

The Michigan Assembly
General Assembly Meeting
Agenda



Date: 11/26/2024

Open Michigan Public Forum

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Education/Outreach presentation

Presenter: Amy Hunt

Topic: Website updates

Question & Answer Period + Chat

Invite guests to stay for GA Meeting

General Assembly Meeting

Special Session

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Welcome

- Opening Prayer (volunteer)
- Bivens Decision (MAA)
- Meeting Protocol (MAA)
- No changes to previous meeting minutes during special sessions

No Reports during Special Sessions

Coordinator Updates (only if urgent)

In Process Items

- **Proposal for Ombudsman Service Fees** (Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner)
 - Proposal Designation: 20241112-OS-01-03
 - Please see attached document for details
 - Voting on this tonight

New Items

- **Proposal for 2024 Committee Budgets** (Mark Steinke)
 - Proposal Designation: 20241118-TB-01-01
 - Please see attached document for details
 - Voting on this at the next GA business meeting

Close

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1) Proposal Designation: 20241112-OS-01-03

2) Proposal Working Title: Ombudsman Service Fees

3) Proposal: Ombudsman Services Fees

All fees for services are payable to The Michigan Assembly, for use in funding any needed expenses of the General Assembly. The Ombudsman Committee asks: Shall we adopt the following fee structure for the Ombudsman Services to ensure sincere attempts at achieving reconciliation and responsible engagement from assembly members and eventually members of our public. These fees are charged after the initial 1 hour face to face consultation, which includes any requisite work. Upon an agreement between the Ombudsman and the man or woman this fee structure will be used. If there are two people involved, both the initiator and recipient, will receive the first hour without charge. Charges will always be by agreement.

- In order to engage the Ombudsman Service the Reconciliation Process forms must be completed. (The Reconciliation Process is being worked in committee and will be presented to the Assembly as soon as is possible.)
- If it is determined that additional actions must be taken the man or woman will decide what service they wish to engage. The choices will be in-State services, out-of-State services or Professional for Hire Ombudsman services.
- For in-State services a fee structure of \$60.00 an hour in 15 minute increments will be charged. For out-of-State services the fees will be \$60.00 an hour, for Professional for Hire services the fees will be determined by the provider.

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

A. The Ombudsman Committee is completed via coordinating with the elected Ombudsman from other State Assemblies, which we call sister states.

Upon agreement between State Assembly Ombudsman Services there will be an agreement signed by both services outlining the exchange.

- B. This would allow the exchange of services as Ombudsman observes the functioning of another state's processes and procedures in General Assembly and Committee Meetings.
- C. When services are used outside of our state, the Michigan Ombudsman would not be involved in these processes. The Michigan Ombudsman would be responsible for gathering and delivering any information for the acting Ombudsman.

- 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 an Ombudsman Service that meet the criteria for impartiality, unencumbered by individual relationships with members of the assembly.
- F. Benefit to the people on Michigan is the correct use of an Ombudsman Service. The Reconciliation process and the fees encourage sincere and motivated people to resolve issues finding resolution so as to move the assembly forward. At the same time the fees discourage the misuse of the Ombudsman Service.
- 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 an Ombudsman Service.

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

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Jan Buzard, Richard Saroni, Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner

(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, Updated 20 November 2024

Proposal read to the GA: Tuesday, 19 November 2024

Proposed date for voting: Tuesday GA meeting ~~3 December 2024~~, 26 November 2024

8) Support from other Committees: Education Committee, IT Committee

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: Refer to recording of the General Assembly Meeting on Tuesday, 19 November 2024

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1) Proposal Designation: 20241118-TB-01-01

2) Proposal Working Title: 2024 Committee Budgets

3) Proposal Language: Fund committees requesting 2024 funds

Records committee:	\$440.00 (stamps and AI transcribing service)
IT/Communications:	\$648.60 (website and domain)
Vetting:	\$500.00 (background checks)
Ombudsman:	

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

5) Sponsor: Banking Committee

6) Assemblymen who worked on the proposal: Amy Hunt, Debra-Ann Garcia Wagner, Charlie Raffoul, Jan Buzard, Mark Steinke, Linda Steinke

7) Activity

Proposal Written Date:	18 November 2024
Proposal Read at the GA Date:	26 November 2024
Committee Delegated to, Instructions, and Vote Result:	
Reconsidered Date:	
Disposition and Vote Result:	
[add as needed]	

8) Support from other Committees: Records, IT/Communications, Vetting, and Ombudsman

9) Treasury Opinion and Funds Supported: We support the funding of those committees who have submitted budgets for 2024.

10) Dissenting Views and their Consideration: There were no dissenting views from the Banking Committee.

Autographs and Seals, etc.