

The Michigan Assembly

General Assembly Meeting

Agenda



Date: June 17, 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 June 3, 2025

Reports

- Treasury (Mark Steinke)
- Records Committee (Amy Hunt)
- Education (Richard Saroni)
- New Member Orientation (Amy Hunt)
- Outreach/Freedom Guides (Kimberly Watling)
- Ombudsman (Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner)
- Oversight (Elsa Carpenter Peck)
- Peacekeepers on Michigan (Kenny 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

- None this week

New Items

- **Use of Closed Captioning** (Amy Hunt, interim Records Committee Chair)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20250003** (attached)
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly approve the use of Closed Captioning transcriptions during any GA and/or Committee Meeting?*
 - From the proposal: “Closed captioning assists people during meetings to better comprehend what is being said. This is not AI. It is not connected to the AI Companion service in Zoom. AI Companion would not be turned on.”
 - Please read the entire proposal including the NOTES section for details.
 - This proposal is being presented to the GA tonight, with a vote scheduled for July 1, 2025.

Close

The Michigan Assembly Proposal



Proposal Designation: GA-20250003 **Version:** 1 **Committee:** Records

Proposal Title: Use of Closed Captioning

Proposal Language:

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Describe how this proposal serves:

Closed captioning assists people during meetings to better comprehend what is being said.

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Sponsor: Amy Hunt, interim Records Committee Chair

Assemblymen who worked on the proposal:

Amy Hunt, Richard Saroni, Linda Steinke

Proposal Written Date: May 12, 2025

Proposal Read at GA Date:

Committee Delegated to, Instructions and Vote Result:

Reconsidered Date:

Disposition and Vote Result:

Support from Other Committees:

Treasury Opinion and Funds Supported: No funds needed.

Dissenting Views and their Consideration:

While developing this proposal, there were dissenting views from Nigel Turtle and Mariana Forrest regarding the use of AI services. These views are recorded in the Records Committee meeting minutes from June 6, 2025. The committee decided to change the proposal to only use a Zoom function that does not incorporate AI.

Notes:

When Closed Captioning is turned on in a meeting, people would receive a message on their screen saying, "This meeting is being transcribed."

Zoom uses the words "transcription" and "Closed Captioning" to mean the same thing.

Zoom does not save these transcriptions automatically on our Zoom account. These transcripts must be saved manually at each meeting.

This would allow individual men and women to save the transcripts to their computer if they desire.

If Closed Captioning is turned on in a committee meeting, this would allow a committee to save the transcript and attach it to their meeting minutes or upload as a separate file on the GA member website should they desire.

This proposal is not recommending attaching transcripts directly to publicly available General Assembly minutes.
