

## AGENDA REPORT

**To:** Mayor Pat Humphrey and the Clare City Commission  
**From:** Jeremy Howard, City Manager  
**Date:** July 2, 2025  
**RE:** 2025 MML Workers Compensation Fund Board of Trustees Election

For the Agenda of July 7, 2025

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Background. The City of Clare is a member of the Michigan Municipal League's (MML) Workers' Compensation Fund. The Board of Trustees of the fund is elected from the membership. The City has been informed (*see copy of att'd correspondence from the MML Fund Administrator*) that four trustee spots are open this year. The City Commission is asked to cast its ballot to fill these four positions by voting for the two incumbents and two new appointees designated on the ballot or by offering write-in candidates.

Issues & Questions Specified. Should the City Commission cast its ballot for the Workers Compensation Fund Trustee positions?

Alternatives.

1. Direct the submittal of the ballot by voting for the two incumbents and two new appointees.
2. Direct the submittal of the ballot by voting for write-in candidates.
3. Do not vote.
4. Set aside the decision regarding this matter to a later date.

Financial Impact. There is no direct fiscal impact.

Recommendation. I recommend that the City Commission cast its ballot as it deems appropriate by adoption of resolution 2025-061 (*copy attached*).

Attachments.

1. MML Workers' Compensation Fund Administrator Correspondence.
2. Resolution 2025-061.



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**To:** Members of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund  
**From:** Michael J. Forster, Fund Administrator  
**Date:** June 23, 2025  
**Subject:** Fund Trustee Election

Dear Fund Member:

Enclosed is your ballot for this year's Board of Trustees election. Two appointees have agreed to seek election to their first term, as well as two incumbent Trustees are seeking re-election. You may also write in one or more candidates if you wish.

A brief biographical sketch of the candidates is provided for your review.

I hope you will affirm the work of the Nominating Committee by returning your completed ballot in the enclosed return envelope, no later than August 8th. Alternately, you may complete your ballot online:

Go to [www.mml.org](http://www.mml.org). At the top of the page, hover over *Programs & Services* and select *Risk Management* from the drop-down list. Next, look for the *Jump To* panel and select *Workers' Compensation Fund*. The ballot link is on the next page, in the *Jump To* panel, under *Online Forms*.

The MML Workers' Compensation Fund is owned and controlled by its members. Your comments and suggestions on how we can serve you better are very much appreciated. Thank you again for your membership in the Fund, and for participating in the election of your governing board.

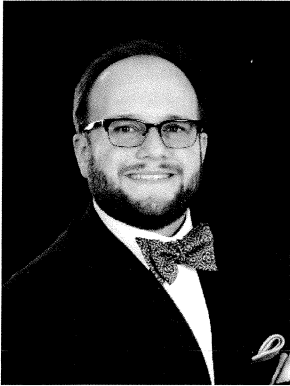
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael J. Forster".

Michael J. Forster  
Fund Administrator  
[mforster@mml.org](mailto:mforster@mml.org)

# 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:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(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.

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Official Signature

Date:

**Ballot deadline:  
August 8, 2025**

**RESOLUTION 2025-061**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CLARE CITY COMMISSION AUTHORIZING ITS VOTE TO BE CAST FOR THE MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL LEAGUE WORKERS' COMPENSATION FUND BOARD OF TRUSTEE POSITIONS.**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Clare has long been a voting member of the Michigan Municipal League (MML) and a paying member of the Workers' Compensation Fund of the League; and

**WHEREAS**, said membership qualifies the City to annually cast its vote for the Board of Trustees of the Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, the MML has forwarded the City the proposed ballot listing the slate of individuals recommended by the Nominating Committee for election or reelection to the Workers' Compensation Fund Board of Trustees; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Commission has reviewed said slate and made a decision regarding said ballot.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Clare City Commission hereby authorizes its vote to be cast for the two incumbent candidates and two new appointees listed on the ballot.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Commission hereby directs its City Clerk to submit its ballot for the election of the Board of Trustees of the MML Workers' Compensation Fund.

**ALL RESOLUTIONS AND PARTS OF RESOLUTIONS INSOFAR AS THEY CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS RESOLUTION BE AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY RESCINDED.**

**This Resolution was introduced by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_ and supported by Commissioner \_\_\_\_\_. The Resolution declared adopted by the following roll call vote:**

**YEAS:**

**NAYS:**

**ABSENT:**

**Resolution approved for adoption on this 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2025.**

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**Diane M. Lyon, City Clerk**