



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

**COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

Thursday, March 20, 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 Cavitt moved to approve the minutes from the meeting held on March 13, 2025. There being no objections, the minutes were approved.

Elizabeth T. Clement, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the Judiciary budget. Before her overview presentation, she introduced Chief Justice-elect Megan K. Cavanagh who will preside over the Supreme Court at the end of April.

The primary focus of the Chief Justice's discussion was on the Statewide Case Management System. She discussed Trial Court Funding Commission recommendations for the system; benefits of the system to the state and to local units; project hurdles and mitigation measures; and the status of appropriations for the system made by the legislature. She went on to discuss priority requests for the next fiscal year, including proposals to increase capacity and to improve public service. Priority requests focus on meeting expanding needs by increasing field services staff and Michigan Judicial Institute capacity, hiring a legal editor and a grants officer, and expanding Michigan Legal Help centers and problem-solving courts. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Michael Gadola, Chief Judge of the Michigan Court of Appeals, appeared before the subcommittee to give an overview of the Court of Appeals budget. He discussed the Court of Appeals' caseload, new cases filed, and cases disposed. He also discussed the Court of Claims, which is managed by the Court of Appeals, and its caseload. Discussion ensued. Questions and answers followed.

Public testimony was given by Mr. Peter De Filippis via Zoom. He focused on the Statewide Case Management System.

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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