



# City of Ann Arbor

## Formal Minutes

### Renters Commission

301 E. Huron St.  
Ann Arbor, MI 48104  
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Thursday, July 7, 2022

6:00 PM

Electronic Meeting

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**Special Meeting - Public comment can be made by calling: 877 853 5247 or 888 788 0099**  
**Meeting ID: 927 8845 5500 or via the Zoom link [https://a2gov.zoom.us/j/92788455500?](https://a2gov.zoom.us/j/92788455500?pwd=YkFFVldnUUFuM1QyVldqc0FEU3o2Zz09)**  
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**1 CALL TO ORDER**

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 PM**

**2 ROLL CALL**

*Others present:*

*Gayle Rosen, Liaison, University of Michigan Student Legal Services*

*Staff Present:*

*John Reiser, City of Ann Arbor Senior Assistant City Attorney*

*Chris Frost, City of Ann Arbor Senior Assistant City Attorney*

*Sarah Alanis, City of Ann Arbor Board & Commission and FOIA Coordinator*

*Kristen Vander Lugt, Office Manager, City of Ann Arbor Clerk's Office*

**Present 11 -** Robert P Kelly, Richa Mukerjee, Hannah Cohen Smith, Arthur J Redmond, Zackariah Farah, Kristen Cato, Dandan Chen, Cozine A Welch Jr., Lucy Peterson, Elizabeth Nelson, and Travis Radina

**3 INTRODUCTIONS**

*Commissioners and appointed liaisons each stated their names and educational, professional, or personal interests/experience related to serving on the Renters Commission.*

*Staff provided brief overview of their individual roles related to the Commission.*

**3-A [22-1139](#) Bylaws and Parliamentary Procedure**

**Attachments:** Renters Commission bylaws 7-1-22 - DRAFT.pdf,  
Parliamentary Procedure.pdf, OMA FOIA  
guidance-current.pdf, R-21-362 Creating Renters  
Commission.pdf

*Chris Frost, City of Ann Arbor Senior Assistant City Attorney, provided an overview of the Renters Commission Bylaws, the Michigan Open Meetings act, and Parliamentary Procedure.*

**4 ELECTION OF CHAIR PRO TEM**

*The Commission elected Zackariah Farah as Chair Pro Tem and Lucy Peterson as Vice Chair Pro Tem under item 8-C.*

**5 APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Unanimously approved as presented.**

**6 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**None.**

**7 PUBLIC COMMENT**

*PUBLIC COMMENT*

*Zoom attendee with the username Zachary Storey explained discomfort regarding Commissioner Nelson's appointment on the Renters Commission. Storey discussed the inspection process for rental housing in the City of Ann Arbor, explained improvements needed in the inspection process, and proposed notifying tenants of rental inspection information.*

*Zoom attendee with the username Brandon, expressed gratitude to the Renters Commission.*

*Seeing no further callers, Kristen Vander Lugt closed Public Comment.*

**8 REGULAR BUSINESS**

**8-A [22-1157](#) Discuss Live Broadcast of Future Meetings - Request to City Administrator for CTN Coverage**

*The Commission discussed requesting support from CTN to*

*televised/broadcast future regular meetings and directed staff to begin the approval process.*

**8-B      22-1156      Discuss Goals/Workplan**

**Attachments:**      R-21-362 Creating Renters Commission.pdf, Example - City Planning Commission Workplan.pdf, Example - Transportation Commission Workplan.pdf, Renter's Commission Workplan Worksheet.pdf

*The Commission discussed individual and group goals, initiatives, and interests. A video recording of this discussion is available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tkz40wdPP0M>.*

**8-C      22-1158      Next Meeting Preparation**

*The Commission elected Zackariah Farah as Chair Pro Tem and Lucy Peterson as Vice Chair Pro Tem. The Commission generally intends to discuss the following items at their next meeting:*

- *Approval of regular meeting schedule*
- *Approval of bylaws*
- *Scheduling opportunities for public input*
- *The proposed Right to Renew Ordinance*
- *Work Plan Items as discussed under item 8-B and submitted to staff*

*See next meeting agenda for final agenda items.*

**9            COMMUNICATIONS**

*The Commission allowed Zoom Attendee Nick Roumel to address the Renters Commission. Roumel expressed appreciation to the Commission for the opportunity to speak. They expressed that they're excited to work with the Renters Commission in the future.*

**10          ADJOURNMENT**

**Moved by Farah, seconded by Kelly, adjourned unanimously at 7:34 PM**

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