

Order

Michigan Supreme Court
Lansing, Michigan

September 11, 2024

ADM File No. 2024-01

Appointments to the
Commission on Diversity,
Equity, and Inclusion in the
Michigan Judiciary

Elizabeth T. Clement,
Chief Justice

Brian K. Zahra
David F. Viviano
Richard H. Bernstein
Megan K. Cavanagh
Elizabeth M. Welch
Kyra H. Bolden,
Justices

On order of the Court, pursuant to Administrative Order No. 2022-1, the following members are reappointed to the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Michigan Judiciary for terms beginning on January 1, 2025, and ending on December 31, 2027:

- Michelle Crockett (Affinity Bar Association member)
- Syeda Davidson (Affinity Bar Association member)
- Alanna Lahey (Community Member with contacts with the justice system)
- Judge Juanita F. Bocanegra (on behalf of the Michigan District Judges Association)
- Judge Kathleen M. Brickley (on behalf of the Michigan Judges Association)
- Nicole Huddleston (on behalf of the Justice for All Commission)
- Judge Melissa L. Pope (on behalf of the Michigan Tribal State Federal Judicial Forum)

In addition, effective immediately, Teresa Payne (on behalf of Michigan Association of Counties) is appointed for the remainder of a term ending on December 31, 2025.

VIVIANO, J. (*dissenting*). I continue to object to the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion because we have not received any clarification of its aims or assurance that they are consistent with state and federal law.¹ As I have previously stated,

¹ See Administrative Order No. 2022-1, 508 Mich civ, cxiv (2022) (VIVIANO, J., dissenting); Appointments to the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Michigan Judiciary, order of the Michigan Supreme Court, 509 Mich ___, ___ (June 16, 2022) (VIVIANO, J., dissenting); Appointments to the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Michigan Judiciary, 513 Mich ___, ___ (November 29, 2023) (VIVIANO, J., dissenting).

assessing the applicants is difficult without knowing what the Commission stands for and whether the applicants will serve as a group dedicated to removing obstacles to participation in the courts and fostering viewpoint diversity or a group that will advocate for the unconstitutional use of race and other protected characteristics in the courts' decision-making processes.^[2]

Thus, while I have no objection to any particular individuals the Court is appointing, I remain opposed to the Commission and respectfully dissent.

² Appointments to the Commission on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in the Michigan Judiciary, 513 Mich at ___ (VIVIANO, J., dissenting).



I, Larry S. Royster, Clerk of the Michigan Supreme Court, certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the order entered at the direction of the Court.

September 11, 2024

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry S. Royster".

Clerk