

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.

September 12, 2025

Time: 1:30 pm

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
- Christine Green
- Charissa Huang
- David Jones
- Loren Khogali
- James Krizan
- Judge Paula Mathes
- Margaret McAvoy
- Tom McMillin
- Glenn Simmington
- Alan Vanderberg
- Rob VerHuelen

The following Commissioners were absent:

- Michael Carter
- Andrew DeLeeuw
- Judge James Fisher

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

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

Alicia Moon observed the meeting via Zoom but did not participate in the discussions or voting.

Chair Brame called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

Public Comment

The following people provided public comment:

- Robin Dillard Russaw
- Rachel McRipley
- Thomas Hausman
- Tom Tomko
- Pete Menna
- Dr. Karen Moore
- Tobi Lake
- Chad Catalino

Approval of Agenda

Commissioner Adams moved that the agenda be adopted as presented. Commissioner Khogali seconded. The motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Judge Mathes moved that the consent agenda containing the minutes from the April meeting be adopted. Commissioner Krizan seconded. The motion carried.

Chair's Report

Chair Brame welcomed new commissioner Alan Vanderberg. She has assigned Commissioner Vanderberg to the Independence Committee and the Data Collection Committee.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Staley provided an overview of proposed amendments to the FY26 grant contract. Commissioner VerHuelen moved that the FY26 grant contract with amendments allowing reduced payments in the first, second, third and fourth quarters be approved. Commissioner McMillin seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Committee

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

Indirect Costs Ad Hoc Committee

Committee chair VerHuelen gave an update on the committee's August meeting. The committee's work will continue.

MIDC Standards Implementation – FY26 Compliance Plans and Costs

Staff recommends approval of the following compliance plans and cost analyses:

- City of Westland
- Barry County
- Canton Township
- City of Ferndale
- City of Grosse Pointe
- City of Lincoln Park
- City of Madison Heights
- City of Pontiac
- City of Romulus
- Genesee County
- Iron County
- Monroe County
- Van Buren County

Commissioner McMillin moved that the compliance plans and cost analyses for the systems listed above be approved. Commissioner Adams supported. The motion carried. Commissioner Krizan abstained from the discussion and vote with respect to the City of Ferndale. Commissioner Simmington abstained from the discussion and vote with respect to Genesee County.

Ms. McCowan provided an overview of the revised cost analyses for the City of Birmingham and Waterford Township. The revisions remove duplicative costs. Staff recommends approval. Commissioner McAvoy moved that the revised cost analyses for the City of Birmingham and Waterford Township be approved. Commissioner Krizan seconded. The motion carried.

Chair Brame adjourned the meeting at 3:45 pm.