



CITY OF NOVI CITY COUNCIL JULY 28, 2025

SUBJECT: Approval to authorize vote for the 2025 Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Trustee Election Ballot.

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: City Clerk

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Regular ballot for the MML Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees, provided to the City of Novi as a member

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Michigan Municipal League (MML) Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees is comprised of 13 members of elected and appointed municipal officials from around the state. The Workers' Compensation Fund is a non-profit self-insurance pool owned and governed by its members. It is Michigan's leading provider of municipal workers' compensation and risk management services, with over 900 members and assets of over \$150 million. The City of Novi has been a member for over 30 years.

The Fund offers stable, cost-effective, broad coverage options and expert risk management services provided by municipal risk specialists with decades of experience. Over the last five years, the Fund has issued \$58.3 million in dividends, representing about 35% of members' premiums during the same period. Its mission is to be a stable, cost-effective, long-term risk management choice for members and associate members of the MML.

The Workers' Compensation board meets four times a year. The current 2025 Trustee Election ballot is for four trustee positions and has four candidates (plus a write-In option). A brief, biographical sketch of the candidates is provided for review.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval to authorize vote for the 2025 Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund Trustee Election Ballot.

THE CANDIDATES

Four-year terms beginning October 1, 2025



Brian Boggs, City Councilmember, City of Durand

Brian has more than 18 years' experience in local government and is currently the Shiawassee County Administrator and a longtime member of the Durand City Council. Brian is an Assistant Professor for the Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Programs in International Studies and Programs at Michigan State University. He has written extensively on educational organizational complexity, specifically as it affects urban schools and policy. He has most recently been published in Teacher's College Record at Columbia with a piece titled, "Conceptualizing Virtual Instructional Resource Enactment in an Era of Greater Centralization, Specification of Quality Instructional Practices, and Proliferation of Instructional Resources." Further, he has published book chapters in: Handbook of Urban Education Leadership; Handbook of Education Politics and Policy; School to Prison Pipeline; Emerging Issues and

Trends in Education; Beyond Marginality; and Educational Policy Goes to School. He has also been published in the Journal of School Public Relations. Brian holds a Ph.D. in educational policy from Michigan State University and is currently finishing his J.D. from Mitchell Hamline School of Law. He holds an MA in Rhetoric and a BA in English from the University of Michigan. Brian is seeking re-election to his second term.



Maureen Donker, Mayor, City of Midland

Maureen has more than sixteen years' experience as a municipal official, having served as mayor of Midland since 2009. She has been the Executive Director of The Reece Endeavor of Midland, a community program providing homes for individuals with special needs, since 1998.

Maureen is also active in the Midland community, serving on various local and regional civic organizations. Maureen is seeking re-election to her fourth term.



Craig Stolsonburg, Village Manager, Village of Middleville

Craig has been Village Manager of Middleville since 2022. Prior to joining the village, he was a Business Solutions Professional with West Michigan Works! for six years, and began his career with twenty years in real estate. He has previously served on the Barry County Board of Commissioners for eight years, including five years as Chair.

A lifelong resident of the Middleville area, Craig is actively involved in his community, including membership in the Middleville Rotary Club and the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation (Past President), and sitting on the Boards of Directors for the Thornapple Credit Union and Barry County United Way. Additionally, he has coached for the Thornapple Kellogg High School wrestling and football programs, and volunteers as a public address announcer at school sporting events. Craig is married with two adult children and enjoys spending time with family, golfing, and rooting for the Detroit Lions. Craig is seeking election to his first term.

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Deborah Stuart, City Manager, Mason City



Deborah Stuart has served as City Manager of Mason City since January 2016. She has more than 20 years of local and state experience in community and economic development, most recently in her role as Community Development Incentives Director for the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC). Previously, she served the MEDC as its Community Assistance Team Specialist and the City of Jackson in various economic development roles.

Deborah currently sits on the Boards of Directors for three statewide entities: the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Municipal League Foundation and the Michigan Municipal Executives. In addition, she is an active contributor to the 16/50 Project in Michigan, focused on increasing the number of women in local government executive positions through training, mentoring, and promotion of the field to undergraduates. Deborah holds a Bachelor's degree in Communication from

Central Michigan University and a Master's degree in Public Administration from Western Michigan University. She is a proud resident of the City of Mason with her husband and her two children. Deborah is seeking election to her first term.

**Michigan Municipal League
Workers' Compensation Fund**

OFFICIAL BALLOT - 2025

Vote for four Trustees by marking the line to the left of the name for four (4) year terms beginning October 1, 2025.

☒ **Brian Boggs, Incumbent**
City Councilmember, City of Durand

☒ **Maureen Donker, Incumbent**
Mayor, City of Midland

☒ **Craig Stolsonburg, Appointee**
Manager, Village of Middleville

☒ **Deborah Stuart, Appointee**
Manager, City of Mason

Write-in Candidate

I hereby certify that:

City of Novi
(Municipality/Agency)

by action of its governing body, has authorized its vote to be cast for the above persons to serve as Trustees of the Michigan Municipal League Workers' Compensation Fund.

Official Signature
Date:

**Ballot deadline:
August 8, 2025**