



# City of Ann Arbor

## Formal Minutes

### Renters Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Thursday, December 15, 2022

7:30 PM

Electronic Meeting

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935 8080 1941 or via Zoom by joining the meeting at:  
[a2gov.org/RentersCommissionMeeting](https://a2gov.org/RentersCommissionMeeting)

**1**      **CALL TO ORDER**

*Meeting called to order at 7:35 PM*

**2**      **ROLL CALL**

*Chair Zackariah Farah called the roll.*

**Commissioner Hannah-Cohen Smith attended the meeting from New York City, NY**

**Commissioner Nick Roumel attended the meeting from Ann Arbor Township, MI**

**Commissioner Gayle Rosen joined me meeting at 7:50 p.m.**

**Councilmember Cynthia Harrison joined the meeting at 7:55 p.m.**

**Present**    11 -    Robert P Kelly, Richa Mukerjee, Hannah Cohen Smith, Arthur J Redmond, Zackariah Farah, Dandan Chen, Lucy Peterson, Travis Radina, Gayle Rosen, Nicholas Roumel, and Cynthia Harrison

**Absent**    1 -    Kristen Cato

**2-A**      **Introductions**

**3**      **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Moved by Roumel, seconded by Kelly, approved unanimously as amended.**

**Agenda amended to include item 6-G to discuss Renters Commission participation as a community partner in a grant funded project.**

**4**      **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- 4-A      [22-2006](#)      Minutes of the November 17, 2022 Renters Commission Meeting  
**Attachments:**      11-17-2022 Renters Commission Minutes.pdf  
**Moved by Cohen-Smith, seconded by Kelly, approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.**
- 4-B      [22-1730](#)      Minutes of the September 15, 2022 Renters Commission Meeting  
**Attachments:**      9-15-2022 Renters Commission Minutes.pdf  
**Moved by Cohen-Smith, seconded by Kelly, approved by the Commission and forwarded to the City Council.**
- 5      FIRST GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**  
*No callers.*
- 6      BUSINESS**
- 6-A      Tenant Education Committee Update
- 6-B      Right to Renew Committee Update
- 6-C      [22-2007](#)      Approval of the 2023 Renters Commission Regular Meeting Calendar  
**Attachments:**      2023 Renters Commission Meeting Calendar for Approval.pdf  
**Moved by Kelly, seconded by Redmond, approved unanimously as presented.**
- 6-D      [22-2009](#)      Approval of 2023 Work Plan  
**Attachments:**      DRAFT Renters Commission Work Plan 2023 for Approval.pdf, Renters Commission Work Plan Approved 12-15-2022.pdf  
**Moved by Farah, seconded by Peterson, and approved unanimously with the following amendments:**  
  
**Specifying Chapter 105 Section 8:531 in the Rental Housing Reform and//or Legislation section**  
**Adding Update to Rights and Duties of Tenants Handbook to the Rental Housing Reform and//or Legislation section**  
**Changing "Philadelphia Model: Eviction Diversion Program" to**

**"Understanding Eviction in Ann Arbor, eviction diversion programs elsewhere"**

**Amended Work Plan attached.**

**6-E Discuss Setting a Working Session Schedule/Process**

**6-F Planning for the January 19, 2023 Renters Commission Meeting**

**6-G Discussion of Participation as Community Partner for Umich Grant**

**7 REPORTS**

**7-A Report from City Council**

**7-B Report from HHSAB Liaison**

**7-C Report from Staff Liaison**

**7-D Reports from Commissioners**

**8 SECOND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT - THREE MINUTES PER SPEAKER**

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*Maria, Address Unknown, described unintended consequences of Right to Renew, and some problems experienced by undergraduate students.*

*No other callers.*

**9 COMMUNICATIONS**

**9-A [22-2008](#) Various Communication to the Renters Commission**

**Attachments: Email from Land.pdf**

**Received and Filed**

**10**      **ADJOURNMENT**

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