

State Bar of Michigan
American Indian Law Section
Special Meeting Minutes
February 16, 2026
9:00 a.m. EST

Call to Order at 9:02 a.m.

Welcome- Roll Call

Anna Bruty- present

Sarah Zlotnicki - present

Kathryn Petersen - present

Katilin Gant - absent

Stacey Rock - present

Peter Schinkai - absent

Hon. Tina Yost Johnson - present

Katrina Kapture - present

Amy Wesaw - present

Yasmeen Farran - present

Laura Foerster – present – left at 12:31

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Payton Jakiemiec - present

Jasmin Guillen – absent

Gerry Mason - present

Motion to Waive Notice of Special Meeting made by Y. Farran; Seconded by K. Kapture; Approved (10) in Favor (0) in Opposition (0) Abstentions.

I. Public Policy Support Statement for HB 5445:

- a. Discussion: LF to request specific training requirements for judges on ICWA and MIFPA with a minimum of 4 hours; KK and AW support adding specific ICWA and MIFPA training requirements, but open to flexibility to meet total hours of training. YF suggests focusing on the legislation's core principles (identification, notice, and placement preferences).
- b. Public Policy Statement on HB 5445: Support with Recommended Amendments: §1011(4)(a), §1011(4)(b), and §1011(5) must include a minimum of one hour of instruction on identification, notice, and placement requirements under ICWA and MIFPA, with additional training encouraged.
 - i. Motion to Support HB 5445 with Recommended Amendment made by Hon. T. Yost Johnson; Seconded by S. Zlotnicki; Approved (10) in Favor (0) in Opposition (0) Abstention.

Meeting adjourned at 9:37 a.m.