Michigan Appellate Defender Commission
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Public Act 620 of 1978, the Michigan Appellate Defender Commission is responsible for the development of a system of indigent appellate defense services which shall include services provided by the office of the State Appellate Defender and locally appointed private counsel. The Commission is responsible for the development of minimum standards to which all indigent appellate services shall conform.

The Michigan Appellate Defender Commission is comprised of seven members appointed by the Governor: one is a representative of the Governor, two recommended by the Michigan Supreme Court, one recommended by the Court of Appeals, one recommended by the Michigan Judges Association, and two recommended by the State Bar. Members serve four-year terms not subject to the consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring May 24, 2016

- Tom Adams, Detroit, Governor's designee

Terms expiring May 24, 2017

- William Caprathe, Bay City, Michigan Judges Association designee

Terms expiring May 24, 2018

- Douglas Messing, Wixom, Michigan Court of Appeals designee

Terms expiring May 24, 2019

- Thomas Cramner, W. Bloomfield, Supreme Court designee
- Thomas McNeill, Grosse Pointe, Supreme Court designee
- Judith Gracey, W. Bloomfield, State Bar of Michigan's designee
- Douglas Mains, Lansing, State Bar of Michigan's designee

Recommendation

Appoint Thomas Adams, 68, of Detroit, to serve a four-year term to expire May 24, 2020. Adams will continue to serve as the Governor's designee. Adams is the President of the Chance for Life Organization, a group that addresses the needs of incarcerated adults and juveniles who are released from prison and returning to communities. He is also Founder and President of TJA Staffing Services, Inc. (formally T.J. Adams & Associates). The company consists of four divisions including an Executive Search Firm, Corporate Training, Temporary Staffing and Management Consulting. Adams also has experience with Henry Ford Hospital, the Michigan Department of Public Health, Harper & Associates and Moline Health Care. He holds many community affiliations, including the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, the American Heart Association and the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence. Adams holds a bachelor's degree in science from Tuskegee University in Alabama.

Michigan Compensation Appellate Commission
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Executive Order 2011-6, the Michigan Compensation Appellate Commission (MCAC) was created to merge the duties of the Workers' Compensation Appellate Commission and the Michigan Employment Security Board of Review into a new nine-person agency within the Michigan Administrative Hearing System at LARA.

The Commission is comprised of nine members appointed by the Governor. All members of the Commission must be members of the State Bar of Michigan. The Governor designates one of the commissioners to serve as Chairperson for a term at the pleasure of the Governor. Members serve four-year terms and are subject to consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expire July 31, 2017

- Patricia Halm, Lansing
- Danielle Brown, Troy
- Phillip Hendges, Lansing

Terms expire July 31, 2018

- Lester Owczarski, West Bloomfield
- George Wyatt III, East Lansing
- Jack Wheatley, Royal Oak

Terms expire July 31, 2019

- Rachel Lipinski, Lansing
- VACANT (Gregory Przybylo)
- Garry Goolsby, Lansing

Recommendation

Appoint David DeGraw, 59, of Grand Rapids, to serve a four-year term to expire July 31, 2023. He will fill a vacancy created by the resignation of Gregory Przybylo. DeGraw is a trial attorney and equity shareholder at Smith, Haughey, Rice, & Roegge Law Firm since 1997. He is a member of the State Bar of Michigan, the U.S. District Court, Western District of Michigan since 1989, and U.S. District Court of Eastern Michigan since 2005. DeGraw serves as a special assistant Attorney General, is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the Grand Rapids Bar Association. DeGraw holds a bachelor's degree in science from Michigan State University and a Juris Doctorate from the Thomas Cooley Law School.

Correctional Officers Training Council
April 20, 2016

Background

The Correctional Officers Training Council develops minimum standards and requirements for state correctional officers. It is an eight member panel, including representatives from across the corrections industry.

Appointments to the Council are for three year terms and are not subject to senate action.

Members

Terms expiring March 29, 2016

- William Henderson, Freeland, representing state corrections officers
- Timothy Eklin, Grand Blanc, representing the academic community

Terms expiring March 29, 2017

- Bonita Hoffner, Quincy, representing the Department of Corrections
- Matthew Fedorchuk, Okemos, representing the state personnel director

Terms expiring March 29, 2018

- Francine Wresinski, Holt, representing DTMB
- Cynthia Allen, Parma, representing academic community/community college
- Robert Davis, Saginaw, representing the general public
- Stephen Rand, Horton, representing the general public

Recommendation

Appoint Jennifer Cobbina, 34, of East Lansing, to serve a three-year term to expire March 29, 2019. She will represent the academic community and replace Timothy Eklin. Cobbina is an associate professor for the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University. Cobbina earned the Becky Tatum Excellence Award in 2016, the Center for Service Learning and Civic Engagement Award in 2014, and the College of Social Science Alumni Association Outstanding Teaching award from Michigan State University in 2014. Cobbina earned a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and sociology from Indiana University, a master's degree in criminology and criminal justice, and her PhD both from the University of Missouri.

Reappoint William Henderson, 50, Freeland, to serve a three-year term to expire March 29, 2019. He will continue to represent state correction officers. Henderson is a corrections officer for the Michigan Department of Corrections. He has 21 years of experience as a corrections officer and is a former trainer and field training office for the Michigan Department of Corrections. Henderson holds a certification in corrections from Jackson Community College.

Michigan Community Corrections Board
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Public Act 511 of 1988, the Michigan Community Corrections Board serves in an advisory capacity to the Director for the Michigan Department of Corrections and is charged with approving many components of community corrections programs including: goals, eligibility criteria, program guidelines, program standards and policies, the application process, procedures for funding, and criteria for evaluation.

The Board consists of 13 members appointed by the Governor. Board members serve four-year terms subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring March 31, 2016

- William DeBoer, Byron Center, representing existing community alternatives program
- Cory Chavis, Canton, representing the general public
- VACANT (Tom Clement), representing criminal defense attorneys
- Matthew Heins, Jackson, representing city police departments

Terms expiring March 31, 2017

- William Nichols, Temperance, representing county prosecuting attorneys
- The Honorable Beth Gibson, Newberry, representing district court judges
- The Honorable Martha Anderson, Troy, representing circuit court judges
- Debra Walling, Dearborn, representing members of city government
- Deborah Smith-Olson, Baldwin, representing the general public

Terms expiring March 31, 2019

- Daniel Lathrop, Traverse City, representing the general public
- Paul Bailey, Berrien Center, representing county sheriffs
- Dennis Van Dam, Hudsonville, representing county commissioners
- Heidi Washington, Director of Department of Corrections

Recommendation

Appoint Keith Turpel, 64, of Kalamazoo, to serve a four-year term to expire March 31, 2020. He will represent criminal defense attorneys and fill a vacancy created by Tom Clement. Turpel is a sole practitioner in Criminal Law dealing with misdemeanors and felonies in the Michigan District and Circuit Courts, as well as the US District Court for the Western District of Michigan. Turpel holds a bachelor's degree of arts from the University of Michigan and a JD from Wayne State University.

Reappoint William DeBoer, 54, of Byron Center, to serve a four-year term to expire March 31, 2020. He will continue to represent existing community alternatives program. DeBoer is the president/CEO of the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program, a position he has held since 1987. DeBoer holds a bachelor's degree in science from and sociology form Calvin College.

Reappoint Matthew Heins, 49, of Jackson, to serve a four-year term to expire March 31, 2020. He will continue to represent city police departments. Heins is the chief of police and the chief of fire services for the city of Jackson. During his tenure with the city of Jackson Heins served as deputy chief of staff, police lieutenant, police sergeant, administrative staff assistant, and as a police officer. Heins is an adjunct instructor in of the criminal justice program at Jackson Community College. He holds a bachelor's degree in arts from Michigan State University and a master's degree in public administration for the Western Michigan University.

Michigan Veterans Facilities Board of Managers
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Public Act 152 of 1885, The Michigan Veterans Facilities Board of Managers exercises certain regulatory and governance authority regarding admission and member affairs at Michigan's two veterans' homes. They also represent the interest of the veterans' community in both advisory and advocacy roles.

Members are appointed by the Governor to serve three-year terms, and their appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring February 28, 2016

- Lino Pretto, representing veterans
- Robert Johnson, representing the American Legion

Terms expiring February 28, 2017

- Paul W. Potter, representing veterans of foreign wars
- James Ausdemore, representing veterans
- Marita Okerstrom, representing veterans

Terms expiring February 28, 2018

- Paul Mead, representing AMVETS
- Ronald Schrieber, representing disabled American veterans

Recommendation

Appoint John Thorhaurer, 48, of Chelsea, to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2019. He will represent veterans and replace Lino Pretto. Thorhaurer served in the United States Army Reserve from 1985 to 1993 as a computer operations specialist and a shift leader. Thorhaurer also worked for the Armed Forces Retirement home as director in 2005. He is a licensed nursing home administrator for the State of Michigan and holds a bachelor's degree in science and a master's degree in business, both from Averett College in Danville, Virginia.

Reappoint Robert Johnson, 55, of Kingsley, to serve a three-year term to expire February 28, 2019. He will continue to represent the American Legion. Johnson is senior engineering technical analyst lead for Consumers Energy in Traverse City, a position he has held since 2011. He holds a bachelor's degree in business from the Davenport University, a master's degree in business from the University of Michigan, and a doctorate in business administration from Baker College.

Underground Storage Tank Authority Board
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Public Act 416 of 2014, the Underground Storage Tank Authority Board is created as a body corporate within the Department of Environmental Quality and shall exercise its prescribed statutory power financial duties, and financial functions independently of the director of the department or any other department.

The Board is comprised of the Director of the Department of Environmental Quality and six members appointed by the Governor as follows: one individual representing petroleum refiners, one individual representing independent petroleum marketers, one individual from a statewide motor fuel retail association, one individual from a statewide business association that includes owners or operators of refined petroleum underground storage tanks, an individual from a statewide environmental organization, and a general public member.

Members serve three-year terms after initial appointments of two serving one-year terms, two serving two-year terms, and two serving three-year terms with the advice and consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring May, 25, 2016

- John Dimmick, Marcellus, representing individuals from independent petroleum marketers
- Grenetta Thomassey, Petoskey, representing individuals form a statewide environmental organization.

Terms expiring May 25, 2017

- Bill Saad, Grosse Ile, representing individuals from a statewide motor fuel retail association
- Juman Doleh-Alomary, Canton, representing the general public

Terms expiring May 25, 2018

- Greg Gould, Lansing, representing petroleum refiners
- Brian Eggers, Linwood, representing individuals from a statewide business association that includes owners or operators of refined petroleum underground storage tanks.

Recommendations

Reappoint John Dimmick, 74, of Marcellus, to serve a three-year term to expire May 25, 2019. He will continue to represent individuals from independent petroleum marketers. Dimmick is vice president of Walters Dimmick Petroleum, Inc. and has worked in the business for over 54 years. He is a member of the Michigan Petroleum Association board of directors, the Indiana and Ohio Oil Marketers Associations, the National Association of Convenience Stores, Michigan Shell Jobbers Scholarship Foundation President, and is a member and past president of Three Rivers Area Chamber of Commerce.

Reappoint Grenetta Thomassey, 62, of Petoskey, to serve a one-year term to expire May 25, 2019. She will represent individuals from a statewide environmental organization. Thomassey is program director of the Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and previously served as an assistant professor for the University of Minnesota Duluth. She has been involved as a member of many local and state advisory councils and boards throughout her career. Thomassey holds a bachelor's degree, a master's degree, and a Ph.D. all in political science, from Northern Arizona University.

Mental Health Diversion Council
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Executive Order 2014-7, the Mental Health Diversion Council was created within the Michigan Department of Community Health to advise and assist in the implantation of the Diversion Action Plan and provide recommendations for statutory, contractual or procedural changes to improve diversion.

The Council is comprised of 18 members appointed by the Governor for four-year terms. Members are not subject to the consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring January 30, 2017

- Ronald Schafer, Portland, representing prosecutors
- George Strander, Albion, representing court administrators
- Timothy Bourgeois, Parchment, representing local law enforcement
- Christopher Cooke, Traverse City, representing licensed attorneys with experience in representing individuals with mental illness
- Larry Cameron, Southfield, representing advocates or consumer representatives

Terms expiring January 30, 2018

- Michele Bell, Midland, representing advocates of consumer representatives on juvenile justice issues
- Soleil Campbell, Okemos, as the designee of the Department of Human Services
- Ronald Derrer, Grand Rapids, representing juvenile mental health treatment practioners
- John Searles, Wheeler, representing school systems

Terms expiring January 30, 2019

- Lt. Governor Brian Calley, Portland, the Lieutenant Governor
- Lynda Zeller, as the designee of the Department of Health and Human Services
- VACANT (Joanne Sheldon), as the designee of the Department of Corrections
- Sheriff Anthony Wickersham, Macomb, representing county sheriffs

Terms expiring January 30, 2020

- Milton Mack, Wayne, representing the State Court Administrative Office
- Carmen McIntyre, Sterling Heights, representing a Medicaid pre-paid inpatient health plan (PIHP)
- Ross Buitendorp, Grand Rapids, representing adult service agencies and/or providers from a local community mental health service program (CMHSP)
- Judge Curtis Bell, Kalamazoo, representing judiciary
- Elizabeth (Betsy) Hardwick, Horton, representing community prisoner or jail re-entry

Recommendation

Appoint Lia Gulick, of Wheeler, to serve the remainder of a four-year term to expire January 30, 2019. She will be the designee of the Department of Corrections and

replace Joanne Sheldon. Gulick is the health services administrator for the Department of Corrections and previously held the positions of administrator of the procurement, monitoring and compliance division, administrator of the finance division, and other positions within the department since 1999. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

Residential Builders' and Maintenance and Alteration Contactors' Board
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Article 24 of Public Act 299 of 1980, the Michigan Residential Builders and Maintenance and Alteration Contractors Board was created to license and regulate persons engaged in the construction, alteration or improvement of a residential structure.

The Board is comprised of 9 members appointed by the Governor: 4 members shall be licensed residential builders; 2 members shall be licensed maintenance and alteration contractors; 3 members will represent the general public, at least 1 general public member shall be registered under the building officials and inspectors act (PA 54 of 1986). Members serve four-year terms, with a statutory limit of two terms, and are subject to the consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring March 31, 2016

- John Kelly, Bloomfield Hills, representing licensed residential builders
- Sidney Browne Jr., Marine City, representing the general public as a building inspector
- Gary August, Bloomfield Hills, representing the general public
- Thomas Thelen, Westphalia, representing maintenance and alteration contractors

Terms expiring March 31, 2017

- Mark Wahl, Linwood, representing residential builders
- Jeff Agnew, Temperance, representing maintenance and alteration contractors

Terms expiring March 31, 2018

- William Adcock, Lansing, representing licensed residential builders

Terms expiring March 31, 2019

- Bradley Laackman, Grand Rapids, representing the general public
- Greg Powell, St. Joseph, representing licensed residential builders

Recommendation

Reappoint Sidney Browne Jr., of Marine City, to serve a four-year term to expire March 31, 2020. He will continue to represent the general public as a building inspector. Browne is the chief building and electrical inspector for the city of Rochester, an assistant building and electrical inspector for Clay Township, an electrical inspector for the city of Auburn Hills, and an assistant building inspector for the village of New Haven. He is also a licensed residential builder and master electrician. Browne is a member of the Building Officials of Michigan and the International Association of Electrical Inspectors. He attended St. Clair Community College and Ferris State University.

Reappoint John Kelly, of Bloomfield Hills, to serve a four-year term to expire March 31, 2020. He will continue to represent licensed residential builders. Kelly is president of MDCK Commercial LLC in Birmingham and is a licensed residential builder. Previously, he worked for Hawthorne Land and Development, Mosher Dolan Cataldo and Kelly Inc. and Midwest Commercial Services. Kelly holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from Michigan State University.

Reappoint Thomas Thelen, of Westphalia, to serve a four-year term to expire March 31, 2020. He will continue to represent maintenance and alteration contractors. Thelen is owner of Benjamin Thomas Carpentry LLC. He previously served as a carpenter foreman for DSI Acoustical and Bouma Interiors. Thelen studied building and architecture at Lansing Community College, and holds a Michigan maintenance and alterations contractor license.

Michigan Commission on Services to the Aging
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Public Act 180 of 1981, the Commission on Services to the Aging was established to advise the Governor and Legislature on coordination and administration of state programs, changes in federal and state programs, and the nature and magnitude of aging priorities. The Commission also reviews and approves grants made by OSA and participates in development of the state plan and budget.

The Commission is comprised of 15 members appointed by the Governor. A majority of the Commission must be at least 60 years old and no more than eight members may be from the same political party. Commissioners serve three-year terms subject to the consent of the Senate.

Members

Terms expiring July 28, 2016

- Richard Ortega, 62, (D), Grand Rapids
- Michael Burri, 63, (R), Grand Rapids
- Joan Ilardo, 62, (D), East Lansing
- Douglas Chalgian, 54, (I), East Lansing
- Michael Sheehan, 74, (I), Cedar

Terms expiring July 28, 2017

- Jerry Irby, 71, (R), Marquette
- Olusola (Matthew) Adeyanju, 67, (I), Big Rapids
- Kristie Zamora, 44 (I), Flint
- Jeffrey Schade, 45, (R), Flint
- Harold Mast, 70, (R), Kentwood

Terms expiring July 28, 2018

- Dona Wishart, (R), Gaylord - Chair
- Donna Murray-Brown, 49, (I), Detroit
- Laura LaTosch, 45, (D), Ferndale
- Sibyl Ellis, 80, (R), Mt. Pleasant
- VACANT (Renee Reid-Smith (R))

Recommendation

Appoint Linda Strohl, 62, of Sawyer, to serve the remainder of a three-year term to expire July 28, 2018. She will represent Independents and fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Renee Reid-Smith. Strohl is the executive director for Senior Nutrition Services, Region IV, and is a current member of the State Advisory Council on Aging. She has national experience in business and non-profit management that will bring valuable insight to the Commission. Strohl holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Smith College at the University of Illinois.

Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission
April 20, 2016

Background

Pursuant to Executive Order 2002-6, the Governor's Traffic Safety Advisory Commission shall identify traffic safety challenges, and develop, promote and implement strategies to address those challenges.

The Commission is comprised of 11 members, four of whom are appointed by the Governor. Members serve three-year terms that are not subject to Senate consent.

Members

Terms expiring May 27, 2016

- Matthew Saxton, Battle Creek, representing local government

Terms expiring May 27, 2017

- David Molloy, Novi, representing local government

Other Members

- Jennifer Shea of Ferndale, representing the Governor's Office
- Linda Scarpetta, representing the Michigan Department of Community Health
- Kenneth Micklash, representing the Michigan Department of Education
- Anne Corgan, representing the Michigan Department of State
- Lauren A. Swanson, representing the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging
- Michael L. Prince, representing the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning
- Capt. Harold Love, representing the Michigan Department of State Police
- Mark Bott, representing the Michigan Department of Transportation

Terms expiring May 27, 2018

- Lawrence Hummel, Carson City, representing local government

Recommendation

Reappoint Matthew Saxton, of Battle Creek, to serve a three-year term to expire May 27, 2019. He will continue to represent local government. Saxton is the Sheriff for Calhoun County, a position he has held since 2013. He joined the Homer Police Department in 1993, before beginning his career with the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office. Saxton has served in the roles of Corrections Deputy, Law Enforcement Deputy, Sergeant, Lieutenant, and Captain. He is a graduate of the Northwestern University, Center for Public Safety, School of Police Staff and Command, graduated from the FBI National Academy #230 in 2007, and is also a graduate of the New Sheriff's Leadership Institute, provided by the Michigan Sheriff's Association. He holds a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Lake Superior State University.