



# The Michigan Division for Early Childhood (MiDEC)

Your Michigan source for information, resources, and guidance related to young children with special needs and their families.

## Call for Nominations 2026

Are you interested in growing as a leader and passionate about working to better our systems and services for young children in Michigan? Consider a position on the Michigan Division for Early Childhood Executive Board! Nominations are now being taken for the positions of **Secretary, Family Representative, and Member-at-Large.**

**Secretary** is a two-year term, running from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. Duties of the Secretary include preparing and keeping meeting minutes, recording, actions, procedures, and attendance of the board meetings and annual membership meeting, disseminating annual membership meeting minutes to the board, disseminating executive board meeting minutes within one week of the meeting, carrying on correspondence as necessary for the operation of the executive board, assuming custody of all records, except those assigned to others, thereby serving as Historian for the subdivision, maintaining electronic storage system for all subdivision records, keeping accurate rolls of Executive Board (including alternate contact information), providing oversight for Committee Chairpersons concerning Committee Records.

**Family Representative** is a four-year commitment with a two-year term, running from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028, followed by a two-year term as Past Family Representative from July 1, 2028 through June 30, 2030. Duties include connecting with and recruiting family members to participate in MiDEC committees, representing the subdivision in coordinating efforts with agencies and/or organizations that are connected with families, providing family perspective on all subdivision efforts, maintaining an active record of family membership, and keeping a written record of family involvement efforts.

**Member-at-Large** is a two-year term, running from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2028. Duties of the Member-at-Large include participation at all Board meetings, annual membership meetings and MiDEC activities, representing MiDEC as directed by the Board, serving on Standing and Ad Hoc Committees at the direction of the Board, and assisting in the general work of the subdivision at the direction of the Board.

If you would like to nominate yourself for a position, please do the following **by May 31, 2026**:

1. [MiDEC Executive Board Nomination form](#)
2. Send a **nomination statement of 350 words or less and a photo** to:  
sara.leggett@lok12.org (follow the instructions included on the Nomination form)

All or portions of your nomination statement may be used in developing the slate of candidates and ballot. Elections will take place by an electronic survey. Elected officials will be expected to attend two Executive Board annual planning meetings in June and August (in-person, dates TBD), and monthly meetings thereafter (virtual).

**President**  
**Amy Lowrie**  
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**President-Elect**  
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**Secretary**  
**Emily Roth**  
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