

**CALENDAR**  
**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN REPRESENTATIVE ASSEMBLY**  
**Thursday, September 21, 2023**  
**2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**(Detroit Marriott Troy / 200 W. Big Beaver Rd. / Troy, MI / 48084)**

\*Denotes Action Items

**2:30 p.m. MEETING BEGINS**

- 2:30 p.m. 1. Introductory Matters
- A. Call to order by Chair Gerrow D. Mason with Parliamentarian Hon. John M. Chmura
- Gerrow D. Mason, Chair, Representative Assembly  
[Gerry Mason Law Office, PLLC, 1700 Busha Hwy., Marysville, MI 48040  
phone: (810) 989-0057; email: [gdblues@yahoo.com](mailto:gdblues@yahoo.com)]
- Hon. John M. Chmura, Parliamentarian  
[37th District Court, 8300 Common Rd., # 104, Warren, MI 48093  
phone: (586) 574-4925; email: [jchmura@37thdistrictcourt.org](mailto:jchmura@37thdistrictcourt.org)]
- B. Certification that a quorum is present by Assembly Clerk, Mr. John W. Reiser, III  
[Ann Arbor City Attorney's Office, 301 E Huron St., Fl. 3, Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
phone: (734) 794-6184; email: [jreiser@a2gov.org](mailto:jreiser@a2gov.org)]
- C. Adoption of proposed calendar by Rules & Calendar Chair, Deborah Blair  
[Wayne County Prosecutor's Office, 1441 Saint Antoine St., Fl. 11, Detroit, MI 48226  
phone: (313) 224-8861; email: [dlbair@waynecounty.com](mailto:dlbair@waynecounty.com)]
- D. Approval of the April 29, 2023 Summary of Proceedings
- 2:35 p.m. 2. \*Filling Vacancies
- Mr. Phillip Louis Strom, Chair, Assembly Nominating & Awards Committee  
[City of Grand Rapids, 300 Monroe Ave NW Unit 1, Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2206  
phone: (616) 456-4000; email: [pstrom@grand-rapids.mi.us](mailto:pstrom@grand-rapids.mi.us)]
- 2:40 p.m. 3. Presentation of the Unsung Hero Award to Judge Melissa L. Pope
- Presenter:  
Mr. Richard L. Cunningham  
[Michigan Dept. of Attorney General, 3030 W. Grand Blvd., Ste. 10-354, Detroit, MI 48202  
phone: (517) 881-4509; email: [cunninghamr3@michigan.gov](mailto:cunninghamr3@michigan.gov)]
- 2:45 p.m. 4. Presentation of the Michael Franck Award to Mr. Sheldon G. Larky
- Presenter:  
Mr. Edward L. Haroutunian  
[Haroutunian Licata Haroutunian, PC, 30600 Telegraph Rd. Ste. 3250, Bingham Farms, MI 48025  
phone: (248) 594-9071; email: [elh@hlhpc.com](mailto:elh@hlhpc.com)]

- 2:55 p.m. 5. Chair's Report  
Gerrow D. Mason, Chair, Representative Assembly  
[Gerry Mason Law Office, PLLC, 1700 Busha Hwy., Marysville, MI 48040  
phone: (810) 989-0057; email: gdblues@yahoo.com]
- 3:10 p.m. 6. \*Proposal to Amend the Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan  
Rule 6, Section 6 Regarding the Continuation of Service  
Proponents:  
Representative Assembly Ad Hoc Reform Committee  
Ms. Yolanda M. Bennett, Vice-Chair, Representative Assembly  
[Social Security Administration, 4202 Collins Rd., Ste. 200, Lansing, MI 48910  
email: yol426@att.net]  
  
Ms. Nicole A. Evans, Chair, Special Issues Committee  
[54B District Court, 101 Linden St., East Lansing, MI 48823-4311  
phone: (517) 336-8645; email: nevans@54BDistrictCourt.com]  
  
Mr. Mark W. Jane, Member, Nominating & Awards Committee  
[Butzel Long, PC, 301 E. Liberty St., Ste. 500, Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
phone: (734) 995-3110; email: jane@butzel.com]  
  
Mr. Nicholas M. Ohanesian, Member, Board of Commissioners  
[Society Security Administration, Office of Hearings Operations, 1925 Breton  
Rd., SE, Ste. 200, Grand Rapids, MI 49506  
phone: (616) 920-3589; email: nickohanesian@yahoo.com]  
  
Mr. Dennis L. Perkins, Chair, Assembly Review Committee  
[Howell City Attorney, P.O. Box 47, Howell, MI 48844-0047  
Phone: (517) 546-6623; email: attyperkins@sbcglobal.net]  
  
Mr. John W. Reiser, III, Clerk, Representative Assembly  
[Ann Arbor City Attorney's Office, 301 E. Huron St., Fl. 3, Ann Arbor, MI  
48104  
phone: (734) 794-6184; email: jreiser@a2gov.org]
- 3:25 p.m. 7. \*Proposal to Amend the Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan  
Rule 6, Section 4 and State Bar of Michigan Bylaws Article IV, Section 2 Regarding  
Petitions for Election  
Proponents:  
Representative Assembly Ad Hoc Reform Committee
- 3:50 p.m. 8. \*Proposal to Amend the Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan  
Rule 6, Section 5 Regarding Terms  
Proponents:  
Representative Assembly Ad Hoc Reform Committee
- 4:15 p.m. 9. \*Proposal to Amend the Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan  
Rule 6, Section 4 Regarding Election of Representatives  
Proponents:  
Representative Assembly Ad Hoc Reform Committee
- 4:40 p.m. 10. \*Proposal to Amend the Michigan Court Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan  
Rule 6, Sections 2 & 3 Regarding Redistricting  
Representative Assembly Ad Hoc Reform Committee

- 5:05 p.m. 11. \*Nomination and Election of Assembly Clerk
- 5:10 p.m. 12. Recognition of Assembly members completing their terms of service and Committee Chairs.  
Mr. Gerrow D. Mason, Chair, Representative Assembly  
[Gerry Mason Law Office, PLLC, 1700 Busha Hwy., Marysville, MI 48040  
phone: (810) 989-0057; email: gdblues@yahoo.com]
- 5:15 p.m. 13. Introduction by Gerrow D. Mason of the Honorable Cynthia D. Stephens (Ret. Judge)  
[The Law Offices of Cynthia Diane Stephens, PLLC, P.O. Box 760161, Lathrup Village, MI 48076  
phone: (313) 516-1078; email: cynthiadianestephens@stephenslegalsolutions.com]
- 5:20 p.m. 14. Swearing in of Yolanda M. Bennett as the 2023-2024 Chairperson of the Representative Assembly.  
Yolanda will be sworn in by the Honorable Cynthia D. Stephens (Ret. Judge)
- 5:25 p.m. 15. Presentation of Recognition to the Immediate Past Assembly Chair.
- 5:30 p.m. 16. Adjournment

## Parliamentary Procedures At A Glance

<b>To Do This: (1)</b>	<b>You Say This:</b>	<b>May You Interrupt Speaker?</b>	<b>Must You Be Seconded?</b>	<b>Is the Motion Debatable?</b>	<b>Is the Motion Amendable?</b>	<b>What Vote Is Required?</b>
Adjourn the meeting (before all business is complete)	"I move that we 'adjourn.'"	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote
Recess the meeting	"I move that we recess 'until...'"	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Amendable	Majority vote
Complain about noise, room temperature, etc.	"Point of privilege."	May interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable (2)	Not amendable	None (3)
Suspend further consideration of something	"I move we table it."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Majority vote
End debate	"I move the previous 'question.'"	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Two-thirds vote
Postpone consideration of something	"I move we postpone 'this matter until...'"	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote
Have something studied further	"I move we refer this 'matter to a committee.'"	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote
Amend a motion	"I move that this motion 'be amended by...'"	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote
Introduce business (a primary motion)	"I move that..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Amendable	Majority vote

### Notes

1. These motions or points are listed in established order of precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that's listed below it. But you may introduce another that's listed above it
2. In this case, any resulting motion is debatable.
3. Chair decides.

## Parliamentary Procedures At A Glance (continued)

<b>To Do This: (4)</b>	<b>You Say This:</b>	<b>May You Interrupt Speaker?</b>	<b>Must You Be Seconded?</b>	<b>Is the Motion Debatable?</b>	<b>Is the Motion Amendable?</b>	<b>What Vote Is Required?</b>
Object to procedure or to a personal affront	"Point of order."	May interrupt the speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	None (3)
Request information	"Point of information."	If urgent, may interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	None
Ask for a vote by actual count to verify a voice count	"I call for a division of the house."	May not interrupt speaker (5)	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	None unless someone objects (6)
Object to considering some undiplomatic or improper matter	"I object to consideration of this question."	May interrupt speaker	No second needed	Not debatable	Not amendable	Two-thirds vote required
Take up a matter previously tabled	"I move we take from the table..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Majority required
Reconsider something already disposed of	"I move we now (or later) reconsider our action relative to..."	May interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable if original motion is debatable	Not amendable	Majority required
Consider something out of its scheduled order	"I move we suspend the rules and consider..."	May not interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Not debatable	Not amendable	Two-thirds vote required
Vote on a ruling by the chair	"I appeal the chair's decision."	May interrupt speaker	Must be seconded	Debatable	Not amendable	Majority in the negative required to reverse chair's decision

### Notes

4. The motions, points and proposals have no established order of precedence. Any of them may be introduced at any time except when the meeting is considering one of the top three matters listed in the chart (motion to adjourn, motion to recess, point of privilege).
5. But division must be called for before another motion is started.
6. Then majority vote is required.