



MINUTES

MIDOCs Board Meeting
Tuesday, August 26, 2025

9:00 am – 11:30 am

2121 University Park Dr., Okemos, MI

MIDOCs Board Members:

* = absent **President:** Anne Messman, MD, WSU
^z = zoom **Vice President:** David Overton, MD, WMed
 Secretary: Mary Jo Wagner, MD, CMU
 Treasurer: Carly Burkett, WMed
 Mark Brieve, MSU
 Toby Roth, CMU ^z
 Rebecca Blake, MSMS*
 Andrea Wendling, MD, MSU
 Melissa Smiley, WSU*

Others Present:

Bethany Figg, CMU
Megan Morris, CMU
Amy Hoge, Executive Director
Kelly Brown, WMed^z
Larry Wang, PGY-2, WMed^z

1. Welcome and Call to Order – 9:05AM
2. Introduction of New Board Members – Andrea Wendling is joining the Board for MSU; Melissa Smiley is joining the Board for Wayne State.
3. Approval of Minutes from August 20, 2024 – Motion by Wagner to accept the minutes from 8/20/24; second by Overton. Motion carried.
4. Election of Officers – Nomination of Burkett for Treasurer by Brieve; nomination of Messman for Vice President by Wagner; nomination of Overton for President by Brieve; nomination of Wagner for Secretary by Messman. Motion by Wagner to accept all nominations; Messman seconds. Motion carried.
5. Public Comment – Dr. Larry Wang, thanked the Board for consideration of his letter requesting a waiver of his service obligation.
6. Closed Session – motion by Brieve to go into closed session to consult with attorney regarding:
 - a. Participant's waiver request
 - b. Participant's breach of contractSecond by Overton. Roll call vote:
Brieve – yes
Overton – yes
Wendling – yes

Wagner – yes

Burkett – yes

Messman – yes

Motion carried. Closed session began at 9:35am.

10:35am Wagner motions to return to open session; Brieve seconds. Motion carried.

7. Action on Items from Closed Session –

Motion by Messman to deny Larry Wang's request for waiver of service obligation; Wendling seconds. Motion carried w/ one abstention by Overton. Amy will follow up with Dr. Wang regarding next steps/options.

Motion by Wagner to enter into a contract with Joseph Doerr [attorney] to start legal communication with the participant in breach of agreement and if unsuccessful, to start an arbitration claim towards settlement. The MIDOCs Board President has the authority to make decisions and speak for the BOD, with communications including/through the Executive Director. This process will be started with monies available in the budget set aside, and to be determined how to pull further funds from each institution evenly via this year's billing structure. Second by Brieve. Motion carried. Hoge and Overton will follow up with Doerr. Hoge to communicate with Burkett regarding how the attorney will be paid.

8. Government Relations Report

Still have no state budget. Looks like it could be as late as early to mid-October. The House might start discussions this week. We have good bi-partisan support. Some members met with the House sub-committee and received very positive feedback and support for MIDOCs.

9. GME Report – Figg reported that CMU has submitted a paper to the Journal of Rural Health on the MIDOCs program. She will keep us updated as to whether or not it is published.

10. Finance Report – Burkett reported that we have received the OK from the State budget department to hold MIDOCs funds in a savings account until disbursement for loan repayment and program costs.

11. Director's Report

Hoge shared that MDHHS has offered to do a multi-year SPA for MIDOCs and asked if the group would like to do this. Motion by Wagner to pursue a multi-year state plan agreement (SPA). Overton seconds. Motion carried.

Our most recent report to the State was submitted in July and there have been no questions. We are awaiting final approval and, once received, will post on the web site.

Hoge shared that she will be working with MHC's research and communications departments to put together a report/communication on the impact of MIDOCs. More to come on this. Additionally, this is a year that HRSA designations will be reviewed. The process is estimated to take place during September/October. Hoge will be working with MDHHS and will keep everyone in the loop. Wagner shared that they found erroneous information the last time this was done so warned everyone to keep an eye out. Everyone agreed to share information as it becomes available.

12. Old Business/New Business/Announcements – Wendling shared the fact that under the newly passed reconciliation bill, Grad Plus Loans have been eliminated and medical students will have their loans capped at \$50,000 per year and a total limit of \$20,000. This raises concerns about the ability of students to afford medical school. Discussion ensued about the possibility of creating a state program around this, advocacy and wondering how other medical schools might address this. Continued brainstorming and discussions with this group in the future.

Discussion about an October meeting since we do not have a State budget yet. Hoge will poll members on the best date/time; meeting will likely be the third or fourth week of October.

13. Closing/Adjournment

Motion by Brieve to adjourn; second by Wagner. Motion carried. Adjourn 11:30 am.