

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
September 19, 2024**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Thursday, September 19, 2024, via Zoom Meetings and in-person at the Detroit Troy Marriott in Troy.

1. Call to order by Chair Yolanda M. Bennett.
2. Clerk Nicole A. Evans declared a quorum (50+ members) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the April 20, 2024 meeting was deemed approved.
5. Phillip Louis Strom, Chair of the Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Jean-Paul H. Rudell (1st), Elizabeth A. Hohausen (6th), Toya Jefferson (6th), Tanisha M. Davis (6th), Kymberly Kinchen Reeves (6th), Rhonda Spencer Pozehl (6th), Shawn Perry (14th), Ann C. Sharkey (29th), and David E. Gilbert (37th) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Suzanne Hollyer presented the *Unsung Hero Award* to Elizabeth A. Hohausen. Elizabeth A. Hohausen accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
7. Yolanda M. Bennett, Chair, addressed the Assembly.
8. Danielle Hirsch, Managing Director of the Court Consulting Division at the National Center for State Courts, gave a presentation on Michigan's Legal Deserts.
9. Hon. Melissa L. Pope, Chief Judge, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi Tribal Court, gave a presentation on Michigan's Tribal Court.
10. Yolanda M. Bennett, Chair of the Representative Assembly, announced the election of Alena M. Clark as the 2024-2025 Clerk of the Assembly.
11. John W. Reiser, III was sworn in as 2024-2025 Chair of the Assembly by Judge Melissa L. Pope.
12. John W. Reiser, III, Chair of the Representative Assembly, thanked Yolanda M. Bennett for all her work over the past year as Assembly Chair.
13. Adjournment.