

# The Michigan Assembly

## General Assembly Meeting

### Agenda



Date: September 10, 2024

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#### Open Michigan Public Forum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

#### Education/Outreach presentation

Presenter: Rick Worden

Topic: Open Q/A

#### Question & Answer Period + Chat

Invite guests to stay for GA Meeting

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#### General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:00pm

#### Welcome

- Opening Prayer (volunteer)
- Bivens Decision (MAA)
- Meeting Protocol (MAA)
- Changes to meeting minutes from last week
- GA Meeting Purpose: Purpose of GA meeting is for reporting from committees and to vote on matters brought by committees. When new issues are brought to the GA, we decide which committee it should go to for discussion.

#### Acceptance & Introduction of New Members

#### Reports

- Treasury (Mark S)
- Recording Secretary (Rene M)
- Sign-In America (Amy H)
- Outreach/Freedom Guides (Kimberly W)
- Ombudsman (Debra GW)
- Vetting (Rick W)
- Information Technology & Communication (Jan B)
- Litigation (Troy B)
- The Working Group (Rick W)
- PKTF Liaison (Kimberly W)

#### Coordinator Updates

#### In Process Items

- None this week

#### New Items

- Proposal from Nicholas K regarding censure of committee chairs:
  - Consideration for Censure of Committee Chairman/woman who have been arbitrarily ending video conferences without a Move-to End, Seconded, and voted by attending Committee Members. This constitutes petty tyranny and power creep. By doing so they're circumventing Checks and Balances. Committee Chairman/woman serve the General Assembly.

- Proposal from Nicholas K regarding establishment of Oversight Committee:
  - Establish Committee
  - Elect Chair, which may not be Ombudsman
  - /Oversight will be removed (needs explanation)
  - Addition by Jan B: When an Oversight Committee is established, the GA will immediately ask for nominations for the Oversight Committee Chair.
- Proposal from Kimberly W to change GA meeting schedule ◦ Written proposal on page 3 of this agenda.
- FOR INFORMATION ONLY THIS WEEK:

Proposal in three parts: (Debra GW)

The Michigan General Assembly Meeting Focus and Order Rules will provide structure to our General Assembly (GA) meetings only if the members know how to use them. Comprehension is the first step and words are important. Therefore, we are suggesting changing the Robert's Rules of Order (R3O) phrases to words with plain meaning. This proposal has three parts. We ask that each part be discussed and adopted or rejected on its own merit.

Part 1: Adoption of the current structure and future iterations of The Michigan General Assembly Meeting Focus and Order Rules submitted and updated by the Ombudsman Committee, including the requisite training needed to keep members up to date — see the details outlined in the attached document — are submitted for acceptance.

Part 2: In an effort to maintain an educated assembly, with clarity and immediacy, these GA meeting guidelines will be presented by the Ombudsman Committee along with the Education Committee to the GA. Therefore, the Ombudsman Committee and the Education Committee request that the last half hour of the Open Public meeting, currently on Tuesday evenings, be set aside for a period of 4 weeks to educate the members of The Michigan Assembly and the public. Beginning September 24, continuing October 1, and 8, ending October 15.

Part 3: This Ombudsman and Education Committees request that the training times for the Focus and Order guidelines at the Open Public meeting will be recorded. This follows the previously adopted proposal that portions of a meeting that are educational may be recorded.

- Further information is provided on pages 4 - 7 of this agenda

**Close**

TMA GA Agenda Item: September 3 10, 2024

Presented by: Kimberly Mayer Watling

Tuesdays... 1 and 3; 2 and 4; 5...!

1 and 3:

I propose opening discussion considering moving TMA GA open call and business meetings from every Tuesday to the 1st First and 3rd Third Tuesdays of the month.

I believe this would afford more efficient use of time for constructive, forward moving committee work with a little more breathing room than the current weekly schedule and allow for returns/responses from others on tasks assigned to gather information or implement, continue, complete work on desks, and will offer GA and the public more ripe content in reporting how The American government on Michigan is serving her people.

And, with peaceful Militia preparedness duty, many harvest and prepare for winter... some additional living time is needed at certain times of the year, and this would allow for the family and home of our GA to be properly attended to.

2 and 4:

For the 2nd Second and 4th Fourth Tuesday's, I propose a peaceful militia study group from 6-8pm for those who can make it. With so many talented men and women on Michigan and the terrific resources we are to each other – we should consider using this time to check in with each other, share preparedness and study all the great things we are capable of doing when a little help from our friends.

5...!

And to the final type of Tuesdays... I believe we can in cycle, have up to 5 – 5th Fifth Tuesdays in a calendar year. One, of which, could fall in December. With many working on end of year tie outs, holidays, travel and natural culturally rich in “family time” occasions – in the event of this, a fifth Tuesday in December - I suggest allowing for family time in lieu of an Assembly meeting – conditional on stable state of the Nation and or the wanting/need to gather.

The additional 5th Fifth Tuesdays, perhaps we consider them Outreach events! - Where we actually aim to gather somewhere (each to be determined, TBD) on our beautiful Michigan or, TBD as the date approaches and according to best need.

Thank you.

## **The Michigan General Assembly Meeting Focus and Order Rules:**

**Purpose:** Participation of the greatest numbers of assembly members is desired in our assembly and at our General Assembly Meetings. Many assembly members have life circumstances that make attending committee meetings unreasonable. But we are many; all deserve to be heard. In order to make this possible a well structured General Assembly meeting will allow our well informed members to meaningfully discuss the business brought before us. The Ombudsman Committee has stepped forward to work out possible solutions to present to the General Assembly. We humbly beg forgiveness of our experimenting at our GA meetings without having first presented the information and instructions. Please consider the ideas presented here for adoption to our functioning GA meetings.

**Gratitude:** Each member of our assembly while educating themselves on living free, on how to build our assembly, on keeping up with Anna's articles, etc., are acknowledged for such brave and forward looking actions. I wish to say thank you for seeing the vision, the fraud and the bright future we are building. Thank you for joining the assembly. Thank you for volunteering. Thank you for lending your voice to things we are creating together. Especially thank you for your continued commitment as we are challenged with our internal and external responses to building what has not been functioning in 160+ years. I am calling for flexibility and grace as we step into the roles of serving the needs of the people on Michigan. No role is insignificant. Your voice is the greatest gift you can give to our assembly, similar to the creation story it is the word that was sent to create. This means your ideas and your voice are the greatest gift you give to us. Your volunteering is just the manifestation of those words, and I say again, "Thank You!"

**Expectation:** Part of our commitment as assembly members includes keeping abreast of each committee meeting by attending or by reading the meeting notes or meeting minutes or Minutes of Meeting (MOM) provided by each committee in the Telegram Supergroup Channel or emailed each week. Because we are building the foundation and structure of our assembly the time commitment is greater than it will be when things are built. But I must stay, freedom comes at a cost, the cost is ever vigilance. As Rick has said, "Trust, but verify."

If you have questions about a committee meeting or the meeting notes, after you have reviewed them, take advantage of the time before the GA meeting to ask your questions of the committee chair. Your comprehension is valuable because it allows for meaningful discussion of business brought forward at the GA meetings. During the GA meeting should something not make sense please take notes and contact the committee chair after the meeting or attend the next committee meeting. The GA meeting is for conducting business. Again, thank you for stepping up to serve our state and its people. Every moment you give is appreciated by us and future generations of people on Michigan.

Here are suggestions, a blue print for framing our GA meetings. It starts with Definitions, followed by how these processes may work in a GA meeting.

### **Definitions of Terms for the Focus and Order Rules:**

Proposal is an item of business brought to the assembly by a committee or assembly members, using the words, "*I propose . . .*"

A **Proposal** brought by a **committee** has been worked through by assembly members. Therefore a Proposal brought by a committee does not require additional Support. A

committee Proposal is open for discussion. The committee Proposal will be voted on or returned to back to that committee depending upon the discussion.

A **Proposal** brought by an **assembly member**, after receiving the requisite Support, is open for discussion. It will be sent to a committee for review. Possible outcomes of Proposals sent to committee:

- A. The committee, along with the member/author, will prepare a well worded proposal to present at a GA meeting.
- B. A proposal may not have action - meaning the member/author or the member/supporter of the proposal have neglected to connect with the committee chair via one of the *four-methods*\* to insure their proposal is developed. If there is no action by the member/author or the member/supporter at the committee meeting immediately following the GA meeting where the Proposal was introduced, the proposal will be considered incomplete due to lack of action. It is returned to its member/author. The committee will consider this item closed.
- C. An incomplete proposal from a member/author may be submitted a second and last time by putting it back on the GA meeting agenda. If the member/author's proposal is incomplete a second time, the GA reserves the right to consider the Proposal permanently incomplete.

“Support” or “Agreed” when used by a member, that member states they are accepting the Proposal as an item of business they support. Supporting or Accepting the Proposal opens discussion. If a member says they Support or Agree with a proposal, they are also agreeing to following that proposal through to a vote. The vote may come after going to committee or it may become *Incomplete*\*\* at committee. (See the definition for members bringing Proposals to the GA.)

Request Change is a request to add or delete wording to the Proposal. Once a Request Change is put forth the Proposal will be returned to the committee or forwarded to a committee after discussion and vote to accept or reject the change. If the Proposal is brought by an assembly member, we need to determine to which committee the Proposal will be sent. If you wish to add or delete words in a Proposal please say, “*Request Change to Proposal to . . .*” Please write down your verbiage so we may get it right in our meeting minutes.

Send to Committee: At anytime during discussion of a Proposal at the GA meeting a member may say, “*Send to Committee*,” to end discussion. It must have a “Support” or “Agreed” to actually end discussion. Proposals submitted by committee will return to that committee, Proposals from assembly member will need a vote as to which committee receives this Proposal.

Process Question: Is used to call attention to a misstep or forgotten step in our process. When used, please point out the process in question. Please get the moderators attention unmuting and saying “*May I?*” Wait to be acknowledged. Then proceed: “*Process Question*.” Explain the perceived error or misstep. The moderator will evaluate and respond to the reason there is no misstep or to clarify, educating the GA on the actual process.

Request a Vote: This phrase can be used to question a decision made by the moderator. When used you must give your reason and it must have Support to continue.

*\*Four-Methods*: When a member brings forth a Proposal it will be sent to committee. The author/member of the Proposal and the member who Supported or Agreed with the Proposal may do one of the following to develop the Proposal in committee:

1. Attend the committee meeting that immediately follows the the GA meeting where the Proposal was introduced. This is where the member/supporting may attend instead of the author to bring this Proposal forward.
2. Submit a Telegram Video to the chair of the committee with detail on the Proposal.
3. Submit a call or leave a voice message via cell phone, Telegram or text, to the chair of the committee.
4. Submit a written explanation and the wording of the proposal via email or Telegram.

***\*\*Incomplete:*** Simply means a Proposal from an assembly member was not followed through with the committee and no forward action by the committee will be taken.

### **At the General Assembly Meeting:**

The following are suggestions of how the flow of these processes may work at our our GA meeting. Introduction of Proposals may happen during committee reports, old business or new business. The definitions above and overview below may help to illustrated how these words may function. We plan to conduct educational presentations for the GA and those interested.

#### ***GA Meeting:***

- Introducing item from a member of the assembly to the GA: “I propose . . . .”
- A member who agrees with the proposal and wishes the GA to discuss says: “I support the proposal . . .(repeat the Proposal language) “ or “I agree that . . .(repeat the Proposal language)”

#### ***Discussion of a Member or Committee Proposal:***

The member making the Proposal speaks first, this maybe the only time they speak so they will have 5 minutes articulate the idea and which committee they wish to review their proposal. At the moderator's discretion that member may be asked clarifying questions.

#### ***Discussion Guidelines:***

Members raise electronic hands to speak, when recognized they may speak by **first repeating the proposal** — to keep focus of the entire GA — after which they may make supporting or challenging statements either supporting or rejecting the Proposal. They will have 2 minutes to speak. Members may only speak once unless the moderator asks them a clarifying question.

The moderator will focus on the rights of all members. This means each member has the opportunity to speak once. After all voices that wish to speak are heard, each stating the proposal before they speak, the moderator has the option to call for addition comments. This is when a member may have the opportunity to speak a second time. As with the first round, each member wishing to speak a second time only speaks once — and additional minute. (Use it or lose it - no additional time is saved or given to another.)

Although, you may have qualifying information during these discussions, please wait. At this point in our growth voices being heard is more important. Raise you hand. If you have already spoken it will signal to the moderator that you may have qualifying information. It is the

decision of the moderator to ask you if this is the case, and then signal for you to speak or be quiet. We all get to develop patience, it is a virtue!

*Time Limits:*

There will be a time limit given to a proposal determined by the moderator who will weight the number of agenda items to the amount of time we can spend on a single item. This means the above mentioned times limits may be adjusted to fit out meeting time limits.

*Other Possibilities:*

If there is a Request to Change, to add or remove wording on a Proposal that does not receive a Support/Agreed will revert back to the original proposal, which remains as Proposed. If a Request to Change is Supported then there will be discussion about the change and a vote regarding the change. (Same discussion and timing guidelines as described above.)

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