

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
April 25, 2026**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, April 25, 2026 at the Hilton Garden Inn, Lansing and via Zoom Meeting.

1. Call to order by Chair Nicole A Evans.
2. Clerk Tanisha M. Davis declared a quorum (50+ members) was present.
3. Mary A. Bowen, Chair of the Rules & Calendar Committee, addressed the Assembly regarding the proposed calendar for the April 25 meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted.
4. Mary A. Bowen, Chair of the Rules & Calendar Committee, addressed the Assembly regarding the proposed summary of proceedings from the last meeting. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the September 19, 2025, meeting was deemed approved.
5. Mark A. Holsomback, Chair of the Nominating & Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Jacquelyn A. McClinton (3rd Circuit), Asia L. Lewis (3rd Circuit), Leen Nachawati (6th Circuit), Kayla M. Toma (6th Circuit), John Mucha III (6th Circuit), Rabih Hamawi (6th Circuit), Marc D. Morse (7th Circuit), Lawrence R. LaSusa (13th Circuit), Zachary W. Stempien (15th Circuit), Thomas H. Barnard (16th Circuit), Sean A. Blume (16th Circuit), Thomas V. Hubbard (17th Circuit), Davina A. Bridges (17th Circuit), J. Edmund Frost (18th Circuit), Jordan Miller (19th Circuit), Brandon Barthelemy (20th Circuit), Robyn L. McCoy (22nd Circuit), Tina M. Saxon (22nd Circuit), Judge Daniel S. Korobkin (30th Circuit), Richard W. Schaaf (31st Circuit), Christopher N. Moraitis (36th Circuit), Kellie E. Podolsky (37th Circuit), Katarina L. DuMont (39th Circuit), Andrew C. Thompson (42nd Circuit), Andrea M. Banfield (44th Circuit), and Matthew R. Newburg (56th Circuit) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Mark A. Holsomback, Chair of the Nominating & Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly concerning 2026 Award Nominations. Upon a motion made and seconded, the Assembly approved the 2026 Award Recipients for the Unsung Hero Award to be presented to Samuel H. Pietsch and Rita O. White, and the 2026 Award Recipient for the Michael Franck Award to be presented to James L. Liggins, Jr.
7. Chair Nicole A. Evans addressed the Assembly.
8. Marla Linderman Richelew, Chair of the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee and Member of the Representative Assembly, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to MCR 2.105(D)(4). This proposal would amend MCR 2.105(D)(4) to delete the reference to the Michigan Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau, Corporation Division, a non-existent entity, and amend it to state the correct entity, the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, Corporations, Securities & Commercial Licensing Bureau, with the addition of

the phrase “or its successor”, as this entity’s name often changes between administrations. After a discussion, the proposed amendment passed via voice vote.

9. Marla Linderman Richelew, Chair of the Civil Procedure & Courts Committee and Member of the Representative Assembly, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to MCR 2.105(G). This proposal would amend MCR 2.105(G) to explicitly identify who must be served and how service must be made when a plaintiff sues the State of Michigan, its agencies and departments, or its courts. After a discussion, the proposed amendment passed via voice vote.
10. Nicole A. Evans, Chair of the Representative Assembly, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to MCR 8.119(H). This proposal would amend MCR 8.119(H), adding a subsection (11) to make a court record nonpublic when a case is adjudicated by dismissal, acquittal, or nolle prosequi. After discussion and vote, the proposal passed 57 to 34 with 5 abstentions.
11. Katie M. Stanley, Member of the Representative Assembly, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to MRPC 1.14. By voice vote, the Assembly authorized Professor of Law Nina Kohn to address the Assembly on the proposed amendment. The proposal recommended amendments to MRPC 1.14 (Client with Diminished Capacity) and its comments by adopting the language of ABA Model Rule of Professional Conduct 1.14 (Client with Decision-Making Limitations). After discussion, the proposed amendment passed with two abstentions via voice vote.
12. Adjournment.