

MINUTES

HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

DATE: Wednesday, February 21, 2018

The subcommittee meeting was called to order by Representative VerHeulen at 12:00 p.m.
Roll was taken: Present - Representatives VerHeulen, Brann, Miller, and Pagan
Absent - None

I. Approval of Minutes from Previous Subcommittee Meetings

A motion was moved by Representative Pagan to approve minutes from the subcommittee meetings held on March 29, 2017 and September 13, 2017. The motion prevailed, a majority of the members voting in the affirmative.

II. Overview of the FY 2018-19 Judiciary Budget Request

Justice Bridget Mary McCormack, Justice of the Michigan Supreme Court, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview presentation on the state's judiciary system and the FY 2018-19 budget request.

She discussed the importance of measuring performance and adopting best practices to improve outcomes; the importance of reengineering courts to streamline operations, improve efficiency, and save money; and the importance of implementing new technology to increase and improve access.

In particular, she discussed problem solving courts, statewide e-filing, the Michigan Legal Help website and self-help centers, changes in judgeships, and videoconferencing. Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

III. Overview of the Court of Appeals

Judge Christopher M. Murray, Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, appeared before the subcommittee. He gave an overview presentation on the Court of Appeals. Primarily, he focused on the importance of timeliness and efficiency in the handling of court cases. Also, he discussed movement of the Court of Claims to the Court of Appeals. Discussion ensued (questions and answers).

IV. Announce Next Subcommittee Meeting

The next subcommittee meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in Room 426 of the Capitol Building. Agenda: Overview of the Michigan State Appellate Defender Office and the Michigan Appellate Assigned Counsel System.

V. Adjourn

There being no further business to come before the subcommittee, Representative VerHeulen adjourned the subcommittee meeting at 12:40 p.m.