

The Michigan Assembly General Assembly Meeting Minutes



Date: April 21, 2026

General Assembly Meeting

7:00pm – 9:10pm

Welcome

- Word of Encouragement (Timothy Melton)
- Bivens Decision (Bob (troy) Brown)
- Meeting Protocol (Bob (troy) Brown)

Reports

Treasury

- Balance in accounts: **\$6,421.39**
- Summary: Treasury report shared (attached). Short committee meeting today, nothing to report. Next meeting: Tuesday, May 5th at 10AM. (Recording 00:04:58)

Records

- Summary: Wrote a proposal for a vote tally system. Will be presented later in this meeting. Next meeting: Monday April 27th, 2026 at 1pm. (Recording 00:06:23)

Recording Secretaries

- Summary: Plan to meet this week at 1:30pm for all assembly members interested, with a closed session around 2:15pm for those Recording Secretaries at Level Two or above for training. Next meeting: Friday April 24th. (Recording 00:07:15)

Education

- Summary: Shared information on the Declaration of Independence. There are six (6) rather than three as Richard thought earlier. He's put the information in his glossary. Next meeting: Wednesday, May 6th at 1pm. (Recording 00:07:58)

New Member Orientation

- Summary: The assembly has a new member: Devin McCuan; he joined Monday April 6th – Welcome!! The next New Member Orientation is **Saturday, May 9th at 1pm**. To sign up, please go to <https://mymichiganassembly.land/> click on *Education* and *Join The Michigan Assembly*. Go through the educational modules and fill out the form to join the next class. The committee is working on simplifying the presentation and handouts for new members. Next meeting: Thursday April 30th at 1pm. (Recording 00:10:55)

Events and Outreach

- Summary: The *Mitten Homesteaders* event is happening May 29th and 30th. Please contact Dolores Rubio-Fernandez if interested in attending. <https://www.mittenhomesteaders.com/> (Recording 00:17:38)

Ombudsman Committee

- Summary: The Ombudsman Committee has stopped meeting for now until there is someone interested in taking on that role. A proposal will be shared later in the meeting. (Recording 00:19:40)

Information Technology & Communications

- Summary: The domain we've been talking about recently was purchased for \$1.99. Comparing WebEx and Zoom platforms for meetings. Next meeting: Friday April 24th, 2026 at 4pm. (Recording 00:20:35)

Vetting

- Summary: No report. (Recording 00:22:08)

Elections

- Summary: No report. Next meeting: July 1st, 2026 at 9am. (Recording 00:22:08)

Sessions

- Summary: No report. Next meeting: July 1st, 2026 at 9am. (Recording 00:22:08)

General Assembly Working Group (GAWG)

- Summary: Proposals later in the meeting cover the activities of the GA Working Group. “*The Michigan Assembly <Position> Affirmation*” is ready for a vote. Next meeting: Wednesday April 22nd at 5pm. (Recording 00:22:22)

Jural Assembly Working Group (JAWG)

- Summary: Working on a process for subcommittee proposals to come back to the Jural Assembly Pillar (currently represented by the JA Working Group). Example: The Jury Pool Committee is working on a process for the *Jury Pool Affirmation* (which was approved by the GA a year ago). Please listen to the recording for details. The JA Working Group meetings are weekly on Mondays at 4pm; Law Education starts at 5pm. The Jury Pool Committee meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month at 7pm; next meeting is April 28th. (Recording 00:23:25)

Militia Assembly Working Group (MAWG)

- Summary: The group is working on logo and patch designs. Developing best way to communicate situational awareness for potential disasters on Michigan (i.e. recent flooding). Looking to other states for structure and best practices of their Militia Pillars so we don't waste anymore time reinventing the wheel. Cyn Walleman has volunteered to offer militia education in peacekeeping, sustainability, disaster preparedness, community support, land management, holistic healing, etc. Next meeting: Tuesday April 28th at 4pm. (Recording 00:29:18)

International Business Assembly Working Group (IBAWG)

- Summary: The IBA Working Group has begun their maturity assessment of the IBA pillar. We plan to present it to the GA at some point as it is a useful tool for all the assemblies. (Recording 00:37:48)

Coach's Corner, by Rick Worden (Recording 00:38:47)

- No report.

In Process Items

- **Disclaimer - Long Form** (Nigel Turtle, Jural Assembly Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **JA-20250010** (Recording 00:38:50)
 - *Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the long form Disclaimer attached in this proposal for use in public meetings organized by the Litigation Committee?*
 - This is coming back to the GA soon after the JA Working Group completes some more work.
- **Elections for Court Roles** (Nigel Turtle, Jural Assembly Working Group)
 - Waiting on the vetting process for those elected to roles. Please review the Roles list on the GA member website and sign up there or contact Nigel Turtle if interested in a specific role. [Recording 00:39:30]
- **Elections for General Assembly Roles** (Rick Worden, Coordinator)
 - Last meeting the GA nominated Bob (troy) Brown for Marshal-at-Arms. Nothing to report on vetting. [Recording 00:40:12]
- **GA General Assembly Affirmation - Revised** (Nigel Turtle, GA Working Group)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20250018** [Recording 00:40:35]
 - *Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the revised Affirmation attached in this proposal for all members accepting offices and roles in the General Assembly?*
 - A clean copy of the “*The Michigan Assembly <Position> Affirmation*” was presented for a vote tonight.
 - Fred Minamyer called for a vote tonight, with a second made by Mark Steinke. [time stamp 45:00]
 - Nigel Turtle read the affirmation out loud to the GA. Discussion followed.
 - “Do we want to vote on this tonight?” Members voted with or via Zoom. **17 YES 3 NO**
 - [Time stamp 01:00:20] Bob (troy) Brown (interim MAA) directed the Roll Call vote. Jan Buzard assisted with

the vote tally. The GA waited for the results to be reported.

- **RESULTS** from interim MAA: **YES = 17** NO = 0 **PASSED** [4 Present, 35 Absent]

- **Signing of the *International Technology Sharing Treaty*** (IBA Working Group and IT/Communications)
 - [Time stamp 01:08:15]
 - Mark Steinke introduced the continuation of the signing of the treaty. Jan Buzard autographed four (4) wet ink documents. Debra-Ann Garcia-Wagner was in the meeting as the witness. A red Michigan Assembly seal will be applied to each wet ink copy to the left of the Michigan Assembly signatures.
 - The four treaties will be mailed to Nancy Brainard on the Texas Assembly for signing.
 - Once Michigan's wet ink copies are received back, the IBA Working Group and IT and Communications will determine where to store them for record keeping.

New Items

- **Coordinator Team** (Ombudsman Services)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20260023** [Time stamp 01:13:40]
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly rescind the one coordinator limit and the coordinator contingency plan and ask for volunteers to be additional coordinators so that there is a team to work together in building the four Pillars?*
 - Discussion followed, please listen to the recording for details.
 - The proposal was sent to the GA Working Group for further discussion.
- **Vote Tally System** (Records Committee)
 - Proposal Designation: **GA-20260026** [Time stamp 01:55:30]
 - *Shall The Michigan Assembly use an online vote tally system when voting on proposals and other elections during GA business meetings?*
 - Linda Steinke read the proposal to the GA. Jan Buzard demonstrated the voting tally sheet. Discussion followed with suggestions for an Excel spreadsheet to tally the vote and a possible roll-call in the chat at the beginning of the GA business meeting.
 - The committee will continue improving the concept and bring it back to the GA when ready.

Minutes prepared by:

Linda Steinke

04/24/26

Attachments

Treasury Report

Proposal **GA-20260018- FINAL**

Vote Results from the interim MAA for **Proposal GA-20260018**

Zoom attendance

Zoom chat

Meeting Recording Link

<https://rumble.com/v78um0g--0068-the-michigan-assembly-general-assembly-meeting-april-21-2026.html>

Treasury Report for The Michigan Assembly

\$TheMichiganAssembly

Date	Description	In	Out	Balance
05/17/2024	Cash App set up	\$0.00		\$0.00
01/06/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$100.00		\$191.18
01/20/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$20.00		\$211.18
02/03/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$211.18
02/17/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$211.18
03/03/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$50.00		\$261.18
03/17/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$261.18
04/07/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$261.18
04/21/2026	Balance at Cash App	\$0.00		\$261.18

01/07/2025	Balance at Fifth Third	\$600.00	-\$177.03	\$1,222.97
01/06/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$290.17	-\$153.15	\$5,916.32
01/20/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$38.17	-\$235.79	\$5,718.70
02/03/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$267.62	-\$40.27	\$5,946.05
02/17/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$136.26	-\$5.91	\$6,076.40
03/03/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$18.74	-\$4.00	\$6,091.14
03/17/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$0.00	-\$5.91	\$6,085.23
04/07/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$135.44	-\$88.86	\$6,131.81
04/17/2026	Publishing Fees	\$28.40		
04/21/2026	Balance at Fifth Third	\$28.40		\$6,160.21

04/21/2026 CURRENT BALANCE \$6,421.39

Designations approved by the General Assembly:	
Balance of Approved Committee Budgets/Expenses 2026	\$6,189.48
Donations to PKTF from Michigan	\$0.00
Donations to Anna from Michigan	\$0.00
Pay it forward	\$500.00
Total Designated Funds	\$6,689.48

Remaining after Designated Funds: -\$268.09



The Michigan Assembly

Proposal

Designation GA-20250018

GA General Affirmation – Revised

Proposal Information

Proposal Question: Shall the Michigan General Assembly adopt the revised Affirmation attached in this proposal for all members accepting offices and roles in the General Assembly?

Origination Details:

The proposal is the result of many discussions both in the GA Working Group and the JA Working Group addressing gaps in our guidelines.

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

The proposal provides greater clarity regarding the trade off a member makes with respect to their right to remain in the private, when they take on a position in our assembling and assembled government. As such it provides for greater accountability and transparency when concerns or conflicts arise with regard to the propriety of actions and conduct of those in critical or public facing positions.

Summary and/or Link(s) to Relevant Document(s):

The text added in paragraph 1 of the attached document makes it clear that all office holders and committee leaders derive their authority from the Assembly's Committee of the Whole, i.e. the GA. The other additional text makes it clear that the member taking the affirmation is accepting certain limitations on their freedom and their responsibility to engage in conflict resolution when specific allegations are brought against them in their governmental capacity. It also emphasizes the standard of ethical conduct and decorum expected of them.

Sponsoring Committees: GA Working Group

Urgency: Routine

Amount of Funding Needed: \$0

Funding Source: No Funds Required

Recurring Expense: No

History

Date Initially Written: January 14, 2026

Initiated by:

Committees Consulted and their Input:

The JA Working Group has been closely involved.

Dissenting Voices of Men and Women:

Notes/Timeline:

A clean copy of the FINAL version of the Affirmation was attached to the proposal on April 24, 2026 after the proposal was approved at the GA business meeting on April 21, 2026.

Proposal Implementation and Status

Implementation Plan:

Committee Responsible for Leading Implementation:

Date First Presented to the GA: January 20, 2026

Response to Public Originator (If Proposal is from a Public Source): Not Applicable

Proposal Status: Passed

Proposal Votes

Date Voted on or Withdrawn: April 21, 2026

Number of Yes Votes: 17

Number of No Votes: 0

Ready to go on the Agenda: Yes **On the Agenda:** Yes

Vote For: GA General Affirmation Proposal Designation: GA 20250018

NAME	YES	NO	PRES	ABS	GIVEN NAME	COUNTY
1. Amy Hunt				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Hunt	Kent
2. Amy Kendall			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Amy Kendall	Genesee
3. Anna DeSantis			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anna Marie DeSantis	Wayne
4. Anthony Foxx				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anthony Foxx	Macomb
5. Brent Barth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Brent Barth	Lenawee
6. Brett Randall				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Brett Begole Randall	Oakland
7. Charlie Raffoul	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Charles Raffoul	Macomb
8. Cyn Walleman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Gynthia Evelyn Walleman	Grand Traverse
9. Dana Nixon				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dana Nixon	Oakland
10. David Burke				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	David Burke	Genesee
11. Debra Ann Garcia Wagner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Debra Ann Garcia Wagner	Washtenaw
12. Dolores Rubio-Fernandez	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Dolores Rubio-Fernandez	Washtenaw
13. Donte Adams				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Donte Adams	Ingham
14. Douglas Poole				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Douglas Poole	Gladwin
15. Elaine McBride			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Elaine McBride	Iron
16. Elsa CarpenterPeck				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Elsa CarpenterPeck	Midland
17. Fred Minamyer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer	Lapeer
18. George Miller				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	George Miller	Ogemaw
19. George Schnick				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	George Henry Schnick	Montcalm
20. James Garner				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Garner	Wayne
21. James Stogdill				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	James Stogdill	Genesee
22. Jan Buzard	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Janet Buzard	Washtenaw
23. Jeff Barth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Jeffery Barth	Lenawee
24. Jodi Hart-Humphrey				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Jodi Hart-Humphrey	Newaygo
25. Kenny Fisher				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kenneth Fisher	Ottawa
26. KD Dunn, Jr.				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kevin Jerome Dunn, Jr.	Wayne
27. Kimberly Watling				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kimberly Mayer Watling	Ottawa
28. Leonard Lee				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Leonard Lee	Wayne
29. Linda Steinke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Linda Steinke	Alger
30. Linda Johnson				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Linda Johnson	Macomb
31. Marcy Miller				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Marcia Joanne Miller	Jackson
32. Mariana Forrest				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mariana Forrest	Oakland
33. Mark Steinke	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Mark Steinke	Alger
34. Mark Barnes				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark Barnes	Wayne
35. Mark McBride				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mark McBride	Iron
36. Cathie Beaudet				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Mary Catherine Beaudet	Oakland
37. Mary Klukowski			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		Mary Klukowski	Kent
38. Michael Forrest				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Forrest	Oakland
39. Michael Gogolin				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Michael Gogolin	Macomb
40. Nigel Turtle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				Nigel Turtle	Washtenaw
41. Patricia Amundin				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patricia Amundin	Marquette
42. Patrick Gay				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Patrick Gay	Macomb

NAME	YES	NO	PRES	ABS	GIVEN NAME	COUNTY
43. Paul Merriweather				/	Paul Merriweather	Wayne
44. René McGuigan	/				René McGuigan	Oakland
45. Richard Saroni	/				Richard Saroni	Kalamazoo
46. Rick Worden	/				Richard Worden	Midland
47. Rich Martin	/				Richard A. Martin	Ionia
48. Rob Humphrey				/	Rob Humphrey	Newaygo
49. Ra Bin Chavez				/	Robin Lee Chavez	Muskegon
50. Scott Ross				/	Scott Dylan Ross	Marquette
51. Stuart Swan				/	Stuart Swan	Lapeer
52. Thacia Northey				/	Thacia Northey	Marquette
53. Tim Melton.	/				Timothy James Melton	Macomb
54. Bob Brown	/				Troy Brown	Wayne
55. Vatisa Rivers				/	Vatisa Rivers	Wayne
56. Fred Beaudet				/	Wilfred Beaudet	Oakland

Date of Vote: _____ Verified by: _____

Y	P	AB
17	4	35

General Affirmation
GA 20250018

By: 

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4/21/2026 5:47:57 PM - 4/21/2026 9:44:17 PM

Participants: 32
Duration:
237 minutes

Name (original name)	
*DebraAnn GarciaWagner on Washtenaw	172
*Cyn Walleman Michigan	219
Larry Williams	6
Brenda-Theresa a woman - on michigan	126
*Dolores on Michigan	174
*Richard Saroni - Kalamazoo, Michigan	237
*Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County	209
*Jan Buzard, Washtenaw County, Michigan	223
*Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan	47
*Timothy James Melton On Michigan Macomb County ASN	140
*Mary Klukowski© on Michigan	124
*René Marie on Oakland County Michigan	225
*Mark & *Linda Steinke# Alger County# Michigan (*Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan)	124
*Elaine McBride, Iron County	91
Martha Moore-Grand Rapids# Michigan (Too Cute)	120
*Cyn Walleman Grand Traverse	6
Brent Alan Barth / Lenawee / Michigan (Brent Alan Barth* / Lenawee / Michigan)	152
*Nigel Turtle on Washtenaw County (nigel)	197
*Rick Worden - Midland County	178
*Anna DeSantis©	210
*Jeff Barth-Mich/Lenawee	184
*Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan	6
*Richard Martin - Ionia County	186
**Bob (troy) Brown	178
*Amy Kendall, Genessee	100
*Charlie Raffoul	162

01:13:02 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Amen
01:14:36 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: Debra-Ann! Waving at ya! ☐☐☐
01:24:26 Martha Moore-Grand Rapids, Michigan: Where do I sign up
for new member orientation? Thank you
01:25:17 **Bob (troy) Brown: Join The Michigan Assembly - The
Michigan Assembly
01:26:09 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Reacted to
"Join The Michigan As..." with ☐☐
01:29:42 Martha Moore-Grand Rapids, Michigan: mamooore5202@gmail.com
01:29:48 Martha Moore-Grand Rapids, Michigan: Thank you
01:30:16 Brenda-Theresa a woman - on michigan:
brendatheresaliveheir55@yahoo.com if i am ready for orientation;
Bob you now have all of my notarized, and thumb printed documents i
emailes to you except the fee schedule
01:30:34 Brenda-Theresa a woman - on michigan: Replying to
"brendatheresalivehei..."

emailed

01:35:46 *DebraAnn GarciaWagner on Washtenaw: Replying to
"brendatheresaliveheir55@yahoo.com if i am ready for orientation; Bob you
now have all of my notarized, and thumb printed documents i emailes to
you except the fee schedule"

I will send you and invitation. When you work through the sign up you
will know if you have completed all the paperwork. Glad you wish to join
us.

01:36:47 Brenda-Theresa a woman - on michigan: Replying to
"brendatheresalivehei..."

sounds good Debra, waiting on Bob's timing

01:36:57 Brenda-Theresa a woman - on michigan: Replying to
"brendatheresalivehei..."

I will not pressure him

01:37:04 *DebraAnn GarciaWagner on Washtenaw: Reacted to
"brendatheresaliveheir55@yahoo.com if i am ready for orientation; Bob you
now have all of my notarized, and thumb printed documents i emailes to
you except the fee schedule" with ☐

01:42:39 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: Thanks, Fred. Very kind of you!

01:43:16 *DebraAnn GarciaWagner on Washtenaw: Nice work Cyn!

01:43:28 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: ☐☐

01:58:43 *Mary Klukowski© on Michigan: Read it

01:59:21 *Mary Klukowski© on Michigan: How about the word

endeavor?

02:03:10 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Maybe "commit" to
uphold

02:07:33 *Brent Alan Barth* / Lenawee / Michigan: No

02:09:08 *Mary Klukowski© on Michigan: There's 3 buttons, click on
those and you'll see the red x and the green check.

02:13:35 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Amy Kendall is here
she should not be marked absent

02:13:59 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Reacted to "Amy
Kendall is here she should not be marked absent" with ☐

02:13:59 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: Yes

02:14:09 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: Can't you hear me?
02:14:39 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Replying to "Can't you hear me?"

We could not hear you

02:15:04 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: Grrrrr!!! ☐
02:15:25 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: And I'm on my new ipad too.
02:17:53 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Replying to "Amy Kendall is here ..."

She didn't respond when called.

02:18:29 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Replying to "Amy Kendall is here ..."

She's still on the call. I don't know what the protocol is.

02:19:43 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Another step forward!
02:24:25 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Reacted to "Another step forward..." with ☐☐
02:29:14 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Replying to "Amy Kendall is here ..."

Thanks for catching that and helping us get it right ☐

02:29:46 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Reacted to "Thanks for catching ..." with ☐
03:03:17 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Mistakes were made?
03:03:46 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Can we remedy this?
03:05:17 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: I thought we were supposed to stay on point because that is what was stated at the beginning of the meeting. Which is why I called point of order. We are all learning.
03:05:26 *Mary Klukowski© on Michigan: Not able, I'm working
03:06:14 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Replying to "I thought we were su..."

We should have a time slot for people to talk feeling after we are done with business

03:07:20 *Mark & *Linda Steinke, Alger County, Michigan: Reacted to "We should have a tim..." with ☐
03:07:34 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Reacted to "We should have a time slot for people to talk feeling after we are done with business" with ☐
03:07:40 *Dolores on Michigan: good night everyone
03:08:00 *Fredrick Gaylen Minamyer - Lapeer County: Good night Delores!
03:08:02 *Cyn Walleman Michigan: Hugs, Delores! Good nite!
03:08:37 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: Reacted to "good night everyone" with ☐
03:18:17 *René Marie on Oakland County Michigan: EXCEL could do that though?