

**State Bar of Michigan
Representative Assembly
September 18, 2021**

SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS

The following is a summary of proceedings of the State Bar Representative Assembly session held Saturday, September 18, 2021, via Zoom Meetings and in-person at the Lansing Center.

1. Call to order by Chair Chelsea M. Rebeck.
2. Clerk Gerrow D. Mason declared a quorum (50+ members) was present.
3. Upon a motion made and seconded, the proposed calendar was adopted as amended and emailed to the Assembly on September 17, 2021.
4. As provided in Rule 4.8, the Summary of Proceedings of the April 24, 2021 meeting was deemed approved.
5. Mark W. Jane, Chair of the Nominating and Awards Committee, addressed the Assembly on filling vacancies for the current meeting. Upon a motion made and seconded, Ponce D. Clay (3rd Circuit), Lisa W. Timmons (3rd Circuit), and Nicholas Gobbo (30th Circuit) were appointed to fill immediate vacancies within their respective Circuits.
6. Chair Chelsea M. Rebeck invited Michigan Supreme Court Associate Justice Richard H. Bernstein to address the Assembly, after which he took questions.
7. John F. Harris presented the *Unsung Hero Award* to Delicia A. Coleman-Morson. Ms. Coleman-Morson accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
8. Jennifer A. Cupples presented the *Michael Franck Award* to Jennifer M. Grieco. Ms. Grieco accepted the award and addressed the Assembly.
9. Yolanda M. Bennett, chair of the Assembly Diversity Committee, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to the Permanent Rules of Procedure, making the Diversity Committee a permanent committee under Rule 7.8. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 96 to 11 with 4 abstentions to adopt the proposal.
10. Bernard A. Jocus, member of the Assembly, and Danielle S. Cadoret, member of the Bar, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rule 6.201 to include the discovery requirements in U.S. Supreme Court and Michigan Supreme Court precedent and provide the protections thereof to criminal defendants. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 27 to 77 with 11 abstentions to not support the proposal

11. Bernard A. Jocuns, member of the Assembly, and Danielle S. Cadoret, member of the Bar, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rules 7.105 and 7.205 to extend the tolling time for filing an interlocutory appeal until all decisions/orders being appealed have been received by the trial court. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 30 to 70 with 9 abstentions to not support the proposal.
12. Bernard A. Jocuns, member of the Assembly, and Danielle S. Cadoret, member of the Bar, addressed the Assembly for consideration of a proposed amendment to Michigan Court Rule 8.119(H) to grant access to court recordings to any person seeking access that has a special interest warranting access and/or receipt of the court record, including a party or representative of the party. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 86 to 22 with 6 abstentions to support the proposal.
13. John W. Reiser, member of the Assembly, addressed the Assembly for consideration of adopting a resolution in support of a Michigan Legal Milestone for the John Sinclair case. After discussion and vote, the Assembly voted 58 to 51 with 6 abstentions to support the resolution.
14. Chelsea M. Rebeck, Chair of the Representative Assembly, announced the election of Yolanda M. Bennett as the 2021-2022 Clerk of the Assembly.
15. Nicholas M. Ohanesian was sworn in as 2021-2022 Chair of the Assembly by Judge Christopher P. Yates.
16. Nicholas M. Ohanesian, Chair of the Representative Assembly, thanked Chelsea M. Rebeck for all her work over the past year as Assembly Chair.
17. Adjournment.