christine Green
- David Jones
- Loren Khogali
- Alicia Moon

The following members requested accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate via Zoom:

- Gary Walker (Marquette City, Marquette County, Michigan)

Rob VerHuelen observed the meeting via Zoom but did not participate in the discussions or voting.

Chair Brame called the meeting to order at 9:35 am.

### **Public Comment**

The following people provided public comment:

- Nicole Gilbert
- Natalie Erickson
- Sartaj Gill
- Kim Dorsey
- Neil Leithauser
- Kristen Lavoy
- Angela Peterson
- Pete Menna
- Robin Dillard
- Paulette Loftin
- Robyn McCoy
- Nicole Saady

### **Approval of Agenda**

Commissioner McMillin moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Commissioner Carter seconded. The motion carried.

### **Consent Agenda**

Commissioner Adams moved that the consent agenda containing the minutes from the April meeting be adopted. Commissioner DeLeeuw seconded. The motion carried.

### **Chair's Report**

Chair Brame welcomed new commissioner Charissa Huang. Chair Brame appointed Commissioner Huang to the Training and Evaluation Committee.

### **Executive Director Report**

Ms. Staley provided an overview of MIDC staff activities since the April meeting. She provided an overview of the proposed FY26 grant contract.

Commissioner McMillin moved that the FY26 grant contract be approved. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried.

### **Executive Committee**

Chair Brame updated Commissioners about the Executive Committee's meeting in preparation for the June Commission meeting.

### **Training and Evaluation Committee**

Chair Brame provided an update on the committee's meeting and the growth of the training culture in Michigan and its impact statewide.

### **Indigence and Compensation Committee**

Marla McCowan provided an update on the committee's meeting. The committee focused on trends in contracts for attorneys and demonstrated spending needs.

### **Indirect Costs Committee**

Ms. Staley provided an update on the committee's meeting. The committee discussed proposed modifications to the grant manual related to indirect costs and will continue working on the issue.

### **Regional Update**

Jessica Paladino, Regional Manager for Wayne County, gave an overview of the activities in her region.

### **MIDC Standards Implementation**

#### **Changes to Approved FY25 Plan – City of Ferndale**

Ms. McCowan provided an overview of the plan change requested by the City of Ferndale. There is no impact on the approved cost analysis. MIDC staff recommends approving the change.

Commissioner Bullock moved that the change to the City of Ferndale's compliance plan be approved. Commissioner Adams supported. The motion carried. Commissioner Krizan abstained from the discussion and vote.

#### **FY26 Compliance Plans and Costs**

MIDC staff recommends that the FY26 compliance plans and cost analysis submitted by the following systems be approved:

- Branch County
- Ionia County
- St. Clair County
- Midland County
- Charter Township of Waterford
- City of Birmingham
- City of St Clair Shores
- Schoolcraft County
- City of Grosse Pointe Woods
- City of Taylor
- City of Wayne
- City of Wyandotte
- Berrien County
- City of Grand Rapids
- Ottawa County
- Grand Traverse County
- Manistee and Benzie Counties
- City of Dearborn Heights
- City of Harper Woods
- City of Livonia
- Grosse Ile Township
- Township of Redford
- Clinton County
- Gratiot County
- Eaton County
- Livingston County

Commissioner DeLeeuw moved that the compliance plans and cost analyses for the systems listed above be approved. Judge Mathes seconded. The motion carried.

MIDC staff recommends approval of the plans and partial approval of the costs for the following systems:

- Sanilac County

- Shiawassee County
- Washtenaw County

Commissioner Buddin moved that the compliance plans and a portion of the costs be approved for the three systems listed above. Commissioner Walker seconded.

Commissioner DeLeeuw moved that the motion be amended to approve the total costs requested by Sanilac, Shiawassee, and Washtenaw Counties. Commissioner McAvoy seconded.

Chair Brame requested a roll call vote on the amendment moved by Commissioner DeLeeuw. The amendment passed with 9 yeas (Brame, Adams, Bullock, DeLeeuw, Huang, Krizan, Mathes, McAvoy, and Simmington) and 4 nays (Buddin, Carter, Fisher, and McMillin).

Chair Brame requested a roll call vote on the amended motion to approve the FY26 compliance plans and cost analyses submitted by Sanilac County, Shiawassee County, and Washtenaw County. The motion carried with 9 yeas (Brame, Adams, Bullock, DeLeeuw, Huang, Krizan, Mathes, McAvoy, and Simmington) and four nays (Buddin, Carter, Fisher, and McMillin).

Commissioner Walker left the meeting prior to the roll call votes.

MIDC staff recommends disapproving the FY26 compliance plans and cost analyses submitted by the following systems:

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| • Allegan County             | • Leelanau County             |
| • Van Buren County           | • Dickinson County            |
| • Barry County               | • Emmet County                |
| • Cass County                | • Gogebic County              |
| • Kent County                | • Ontonagon County            |
| • Montcalm County            | • Kalkaska County             |
| • Muskegon County            | • Luce County                 |
| • Charter Township of Shelby | • Mackinac County             |
| • City of Eastpointe         | • Otsego County               |
| • City of Hazel Park         | • Canton Township             |
| • City of Madison Heights    | • City of Allen Park          |
| • City of Pontiac            | • City of Dearborn            |
| • City of Roseville          | • City of Garden City         |
| • City of Royal Oak          | • City of Grosse Pointe       |
| • City of Sterling Heights   | • City of Grosse Pointe Farms |
| • City of Warren             | • City of Grosse Pointe Park  |
| • Lapeer County              | • City of Hamtramck           |
| • Macomb County              | • City of Highland Park       |
| • Oakland County             | • City of Inkster             |
| • Iosco County               | • City of Romulus             |
| • Antrim County              | • City of Southgate           |

- City of Detroit
- Genesee County
- Hillsdale County
- Ingham County
- Lenawee County

Commissioner McMillin moved that the compliance plans and cost analyses submitted by the systems listed above be disapproved. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried. Judge Mathes abstained from the discussion and vote with respect to Muskegon County.

MIDC staff recommends that the compliance plans and cost analyses submitted by the following systems be disapproved:

- Calhoun County
- Kalamazoo County
- St. Joseph County
- City of Farmington
- City of Ferndale
- City of Oak Park
- City of Southfield
- Clinton Township
- Clare and Gladwin Counties
- Lake County
- Mason County
- Mecosta County
- Newaygo County
- Oceana County
- Osceola County
- Alpena County
- Montmorency County
- Oscoda County
- Alcona County
- Arenac County
- Bay County
- Huron County
- Isabella County
- Ogemaw County
- Roscommon County
- Saginaw County
- Tuscola County
- Cheboygan County
- Houghton, Baraga, and Keweenaw Counties
- Presque Isle County
- Alger County
- Charlevoix County
- Chippewa County
- Crawford County
- Delta County
- Iron County
- Marquette County
- Menominee County
- Wexford and Missaukee Counties
- City of Lincoln Park
- Wayne County
- Jackson County
- Monroe County

Judge Mathes moved that the compliance plans and cost analyses submitted by the systems listed above be disapproved. Commissioner Carter seconded. The motion carried. Commissioner Krizan abstained from the discussion and vote with respect to the City of Ferndale.

MIDC Staff recommends treated the City of Westland's failure to submit a compliance plan and cost analysis for FY26 as a disapproval. Commissioner McAvoy so moved. Commissioner Simmington seconded. The motion carried.

Chair Brame adjourned the meeting at 1:43 pm.