

The Michigan Assembly

General Assembly Meeting

Agenda



Date: March 4, 2025

General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (volunteer)
- Bivens Decision (Kenneth Fisher)
- Meeting Protocol (Kenneth Fisher)
- Changes to meeting minutes from February 18, 2025
- Acceptance & Introduction of New Members
- Affirmations for Accepted Roles

Reports

➤ **NOTE: Committee Chairs, see email from Banking Committee with guidelines for budget presentations**

- Treasury (Mark Steinke)
- Records Committee (Amy Hunt)
- Education (Richard Saroni)
- Outreach/Freedom Guides/Orientation (Kimberly Watling)
- Ombudsman (Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner)
- Oversight (Elsa Carpenter Peck)
- Marshal At Arms (Kenneth Fisher)
- Vetting (Rick Worden)
- Information Technology & Communication (Jan Buzard)
- Jural Assembly Working Group (Nigel Turtle)
- GA Working Group (Rick Worden)
- PKTF Liaison (Kimberly Watling)
- Coordinator (Amy Hunt)

In Process Items

- **Vetting Committee Guidance Documents and Forms Approval** (Rick Worden)
 - Proposal Designation: **20250218-VC-01-V1** (attached)
 - *Does the GA approve the following documents for use by the Vetting Committee? YES or NO*
 - *Text to Interviewee*
 - *Michigan Vetting Committee Procedure Guidelines*
 - *Michigan Vetting Committee Interviewee Questionnaire*
 - *Summary Vetting Report blank*
- **Keep the Telegram supergroup** (Jan Buzard)
 - Original Proposal Designation: **2025-02-10-IT-1-1** (from meeting on 2/18/2025)
 - **NEW** Proposal Designation: **2025-02-10-IT-2-3** (attached)
 - *Does the GA want to keep the Telegram supergroup after the members website is ready? YES or NO*
 - An updated proposal is attached with dissenting views included.
- **A Forum on the Members Only Website** (Jan Buzard)
 - Proposal Designation: **20250209-IT-1-6** (attached)
 - *This proposal is to determine if the General Assembly wants a forum on the members only website. YES or NO*

- **Sliding Scale Payment for Status Correction** (Amy Hunt, Records Chair)
 - Proposal Designation: **20250218-RC-1-V1** (attached)
 - *Shall we allow people to choose how much they pay when using Recording and Publishing Services of The Michigan Assembly using the sliding scale described below? YES or NO*
 - See the proposal for the sliding scale details

New Items – None this week

Close

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1) Proposal Designation: 20250218-VC-01-V1

2) Proposal Working Title: Vetting Committee Guidance Documents and Forms Approval

3) Proposal Language: Does the GA approve the following documents for use by the Vetting Committee?

Text to Interviewee

Michigan Vetting Committee Procedure Guidelines

Michigan Vetting Committee Interviewee Questionnaire

Summary Vetting Report blank

4) Describe how this proposal serves and/or protects the people on Michigan: These documents have been developed by the Vetting Committee for use in their work of investigating and evaluating people for specific roles in the Assembly. The VC's job is to evaluate: 1) Basic eligibility for the role in question, 2) Past criminal history that might affect job performance, and 3) Any substantial conflicts of interest. This work helps protect the people on Michigan from having the wrong people in Assembly roles.

5) Sponsor: Richard Glen Worden, Vetting Committee Chairman

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Rick Worden, Amy Hunt, Mark Steinke

7) Activity

Proposal Written Date: 06 February 2025

Proposal Read at the GA Date:

Committee Delegated to, Instructions, and Vote Result: Vetting Committee

Reconsidered Date:

Disposition and Vote Result:

8) Support from other Committees: The Peacekeeping Task Force (PKTF) and Continental Marshals provided guidance and instructions for developing these guidelines. They asked all Vetting Committees to keep their guidance confidential to help protect the States and the Federation from those who might try to undermine reconstruction efforts by evading strategies and tactics put in place to detect malevolent people and their supporting organizations. Some parts of these documents have been redacted for that reason. Nevertheless, the Michigan Vetting Committee desires to be as open and transparent as possible with the General Assembly and the public to avoid unnecessary "mystery" and questions about their work.

9) Treasury Opinion and Funds Supported: No funds are required for administration of these documents.

10) Dissenting Views and their Consideration:

Autographs and Seals, etc.

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1) Proposal Designation: 2025-02-10-IT-2-3

2) Proposal Working Title: Keep the Telegram supergroup

3) Proposal Language: Does the GA want to keep the Telegram supergroup after the members website is ready?

4) Describe how this proposal serves and/or protects the people on Michigan:

Reasons for keeping it:

1. communication with other assembly members who are on telegram.
2. backup storage for minutes, agendas and other assembly documents.
3. the ability to upload and download large files.

A reason for voting on it: There has been recent comments that the GA never voted to use Telegram. The GA had voted no on a proposal to eliminate both Telegram channels which indicates that these are wanted.

5) Sponsor: Jan Buzard

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Jan Buzard, Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner, Linda Steinke, Rene McGuigan, Aaron Stoddart-Cordova, Bob Brown, Rick Worden

7) Activity

Proposal Written Date: February 10, 2025

Proposal Read at the GA Date: February 18, 2025

Committee Delegated to, Instructions, and Vote Result:

Reconsidered Date:

Disposition and Vote Result:

8) Support from other Committees: IT, Ombudsman, Litigation

9) Treasury Opinion and Funds Supported: No funds needed

10) Dissenting Views and their Consideration:

Amy Hunt and Rick – It's too soon to consider this.

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1) Proposal Designation: 20250209-IT-1-6

2) Proposal Working Title: A Forum on the Members Only Website

3) Proposal Language: Build a forum on the members only website. To be able to do this, we will need to use the decorum guidelines from the supergroup. Moderators will be needed (called admins on Telegram).

Possible ways to do this are a forum plugin or we may be able to use Telegram code.

This proposal is to determine if the General Assembly wants a forum on the members only website.

4) Describe how this proposal serves and/or protects the people on Michigan: This will make it possible for all members of the assembly to be able to communicate with all other members without using email or zoom. Some members will not use Telegram and they are missing out on this kind of communication. It is a good idea to have more than one way to communicate.

5) Sponsor: Jan Buzard, IT Committee

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Jan Buzard, Rene McGuigan, Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner, Rick Worden, Aaron Stoddart-Cordova, Bob Brown, Linda Steinke

7) Activity

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| Proposal Written Date: | February 9, 2025 |
| Proposal Read at the GA Date: | February 18, 2025 |
| Committee Delegated to, Instructions, and Vote Result: | |
| Reconsidered Date: | |
| Disposition and Vote Result: | |

8) Support from other Committees: Education, **Ombudsman**, Litigation, Vetting Chair, IT

9) Treasury Opinion and Funds Supported: At most \$49/year or \$149 lifetime for one of the plugins. Most of the others are free.

10) Dissenting Views and their Consideration:

Amy Hunt – It's too soon to consider this.

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1) Proposal Designation: 20250218-RC-1-V1

2) Proposal Working Title: Sliding Scale Payment for Status Correction

3) Proposal Language: Shall we allow people to choose how much they pay when using Recording and Publishing Services of The Michigan Assembly using the sliding scale described below?

Recording

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|-------------|------|------|-----|
| 1779 Pkg | \$10 | \$6 | \$3 |
| 928 Pkg | \$15 | \$10 | \$5 |
| Letters Pkg | \$10 | \$6 | \$3 |

Publishing

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|-------------|------|------|-----|
| 1779 Pkg | \$10 | \$6 | \$3 |
| 928 Pkg | \$15 | \$10 | \$5 |
| Letters Pkg | \$10 | \$6 | \$3 |

4) Describe how this proposal serves and/or protects the people on Michigan: Money, or lack of it, should never be a hindrance to someone declaring themselves to be a free American. Requiring a fee is important as it solidifies the intention of the wo/man so that coercion cannot be implied. This proposal will make status correction even more accessible, while maintaining a record of the wo/man's intention.

5) Sponsor: Amy Hunt

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Amy Hunt, Rene McGuigan, Kimberly Watling, Richard Saroni, Jan Buzard

7) Activity

Proposal Written Date:

February 10, 2025

Proposal Read at the GA Date:

February 18, 2025

Committee Delegated to, Instructions, and Vote Result:

Reconsidered Date:

Disposition and Vote Result:

[add as needed]

8) Support from other Committees:

9) Treasury Opinion and Funds Supported: To approach Treasury on February 11, 2025.

10) Dissenting Views and their Consideration:

Notes:

The idea for this proposal originated with Kimberly Watling, who wanted to start a Pay It Forward program, where when it came time for someone to pay fees, they would be notified that the fees have been paid for them by a donation, then they could decide if they would like to do the same. The main drawback to this idea is the matter of Intention. If someone didn't "put their money where their mouth is", so to speak, could someone later accuse The Michigan Assembly of coercing them into correcting their status? This is something that must be avoided. This is when the sliding scale was suggested, much like what is used for the Sign-In American training course.

January 31, 2025: Recording Secretaries agreed some type of payment is necessary. See item #51 in the RS Minutes of Meeting where the amounts for the sliding scale was determined.

February 10, 2025: To bring forward to the Banking Committee for their blessing.