

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.

October 21, 2025

Time: 9:30 am

Michigan Public Services Building
7109 W. Saginaw Hwy. Lansing, MI 48917

Commission Members Participating

The following members participated in person:

- Vice Chair Rob VerHeulen
- Thomas Adams
- Michael Carter
- Andrew DeLeeuw
- Judge James Fisher
- Christine Green
- Charissa Huang
- David Jones
- Loren Khogali
- James Krizan
- Judge Paula Mathes
- Tom McMillin
- Glenn Simmington
- Alan Vanderberg

The following Commissioners were absent:

- Tracey Brame
- Kimberly Buddin
- Margaret McAvoy

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.

Vice Chair VerHeulen called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.

Public Comment

The following people provided public comment:

- Tobi Lake
- Karen Moore
- Pete Menna
- Robin Dillard Russaw
- Stephanie Farrell
- Natalie Erickson

Approval of Agenda

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

Consent Agenda

Commissioner Vanderberg moved that the consent agenda containing the September 12, 2025 meeting minutes be approved. Commissioner Khogali seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Director Report

Ms. Staley provided an overview of the FY26 operational and grant appropriations.

Ms. Staley presented a proposed FY27 appropriations request that will be submitted to the Department of Licensing Regulatory Affairs and the State Budget Office for review. The request is for \$258.2 million, matching the amount appropriated in FY25.

Commissioner DeLeeuw moved that the proposed FY27 budget request be approved. Commissioner Adams seconded. The motion carried.

Executive Committee

Vice Chair VerHeulen provided an overview of the committee's meeting. The committee met in preparation for the October Commission meeting.

Data Collection Ad Hoc Committee

Marla McCowan presented a report on the committee's activities in Commissioner Buddin's absence. The committee met on October 16, 2025.

Regional Update: South Central Michigan

Regional Manager Nicole Walter provided an update on the activities in her region.

MIDC Standards Implementation – FY26 Compliance Plans and Costs

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

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| • Charter Township of Shelby | • Lapeer County |
| • City of Sterling Heights | • Cass County |
| • City of Detroit | • Kalamazoo County |
| • City of Inkster | • St. Joseph County |
| • Ogemaw County | • Arenac County |
| • City of Oak Park | • Bay County |

- Huron County
- Iosco County
- Kalkaska County
- Leelanau County
- Marquette County
- Wexford and Missaukee Counties
- City of Highland Park
- City of Dearborn
- Ingham County
- Isabella County
- Calhoun County
- Cheboygan County
- Delta County
- Alger County
- Antrim County
- Charlevoix County
- Chippewa County
- Crawford County
- Dickinson County
- Emmet County
- Gogebic County
- Houghton, Baraga and Keweenaw Counties
- Luce County
- Mackinac County
- Menominee County
- Ontonagon County
- Otsego County
- Presque Isle County
- Alcona County
- Alpena County
- Montmorency County
- Oscoda County
- Roscommon County
- Tuscola County
- Jackson County
- City of Garden City
- City of Grosse Pointe Farms
- City of Grosse Pointe Park
- City of Hamtramck
- City of Southgate
- City of Eastpointe
- City of Farmington
- City of Hazel Park
- City of Roseville
- City of Royal Oak
- City of Southfield
- City of Warren
- Clinton Township
- Macomb County
- Oakland County
- Allegan County
- Kent County
- Montcalm County
- Muskegon County

Commissioner McMillin moved that the staff recommendation be adopted and that the compliance plans and cost analyses for the systems listed above be approved. Commissioner Huang seconded. The motion carried. Commissioner Vanderberg abstained from the vote and discussion with respect to Kent County. Commissioner Mathes abstained from the vote and discussion with respect to Muskegon County.

Ms. McCowan provided an overview of the City of Allen Park's FY26 request and the staff recommendation. Staff recommends funding be awarded in the amount of \$201,127.81. Commissioner McMillin moved that the FY26 compliance plan and a portion of the costs identified to be reduced by MIDC staff for the City of Allen Park. Commissioner Carter seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. McCowan provided an overview of the compliance plans and cost analyses submitted by Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties. Commissioner Adams moved that the FY26 compliance plan and a portion of the costs as identified to be reduced by MIDC staff for Hillsdale and Lenawee Counties be approved. Commissioner McMillin seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. McCowan provided an overview of the compliance plan and cost analysis submitted by Wayne County. Commissioner McMillin moved to approve the FY26 compliance plan and a portion of the costs identified to be reduced by MIDC staff for Wayne County. Commissioner Green seconded. The motion carried.

Mecosta County

Commissioner Vanderburg moved that the FY26 compliance plan and a portion of the costs as identified to be reduced by MIDC staff for Mecosta County. Commissioner Krizan seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. McCowan provided an overview of the request submitted by the following counties:

- Clare and Gladwin Counties
- Lake County
- Mason County
- Newaygo County
- Oceana County
- Osceola County
- Saginaw County

Judge Fisher moved that the FY26 compliance plans and a portion of the costs as identified to be reduced by MIDC staff for the counties listed above be approved. Commissioner Green seconded. The motion carried.

Ms. McCowan presented a request from the City of Taylor to add an arraignment attorney to their previously-approved plan. Commissioner DeLeeuw moved to approve an increase to the cost analysis for the City of Taylor in the approved FY26 compliance plan and cost analysis. Commissioner Simmington seconded. The motion carried.

Vice Chair VerHeulen adjourned the meeting at 1:30 pm.