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#### EXECUTIVE ORDER

No. 2025-9

#### Additional Board, Council, and Commission Reorganizations

Department of Agriculture and Rural Development; Department of Education;
Department of Health and Human Services; Department of Insurance and
Financial Services; Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity; Department
of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; Department of Natural Resources;
Department of State Police; and Department of Technology, Management, and
Budget.

#### **Executive Reorganization**

During my time in office, I have been focused on making state government more effective for Michiganders. We have cut red tape and streamlined operations, including our efforts to eliminate duplicative offices and shift around programs or people to deliver services more efficiently. Last year, I restructured twenty-six boards and commissions to lower the cost of administration and continue to provide high-quality services. Today, I am building on that action and restructuring sixteen more boards and commissions to further improve government services and save taxpayers time and money.

Section 1 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power of the State of Michigan in the governor.

Section 2 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 empowers the governor to make changes in the organization of the executive branch.

Acting pursuant to the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and Michigan law, I order the following:

#### 1. Definitions

- A. "Type I transfer" means that phrase defined under section 3(a) of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, as amended, MCL 16.103.
- B. "Type II transfer" means that phrase defined under section 3(b) of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, as amended, MCL 16.103.
- C. "Type III transfer" means that phrase as defined under section 3(c) of the Executive Organization Act of 1965, 1965 PA 380, as amended, MCL 16.103.

#### 2. Reorganizations

- A. Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
  - i. The Michigan Craft Beverage Council, established by Executive Reorganization Order 2014-2 and reorganized by MCL 436.1303, is modified as follows:
    - 1. Any seat designated for a representative of large brewers is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
    - 2. If and only if a seat for a representative of large brewers is abolished, a seat is created for brewers or microbrewers.
      - a. The member shall be appointed by the Governor.
      - b. The member shall serve three-year terms or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later, except that the first term shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire on September 30, 2028.
    - 3. The representative of distillers that manufacture more than 60,000 gallons of spirits per year seat is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
    - 4. A seat is created for a representative of large distillers or small distillers.
      - a. The member shall be appointed by the Governor.
      - b. The member shall serve three-year terms or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later, except that the first term shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire on September 30, 2028.
    - 5. A seat is created for producers of beverages that contain less than 0.5% alcohol, contain no cannabinoids or psychoactive agents, and are marketed as non-alcoholic beer, wine, or spirits.
      - a. The member shall be appointed by the Governor.
      - b. The member shall serve three-year terms or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later, except that the first term shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire September 30, 2029.
  - ii. The Rural Development Fund Board, established by MCL 286.943, is modified as follows:
    - 1. The Rural Development Fund Board is transferred by Type II transfer to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.
    - 2. All of the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, and allocations or other funds of the Rural Development Fund Board are transferred to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.
    - 3. The Rural Development Fund Board shall advise on crossdepartmental rural development efforts.

- a. The Director of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development or his or her designee shall continue to serve on the Rural Development Fund Board.
- b. The Rural Development Fund Board shall consult with the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development on all projects that relate to agriculture.

## B. Department of Education

- i. The Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Disabilities, as established by Executive Order 1992-21, as rescinded and re-established by Executive Order 1994-18, rescinded and re-established by Executive Order 2007-43, and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2015-1, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential is designated as the lead agency for the State of Michigan for the purposes of 20 U.S.C § 1435(a)(10).
  - 2. The Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Disabilities is transferred to the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential by Type II transfer.
    - a. All of the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, and allocations or other funds of the Michigan Interagency Coordinating Council for Infants and Toddlers with Developmental Disabilities are transferred to the Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential.
  - 3. A seat is created for the Director of the Michigan Department of Lifelong Education, Advancement, and Potential, or his or her designee, on the effective date of this Order, per 20 U.S.C. § 1441(b)(1)(F).
  - 4. A seat is created for a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, in its capacity as the agency responsible for foster care, per 20 U.S.C. § 1441(b)(1)(L).
    - a. The first term for the seat created in this clause shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire on October 31, 2029.
  - 5. A seat is created for a representative of the Department of Health and Human Services, in its capacity as the agency responsible for children's mental health, per 20 U.S.C. § 1441(b)(1)(M).

a. The seat created in this clause shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire on October 31, 2029.

## C. Department of Health and Human Services

- i. The Health Information Technology Commission, established by MCL 333.2503 and transferred by Executive Reorganization Order 2009-39, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The seat designated for an individual representing a nonprofit health care corporation operating pursuant to the nonprofit health care corporation reform act, 1980 PA 350, MCL 550.1101 to 550.1703, is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
  - 2. A seat is created for an individual representing a nonprofit health care corporation operating pursuant to the nonprofit health care corporation reform act, MCL 550.1101 *et seq.*, on the effective date of this Order.
    - a. The member shall be appointed by the Governor and shall meet the requirements of MCL 333.2503(2).
    - b. The member shall serve three-year terms or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later, except that the first term for the seat created within this clause shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire August 3, 2026.

## D. Department of Insurance and Financial Services

- i. The Data Collection Agency Governing Board, established by MCL 500.2402 and transferred by Executive Reorganization Order 2013-1, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The term of the seat for a representative of the executive branch of state government that will commence January 1, 2026, shall expire December 31, 2029.
  - 2. The seat for a representative of the executive branch of state government shall thereafter serve four years or until a successor is appointed, whichever is later.

# E. Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity

- i. The Michigan Film Office Advisory Council, established by MCL 125.2029c, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The Michigan Film Office Advisory Council is transferred by Type II transfer to the Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.

- 2. The Michigan Film Office Advisory Council is abolished by Type III transfer.
- 3. All of the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, and allocations or other funds of the Michigan Film Office Advisory Council are transferred to the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity.
- ii. The Workers' Disability Compensation Appeals Commission, established by Executive Reorganization Order 2019-13, is modified as follows:
  - 1. As of the effective date of this Order, all members of the Workers' Compensation Disability Compensation Appeals Commission must satisfy all of the following requirements:
    - a. The member is a member in good standing of the State Bar of Michigan.
    - b. The member has been an attorney licensed to practice in Michigan courts for five years or more.
    - c. The member has practiced in the field of workers' compensation law for five years or more or otherwise demonstrates proficiency in the field of workers' compensation law.

# F. Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

- i. The Electrical Administrative Board, originally created by the now-repealed MCL 338.882, continued in existence by MCL 339.5705, transferred by Executive Reorganization Order 2003-1, transferred by Executive Reorganization Order 2017-1, and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2024-2, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The seat designated for a representative of an insurance inspection bureau that operates in this state is abolished.
  - 2. A seat is created for a member who is a chief electrical inspector of a municipality in this state.
    - a. The member shall be appointed by the Governor.
    - b. The member shall serve four years, except the first term shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire July 31, 2028.
- ii. The Elevator Safety Board, created by MCL 408.807 and transferred by Executive Reorganization Order 2017-1, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The seat that became vacant July 22, 2023, for a representative of insurance companies authorized to insure elevators in this state is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
  - 2. A seat is created for the state fire marshal or his or her designee. The member shall serve four-year terms, except that the first

- term for this seat shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire July 22, 2027.
- 3. The seat for a representative of a municipality in the state having a population of at least 500,000 is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
- 4. A seat for a code inspector of a city, village, or township having elevator inspection regulations per MCL 408.805 shall be created. The member shall serve four-year terms, except that the first term for this seat shall commence on the effective date of this Order and expire July 22, 2028.
- iii. The Michigan Board of Speech Language Pathology, established by MCL 333.17605 and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2024-2, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The seat that became vacant December 31, 2025 that was previously designated for speech language pathologists is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
- iv. The Michigan Board of Respiratory Care, established by MCL 333.18705, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The seat representing medical directors that became vacant on December 31, 2023, is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
  - 2. The seat representing respiratory therapists that became vacant on December 31, 2024, is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
- v. The Michigan Board of Nursing, established by MCL 333.17221, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The seat representing the general public that becomes vacant June 30, 2026, is abolished on that date.
  - 2. The seat representing the general public that becomes vacant June 30, 2026, is abolished on that date.

# G. Department of Natural Resources

- The Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board, established by MCL 399.73 and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2009-26, is modified as follows:
  - 1. Members of the Michigan Iron Industry Museum Advisory Board shall be appointed by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources.
  - 2. The seat for a representative from the county board of commissioners of the county of Marquette is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
  - 3. A seat is created for an individual appointed by the Governor and selected from a list of three nominees provided by the County Board of Commissioners of the county of Marquette. The

first term shall commence upon the effective date of this Order and expire October 4, 2027. Thereafter, members shall serve four-year terms.

# H. Department of State Police

- i. The Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards, established by MCL 28.603 and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2020-2, is modified as follows:
  - 1. Any member appointed under section 1(1) of Executive Reorganization Order 2020-2 shall serve in an ex officio capacity.
  - 2. Any member appointed under section 1(2) of Executive Reorganization Order 2020-2 must not be a law enforcement officer, a Michigan tribal law enforcement officer, or be employed by or otherwise affiliated with a law enforcement agency or a law enforcement training academy.
  - 3. Commission members appointed under section 1(2) of Executive Reorganization Order 2020-2 will be appointed for four-year terms. A vacancy occurring other than by expiration of a term will be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the remainder of the unexpired term.

# I. Department of Technology, Management, and Budget

- i. The State Historical Records Advisory Board, established by Executive Order 2007-54 and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2009-26, is modified as follows:
  - 1. The State Historical Records Advisory Board is transferred by Type II transfer to the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.
  - 2. All of the statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, unexpended balances of appropriations, and allocations or other funds of the State Historical Records Advisory Board are transferred to the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget.
  - 3. All powers, duties, or requirements regarding the State Historical Records Advisory Board, except as expressly modified here, shall continue to be in effect.
  - 4. The position of the Director of the Department of Natural resources or his or her designee on the State Historical Records Advisory Board is transferred to the Director of the Department of Technology, Management, and Budget or his or her designee.
- ii. The Public Safety Communications Interoperability Board, established by Executive Order 2005-8, reorganized by Executive Reorganization

Order 2009-39, and reorganized by Executive Reorganization Order 2009-55, is modified as follows:

- 1. The following seats are abolished:
  - a. The seat representing local emergency first responders that expired April 30, 2023, is abolished on the effective date of this Order.
  - b. The three seats representing local emergency first responders that expired on April 30, 2024, are abolished on the effective date of this Order.
  - c. The three seats representing local emergency first responders that expire on April 30, 2026, shall be abolished on that date.
  - d. The two seats representing local emergency first responders that expire on April 30, 2027, shall be abolished on that date.
- 2. The following seats, appointed by the Governor, are created on the Board.
  - a. Three representatives of local emergency medical services departments, as follows:
    - The term for the first seat shall commence the effective date of this order and expire April 30, 2027.
    - The term for the second seat shall commence the effective date of this Order and expire April 30, 2028.
    - iii. The term for the third seat shall commence May 1, 2026, and expire April 30, 2030.
    - iv. Thereafter, members shall serve four-year terms.
  - b. Three representatives of police officers, as follows:
    - i. One representative of local police departments who is not a police chief, the term for which shall commence the effective date of this Order and expire April 30, 2028.
    - ii. One representative of local police chiefs, the term for which shall commence May 1, 2026, and expire April 30, 2030.
    - iii. One representative of sheriffs, the term for which shall expire April 30, 2031.
    - iv. Thereafter, members shall serve four-year terms.
  - c. Three representatives of firefighters, as follows:
    - i. One representative of fire chiefs, the term for which shall commence the effective date of this order and expire April 30, 2028.

- ii. One representative of firefighters, the term for the which shall commence May 1, 2026 and expire April 30, 2030.
- iii. One representative of firefighters, the term for which shall commence May 1, 2027 and expire April 30, 2031.
- iv. Thereafter, members shall serve four-year terms.

## 3. Implementation

- A. The director of any department receiving a transfer under this Order shall provide executive direction and supervision for the implementation of all transfers to that department under this Order.
- B. The functions and responsibilities transferred to a department under this Order will be administered under the direction and supervision of the director of the department receiving a transfer under this Order.
- C. Any records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, and other funds used, held, employed, available, or to be made available to any entity for the authority, activities, powers, duties, functions, and responsibilities transferred to a department receiving a transfer under this Order are transferred to that same department receiving a Type II or Type III transfer under this Order.
- D. The director of any department receiving a transfer under this Order shall administer the functions and responsibilities transferred to the department receiving a transfer under this Order in such ways as to promote efficient administration and must make internal organizational changes as administratively necessary to complete the realignment of responsibilities under this Order.
- E. State departments, agencies, and officers shall fully and actively cooperate and assist the director of a department with implementation responsibilities under this Order. The director of a department with implementation responsibilities under this Order may request the assistance of other state departments, agencies, and officers with respect to personnel, budgeting, procurement, telecommunications, information systems, legal services, and other management-related functions, and the departments, agencies, and officers shall provide that assistance.
- F. The State Budget Director shall determine and authorize the most efficient manner possible for handling financial transactions and records in this state's financial management system necessary to implement this Order.

#### 4. General

A. All seats created by this Order shall be subject to the same requirements, responsibilities, limitations, and other conditions that apply to any gubernatorial appointment to that board, except insofar as the existing requirements, responsibilities, limitations, or other conditions are targeted to specific seats on the board.

- B. This Order is not intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party.
- C. A rule, regulation, order, contract, or agreement relating to a function or responsibility transferred under this Order lawfully adopted before the effective date of this Order will continue to be effective until revised, amended, repealed, or rescinded.
- D. This Order is not intended to abate proceedings commenced by, against, or before an officer or entity affected by this Order. A proceeding may be maintained by, against, or before the successor of any officer or entity affected by this Order.
- E. The provisions of this Order are severable, and if any provision, or portion thereof, is held unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such unconstitutionality or invalidity does not affect the remaining provisions, which remain in force.
- F. Consistent with section 2 of article 5 of the Michigan Constitution of 1963, this Order is effective sixty calendar days of a regular session after signature.

Given under my hand and the great seal of the State of Michigan.

Date: December 18, 2025

Time: 9:46 a.m.

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GRETCHEN WHITMER

GOVERNOR

By the Governor

SECRETARY OF STATE

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