



**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
**APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS AND JUDICIARY**  
REP. BRADLEY SLAGH  
CHAIR

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 13, 2025

10:30 AM

Room 326, House Office Building

The House Committee on Corrections and Judiciary was called to order by Chair Slagh.

The Chair requested attendance to be called:

Present: Reps. Slagh, Markkanen, Beson, Cavitt, and O'Neal.

Absent: None.

Excused: None.

Representative Beson moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 6, 2025. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Heidi Washington, Director of the Department of Corrections, and Kyle Kaminski, Offender Success Administrator and Legislative Liaison, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss the FY 2025-26 executive budget recommendation for the department. Director Washington discussed the department's continued focus on investing in staff and keeping communities safe. She detailed the following key initiatives included in the executive recommendation for fiscal year 2026: negotiated wage changes for department employees; providing peer recovery coaches in communities and training prisoners to serve as peer recovery coaches in prisons; expanding offender success services; planning for temporary housing for offenders when they are released from prison; continuing support for educational programming for prisoners; and investing in technology in correctional facilities. She went on to discuss other budget requests including support for cost increases for medical supplies and equipment, transportation of prisoners, and contraband prevention efforts. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Angela Madden, Executive Director of the Michigan Association of Ambulance Services, appeared before the subcommittee to discuss outstanding reimbursement payments owed by the state to ambulance service providers. Ms. Madden was accompanied by Jeff White (Macomb County), Russ Adams (Lapeer County), and Ron Slagell (Washtenaw and Jackson Counties) in-person and Renee Grey (Chippewa County) via Zoom. Each of them testified before the subcommittee on the impact that not being reimbursed for services provided has had on their ambulance service agencies. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

There being no further business before the committee, Chair Slagh adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

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Representative Bradley Slagh, Chair

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