

**MICHIGAN STATE BAR FOUNDATION
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEETING**

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 2026

LOCATION: STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN
ROBERTS P. HUDSON ROOM
(Dinner is being provided.)

TIME: 4:00 p.m.

AGENDA

SPECIAL ORDER ITEMS – 4:00 p.m.

- I. Presentation by Auditor: David Nielsen, Maner Costerisan
 - A. Foundation Audit for FY2024
 - B. Governance Letter

- 2. Presentation by Senior Investment Consultant: David Brown, Mercer
 - A. Investment Management Report

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- I. **Call to Order**..... Thomas R. Behm

- II. **Minutes**: Directors Meeting held via Zoom on November 19, 2025: Secretary Thomas R. Behm and Assistant Secretary, Jennifer Bentley.

- III. **Project Grant Committee** Robert F. Riley
 - A. March 2, 2026 Meeting Summary – (Board Approval Needed)

- IV. **Finance Audit Committee** Richard K. Rappleye
 - A. Financial Summary
 - B. Financial Statements
 - C. FAC Summary and Grant Recommendations

- V. **Executive Committee** Thomas R. Behm
- A. IOLTA Legal Changes Update
 - B. MSBF Founders and ATJ Award Recipients for 2026 – *Approval Needed*
 - C. Fellows Reception
 - D. National Association of Women Judge's Grant Proposal
- VI. **Executive Director's Reports** Jennifer S. Bentley
- A. New Staffing Update and Celebrating Celee Marchek's Retirement
 - B. Update on Triage and Referral Project
 - C. Eviction Diversion Program 2025 Report
 - D. IOLTA Compliance and Banking on Justice Report
 - E. ATJ Campaign Update Jennifer S. Bentley
 - 1. 2025 ATJ Campaign Distribution
 - 2. 2025 ATJ Campaign Report
- VII. **New Business**
- VIII. **Adjournment**
- IX. **Other Materials of Interest**
- A. ROI Report Legal Aid
 - B. Schedule of 2025-2026 Board and Committee Meetings
 - C. Siena Literacy Center Grant
 - D. USCRI Report

Next Committee and Directors' Meetings:

- Wednesday, May 27, 2026 – 2:00-3:00 p.m. FAC (virtual)
 Monday, June 1, 2026 – 4:00-5:00 p.m. EC (virtual)
 Monday, June 1, 2026 – 5:00-6:00 PGC (virtual)
Wednesday, June 10, 2026 – 4:00 – 5:30 Board Meeting (Virtual)
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Mission Statement

The Michigan State Bar Foundation provides
 leadership and grants
 to improve access for all to the justice system,

including support for civil legal aid for low-income individuals,
law-related education, and conflict resolution.