

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 4, 2025
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

Call to Order by Chair Kristin Kolb at 10:03 a.m.

1. Attendance and Excused Absences

See attached attendance roll call sheet.

Motion by Chubb/Fisher to approve excused absences; approved unanimously.

2. Approval of Agenda

Discussion resulting in the proposed addition of Agenda Item 3(a) for Introduction of the SBM Liaison to GLS.

Motion by Mithani/Forsyth to approve the agenda as amended; approved unanimously.

3. Minutes of the April 12, 2025, Regular Meeting *(To Be Provided Under a Separate Cover)*

Motion by Brady/Fisher to approve minutes with revisions; approved unanimously.

3a. Introduction of Ret. Judge Douglas Shapiro as the SBM Liaison to GLS. Judge Shapiro noted he was on the bench for 15 years and retired from the Court of Appeals approximately one year ago.

4. Treasurer's Report: *(Attachment A)*

Secretary-Treasurer Pastula nothing to report at this time. Awaiting membership dues.

5. Amicus Committee:

a. **Motion** by Williams/Forsyth to reconstitute the committee with current members Williams (Chair) Mithani, Fisher, Joppich, Sluggett, with Kolb, and King (ex-officio). Passed unanimously.

b. **Report** – Chair Williams asked about direction from the President or Council about how cases (e.g., *Reeves v Wayne County* - Attachment B to today's meeting) should come to the Committee for consideration. During a brief discussion, Mithani clarified that *Reeves* was brought to her attention by a colleague as a case that would be of interest to the Council, not a recommendation to submit amicus briefing. No formal action taken.

6. Zoning Land Use and Local Control Committee:

a. **Motion** by Chubb/Sluggett to reconstitute the committee with its current members Fisher (Chair), Joppich, Watza, Thomas with Kolb, and King (ex-officio). Passed unanimously.

b. **Report** – Chair Fisher has reached to individuals and organizations (including MML) to gauge support of an effort to reorganize the Home Rule Cities Act. Still awaiting a response from MML.

7. Briefly: Update

Member Mithani reported that the hope is to have a publication this month (October 2025).

8. Old Business

- a. 2026 Winter Seminar – (February 20, 2026) (corrected date). Chair Kolb and the planning team are working to finalize an agenda from the various topics discussed at the September 6, 2025, meeting. No formal action was taken.

9. New Business

- a. 2026 Joint Summer Educational Conference (June 18-21st Stafford Perry Hotel - Petoskey)
No update.
- b. Referral of ADM File No. 2020-08: Proposed Amendments of MCR 1.109, 2.104, 2.107, 2.119, 3.203, and 5.105 (*Attachment C*)
Use of electronic filing where MiFILE is not available. Comments due 11/11/25.
- c. Referral of ADM File No. 2023-39: Proposed Amendment of MCR 7.215 (*Attachment D*)
Eliminate requirement to attach unpublished opinions.
- d. Referral of SB 330: Proposed amendment to Section 1307a of 1961 PA 236 (MCL 600.1307a. (*Attachment E*)
Additional exemptions to jury service for hospice caregivers or bereavement.
- e. November meeting IN-PERSON and possible service project.

Secretary/Treasurer Pastula recommended that we get a head count for attendees at next month's in-person Council meeting at Fahey Schultz Burzych Rhodes in Okemos, MI. No further comments or formal action on New Business.

10. Council Comments

Member Fisher thanked Judge Shapiro for attending and noted he was welcome back anytime.

Adjournment at 10:31 a.m.