



CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS

JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 PM

*Robert E. Novitke Municipal Center - Conference Room,
20025 Mack Plaza Dr., Grosse Pointe Woods, MI 48236
(313) 343-2440*

PUBLIC INVITED: IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PUBLIC ACT 267 OF 1976 (OPEN MEETINGS ACT), ALL MEMBERS OF THE GROUP LISTED ABOVE, AS WELL AS THE GENERAL PUBLIC, ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THIS MEETING.

AGENDA

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Judicial Liaison Committee 02/05/24
- 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS**
 - A. Grosse Pointe Woods Municipal Court
 - B. 2025 Judicial Resources Recommendations Report
- 6. NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC COMMENTS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES OF THE JUDICIAL LIAISON COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE CITY OF GROSSE POINTE WOODS HELD ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2024, IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE ROBERT E. NOVITKE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 20025 MACK PLAZA DRIVE, GROSSE POINTE WOODS, MICHIGAN.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Chair McConaghy.

In attendance: Chairman McConaghy
Members: Bryant
Absent: None
Also present: City Clerk Antolin
Hon. Ted Metry

Motion by Bryant, seconded by McConaghy, that all items on tonight’s agenda be received, placed on file, and taken in order of appearance.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Bryant, McConaghy
No: None
Absent: None

Motion by Bryant, seconded by McConaghy, that the following minutes be approved as submitted:

- 1. Judicial Liaison Committee dated March 3, 2021 and January 27, 2020.

Motion carried by the following vote:
Yes: Bryant, McConaghy
No: None
Absent: None

The Committee commenced general discussion pertaining to operations of the Municipal Court. Judge Metry stated that caseload is down and cases are processed fairly efficiently through in-person and zoom. Criminal cases are down. Landlord/Tenant cases has been prevalent as state law requires multiple appearances. There has been an increase in property ordinance tickets with more stringent code enforcement. The committee feels the court has been running efficiently and no changes are necessary at this time.

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Under New Business, the following was discussed:

- Mayor Bryant stated that he has been in contact with the Chair of the Local Officers Compensation Committee (LOCC), Dan Curis, and discussed consideration of increasing the municipal judge's compensation. Also discussed was the meeting schedule of the LOCC.
- Judge Metry stated City Attorney Tomlinson does a good job and is aware that City Attorney Walling is good for representing the city.
- Brief discussion ensued regarding meter parking tickets and how GPW and other communities handle them. Mayor Bryant considered the idea of eliminating parking meters.

Under New Business/Public Comment, no one wished to be heard.

Motion by Bryant, seconded by McConaghy, that tonight's meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Respectfully submitted,

Todd A. McConaghy
Committee Chair

2025 Judicial Resources Recommendations Report

1 message

Tom Boyd <[REDACTED]>
To: Courts <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Dec 16, 2025 at 2:20 PM

Good afternoon,

The 2025 Judicial Resources Recommendations (JRR) report is now available and will be sent to the Governor and Legislature this week.

The SCAO recommends that the Legislature

- Add 25 circuit court judgeships,
- Add 8 district court judgeships,
- Convert 1 district court judgeship to a circuit court judgeship,
- Convert 4 municipal court judgeships to district court judgeships and reduce 3 by attrition,
- Reduce 2 additional district judgeships by attrition,
- Reduce 1 part-time probate judgeship by attrition, and
- Consolidate or realign several courts.

In 2024, judges participated in a time study as part of a weighted caseload study conducted by the National Center for State Courts (NCSC) in conjunction with the Judicial Resources Advisory Committee (JRAC). Many judges also participated in Quality Adjustment Panels to account for additional time necessary for processing cases. NCSC's Final Report of the Michigan Trial Courts Judicial Weighted Caseload Study provides in-depth description of the project and contains the updated case weights.

The JRR report is available online at: https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4af444/siteassets/reports/judicial-resources/jrr_2025_final.pdf

The NCSC report is available online at: <https://www.courts.michigan.gov/4af44f/siteassets/reports/judicial-resources/ncsc-final-report-of-the-michigan-judicial-workload-assessment.pdf>

Thank you,

Thomas P. Boyd
State Court Administrator



Grosse Pointe Municipal Courts

There are four municipal courts in Michigan with a combined judicial need of 0.67. These municipal courts are the only remaining municipal courts in Michigan. They serve the cities of Grosse Pointe, Grosse Pointe Farms/Grosse Pointe Shores, Grosse Pointe Park, and Grosse Pointe Woods. All other municipal courts in Michigan were replaced with a district court.²² These municipalities, not the state, pay these judges. Each court has one part-time judge and less than a full-time judicial need.

Recommendation:

The SCAO recommends that the four municipal courts be consolidated into one new district court with four district judges. Additionally, the SCAO recommends that three of these judges be reduced through attrition.

Current Judgeships	4
2025 SCAO Recommendation	Convert 4 municipal judgeships to 4 district judgeships, then -3 district judgeships
Total Judgeships	1

The resulting workload per judge would be 67% if these courts were consolidated into a court with one district judgeship.

Courts, Jurisdictions, and Judgeships

Court	Jurisdiction	Current Judgeships
MGPW	City of Grosse Pointe Woods	1
MGPF	Cities of Grosse Pointe Farms and Grosse Pointe Shores	1
MGP	City of Grosse Pointe	1
MGPP	City of Grosse Pointe Park	1

History of Recommendation:

In 2013, the SCAO recommended that the municipal courts be consolidated into a new district court, or into the 32A District Court – Harper Woods.

Legislative Action Since 2001:

MCL 600.8121(17) established the thirty-second-b district consisting of the cities of Grosse Pointe Woods, Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, and Grosse Pointe Farms. However, these local jurisdictions did not pass resolutions to convert to a district court.

²² The most recent conversion of a municipal court to a district court occurred when Public Act 681 of 2002 established the 38th District Court in the City of Eastpointe.

Municipal Court Filings

Year	Grosse Pointe Woods	Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe City	Grosse Pointe Park
2019	1,740	3,083	970	3,072
2020	1,318	2,045	409	1,954
2021	1,295	3,025	398	2,267
2022	1,327	4,495	381	1,849
2023	1,625	3,356	381	1,610
2024	1,262	3,393	633	2,312

Municipal Court case counts exclude parking tickets (OK, SK)

Population

Year	Grosse Pointe Woods	Grosse Pointe Farms	Grosse Pointe City	Grosse Pointe Park
2010 Census	16,135	9,987	5,421	11,555
2020 Census	16,487	10,148	5,678	11,595
2024 Estimate	15,897	9,794	5,526	11,513

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Population Division

PUBLIC ACT ____ OF 2026

The People of the State of Michigan enact:

**Sec. 1. Amendment to MCL 600.8121 (district descriptions;
32A and 32B)**

Sec. 8121. (16) The thirty-second-a district consists of the city of Harper Woods, and the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

(17) The thirty-second-b district consists of the cities of ~~Grosse Pointe Woods,~~ Grosse Pointe Park, Grosse Pointe, and Grosse Pointe Farms, and the village of Grosse Pointe Shores, is a district of the third class, and has 1 judge.

**Sec. 2. Amendment to MCL 600.9928 (municipal court
retention not to block 32A district court functioning)**

Sec. 9928. (5) Subsection (1) does not apply to the thirty-second-a district described in section 8121(16).

**Sec. 3. Amendment to 1956 PA 5 (Uniform Municipal Court
Act) to abolish municipal court structure in Grosse Pointe
Woods and provide transition**

1956 PA 5, MCL 730.501 to 730.534, is amended by adding section 35 to read as follows:

Sec. 35. (1) Notwithstanding section 4 and any other provision of this act, a municipal court established, maintained, or operating in the city of Grosse Pointe Woods is abolished on the effective date of the amendatory act that added this section.

(2) On and after that effective date, the thirty-second-a district court described in section 8121(16) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.8121, has and shall exercise the jurisdiction, powers, and duties that, immediately before that effective date, were vested in the municipal court described in subsection (1), including jurisdiction over violations of ordinances of the city of Grosse Pointe Woods and all civil and criminal matters within that court's jurisdiction.

(3) All actions and proceedings pending in that municipal court on the effective date are transferred to the thirty-second-a district court and shall proceed as if originally filed in that district court. All judgments, orders, probation, warrants, and other process issued by that municipal court before the effective date remain in effect and are enforceable by the thirty-second-a district court.

(4) The clerk or other officer having custody of the files, records, dockets, and property of that municipal court shall deliver them to the clerk of the thirty-second-a district court or as otherwise directed by the state court administrative office. Records so delivered shall be maintained as records of the district court.

(5) Any agreement described in section 9928(3) of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.9928, that provides for the municipal court described in subsection (1) to exercise jurisdiction and powers with respect to another city, or for another municipal court to exercise jurisdiction and powers with respect to the city of Grosse Pointe Woods, is terminated on the effective date. Jurisdiction for each affected city after that effective date is as otherwise provided by law.

(6) The abolition of the municipal court under subsection (1) does not impair the validity of any contract, obligation, or liability lawfully incurred before the effective date in connection with the operation of that municipal court.

(7) Nothing in this section creates a right to continued employment for any person employed by or providing services to the municipal court abolished under subsection (1).

Enacting section 1. Immediate effect

Enacting section 1. This act takes effect immediately.