

# The Michigan Assembly

## General Assembly Meeting

### Agenda



Date: November 19, 2024

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#### Open Michigan Public Forum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

#### Education/Outreach presentation

Presenter: Amy Hunt

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 (Kenneth Fisher)
- Meeting Protocol (Kenneth Fisher)
- Changes to meeting minutes from GA meeting on November 5, 2024

#### Acceptance & Introduction of New Members

#### Affirmations for Accepted Roles

#### Reports

- Treasury (Mark Steinke)
- Recording Secretary (Rene McGuigan)
- Sign-In America (Amy Hunt)
- Outreach/Freedom Guides (Kimberly Watling)
- Ombudsman (Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner)
- Vetting (Rick Worden)
- Information Technology & Communication (Jan Buzard)
- Jural Assembly Working Group and Litigation (Troy Brown)
- The GA Working Group (Rick Worden)
- PKTF Liaison (Kimberly Watling)

#### Coordinator Updates

#### In Process Items

- **State Assembly Oversight Committee Chair pro Tem** (Amy Hunt)
  - **This week:** Election - Elsa Carpenter Peck
  - Affirmation – December 3

#### New Items

- **Proposal for Ombudsman Service Fees** (Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner)
  - Proposal Designation: 20241112-OS-DGW-01
  - Please see attached document for details

#### Close

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**Agenda Proposal**

- 1) Proposal Designation: 20241112-OS-DGW-01
- 2) Proposal Working Title: Ombudsman Service Fees
- 3) Proposal: Proposal for The Michigan Assembly regarding Ombudsman Services

Ombudsman Services Fees

Shall we adopt the following fee structure for the Ombudsman Services to ensure sincerely attempts at achieving reconciliation and responsible engagement from assembly members and eventually members of our public.

- In order to engage the Ombudsman Service the Reconciliation Process forms must be completed. The first meeting there will be no charge, any work behind the scenes to resolve the issue is included in this initial service.
- If it is determined that additional actions must be taken the man or woman will decided what service they wish to engage. The choices will be in State service, out of State service or Professional for Hire Ombudsman services will be needed.
- For in-State service a fee structure of \$60.00 an hour in 15 minute increments. For out of State services the fee will be \$60.00 an hour, for Professional for Hire service the fee will be determined by the provider.

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

- A. Ombudsman completes their committee via coordinating with elected Ombudsman from other State Assemblies, which may be called their sister states.  
Agreement between State Assemblies Ombudsman services to provide services between “Sister States.”
- B. This would allow the exchange of services as Ombudsman passively observe the functioning of another states processes and procedures in General Assembly and Committee Meetings.

- C. When a service is used outside of our state the Michigan Ombudsman would not be involved in this process but would be responsible for gathering and delivering any information that the acting Ombudsman requires.
- D. Compensation for time, for the acting Ombudsman will allow equity between the affected state and the acting state. The Ombudsman Service will meet industry standards for Independence, Confidentiality and Integrity.
- E. Benefit to the people on Michigan is to have Ombudsman Services that meet the criteria for impartiality, unencumbered by individual relationships with members of the assembly.
- F. Benefit to the people of Michigan is the correct use of the Ombudsman Services because the process and the fees encourage sincere and motivated people to resolve issues to find resolution or reconciliation so as to move the assembly forward. While at the same time it discourages the misuse of the Ombudsman Services. Only and men and women who actually wish to pursue reconciliation via these processes will benefit from interacting with the Ombudsman Services offered by our assembly.
- G. Benefit to The Michigan Assembly is the fair and confidential treatment of grievances that may result in changes to our assembly procedures and processes that may be recommended by the Ombudsman Service.

5) Sponsor: Ombudsman Chair — Debra Tearney C Garcia Wagner

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Amy Hunt, Jan Buzard, Richard Saroni, Debra-Ann GarciaWagner

(Proposal was inspired by the presentations of Joseph Hayes of the PKTF at our International Ombudsman Service Think Tank and by a current situation in our assembly so as to meet the needs of any member(s) and our assembly.)

7) Proposal written: 12 November 2024, Updated 14 November 2024

Proposal read to the GA:

Proposed date for voting: Tuesday GA meeting 3 December 2024

8) Support from other Committees:

9) Treasury Opinion and Fund Supported: Funds required would be postage for non-electronic delivery of documents, cost of paper and envelopes, cost of printer ink, cost of locking cabinet (eventually)

10) Dissenting View and their Considerations: