

MICHIGAN COMMISSION OF AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

Lansing Community College West Campus
Michigan Technical Education Center
Room M119-120
5708 Cornerstone Drive
Lansing, MI 48917

MAY 28, 2014
TENTATIVE AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. 1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Agenda** (action item)
3. **Approval of Minutes** from the April 28, 2014, Commission of Agriculture and Rural Development Meeting (action item)
4. **Next Scheduled Meeting** (information only)
- July 22, Geagley Laboratory, East Lansing
- 9:05 a.m. 5. **Commissioner Comments and Travel** (action item)
- 9:15 a.m. 6. **Director's Report**
7. **Director's Travel** (action item)
- May 18-19, National Restaurant Association Show, Chicago
- 9:25 a.m. 8. **Public Comment on Agenda Items**
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- 9:35 a.m. 9. **Budget Update:** Maria Tyszkiewicz, Budget Officer (information only)
- 9:45 a.m. 10. **Hantz Farms Detroit Report:** Michael Score, President, Hantz Farms
- 10:05 a.m. 11. **Agriculture Labor/Workforce/Immigration Overview:** Mark Swartz, Deputy Division Director, Environmental Stewardship Division (information only)
- 10:25 a.m. **Break**
- 10:30 a.m. 12. **Agriculture Labor Workforce Coalition:** Mike DiBernardo, Grants/Economic Development Specialist (information only)

- 10:45 a.m. 13. **Michigan Farm Bureau Report on Agriculture Labor:** Craig Anderson, Manager, Agricultural Labor and Safety Services, Michigan Farm Bureau (information only)
- 11:00 a.m. 14. **Agriculture Labor/Workforce/Immigration Issues from a Grower's Perspective:** (information only)
- Don Gregory, Cherry Bay Orchards
 - Kay Trevino, Cornerstone Ag Enterprises
- 11:30 a.m. 15. **Agriculture Labor/Workforce/Immigration Legal Issues:** Kimberly Clarke, Partner, Varnum LLC (information only)
- 11:55 a.m. 16. **Commission Discussion on Agriculture Labor/Workforce/Immigration**
- 12:15 p.m. 17. **Legislative Update:** Derek Bajema, Legislative Liaison (information only)
- 12:25 p.m. 18. **Commissioner Issues**
- 12:35 p.m. 19. **Public Comment**
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- 12:45 p.m. 20. **Adjourn** (action item)