

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION HELD IN ITS OFFICES AND AVAILABLE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS VIDEO CONFERENCING ON AUGUST 21, 2025.

Commission Chair Daniel C. Scripps called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.
Executive Secretary Lisa Felice called the roll and declared there was a quorum.

PRESENT

Commission: Daniel C. Scripps, Chair
Katherine Peretick, Commissioner
Shaquila Myers, Commissioner

Staff: Leah Arendt
Matt Helms
Lisa Felice
Blair Renfro
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Ryan Wilson
Andrea Taylor
Nick Revere
Anne Armstrong
Mike Byrne
Justin Miller
Jill Rusnak
Jerry McClung
Kate Daymon
Ben Johnson
Andy Hannum
Sarah Mullkoff
Cathy Cole

Public: Kelly Hall, Consumers Energy
Suzy Westmoreland, MEGA

Additional Staff & Public Attending Telephonically/Video Conferencing: 167 Participants

- I. Commissioner Peretick moved to approve today's agenda, Commissioner Myers seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The agenda was approved.

- II.** Commissioner Peretick moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting of August 7, 2025, Commissioner Myers seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The minutes were approved.

- II.** Commissioner Peretick moved to consider amendments to the Bylaws, Commissioner Myers seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The motion to table was approved.

IV. CONSENTED ORDERS

A. COMMUNICATIONS

1. U-21463 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TERRACOM INC.
d/b/a MAXSIP TEL FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF
MICHIGAN
(request to withdraw/final order)
2. U-21771 IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF GO MD USA LLC FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER IN THE STATE OF MICHIGAN FOR THE LIMITED
PURPOSE OF PROVIDING LIFELINE SERVICE TO QUALIFYING
CUSTOMERS
(proposed dismissal)
3. U-21934 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BW BROADBAND
INC. FOR A TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT LICENSE TO
PROVIDE BASIC LOCAL EXCHANGE SERVICE IN THE WINN
EXCHANGE
(interim order)
4. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES
LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1304 dated July 31, 2025)

5. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK NEXT GENERATION SERVICES LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-1303 dated August 1, 2025)
6. MINUTE ACTION PENINSULA FIBER NETWORK LLC
(9-1-1 wireless, U-14000, invoice no. INV-3706 dated August 1, 2025)

B. ELECTRIC

1. U-21674 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED
(energy waste reduction reconciliation/proposed settlement agreement)
2. U-21675 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, REGARDING THE REGULATORY REVIEWS, REVISIONS, DETERMINATIONS, AND/OR APPROVALS NECESSARY FOR UPPER PENINSULA POWER COMPANY TO FULLY COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 295 OF 2008, AS AMENDED
(energy waste reduction reconciliation/proposed settlement agreement)
3. U-21832 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(proposed settlement agreement)
4. U-21834 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF UPPER MICHIGAN ENERGY RESOURCES CORPORATION TO COMMENCE A RENEWABLE ENERGY COST RECONCILIATION PROCEEDING FOR THE 12-MONTH PERIOD ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(proposed settlement agreement)
5. MINUTE ACTION MIDCONTINENT INDEPENDENT SYSTEM OPERATOR, INC., TARIFF FILING REGARDING DEMAND REDUCTION CAPABILITY ENHANCEMENTS
(FERC Docket No. ER25-2845-000)

Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve all the orders and minute actions on the consent agenda.
Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers

Nays – None

The 7 orders and 4 minute actions were adopted.

V. OTHER ORDERS

A. ELECTRIC

1. U-20632 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A COLLABORATIVE TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO UTILITY CURTAILMENT PROCEDURES (interim order)
- U-21940 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A COLLABORATIVE TO CONSIDER ISSUES RELATED TO MULTI-UTILITY EMERGENCY EVENTS (opening docket)

Case Nos. U-20632 *et al.* involve matters, on the Commission's own motion, related to issues concerning utility service natural gas curtailment procedures and multi-utility emergency events. The order before you accepts the Natural Gas Curtailment Procedures Workgroup Status Report filed in Case No. U-20632 on July 30, 2025; adopts the recommendations therein; and directs the Commission Staff to form a collaborative group for purposes of Case No. U-21940, file a report of findings and recommendations on the topic of cooperability between natural gas and electric utilities during multi-utility emergency events in Case No. U-21940 no later than February 26, 2027, and file a subsequent status report to update the Commission of any further progress made by the Natural Gas Curtailment Workgroup in Case No. U-20632 no later than February 26, 2027. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 21, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Commissioner Peretick commented:

"I would like to thank our Staff who have been working diligently on the issue of gas-electric coordination for years -- since the Statewide Energy Assessment formalized the effort in 2019. The yearly status report that the order before us accepts shows the crucial importance of ensuring cooperation between the supply of electricity and natural gas, especially during an emergency. The full report is filed in docket number U-20632 and can be found both on the MPSC's website and in the e-dockets filing system.

Our country's electric system is becoming increasingly dependent on natural gas for electric generation, which ties the two energy sources closely together. This makes difficult decisions on prioritization that need to be made in the event of a gas supply emergency more important than ever,

and this docket and this collaborative are employing proactive planning so that we don't get stuck in a reactive position during emergencies.

I'd like to thank all the organizations that are coming together in the collaborative directed in this order to work through these issues, and I look forward to seeing the results."

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

2. U-21049 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY FOR RECONCILIATION OF ITS POWER SUPPLY COST RECOVERY PLAN (CASE NO. U-21048) FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(petition for rehearing)

Case No. No. U-21049 involves an application filed by Consumers Energy Company for reconciliation of power supply cost recovery expenses and revenues for calendar year 2022. The order before you denies Cadillac Renewable Energy L.L.C.'s petition for rehearing. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 21, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

3. U-21482 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF DTE ELECTRIC COMPANY FOR APPROVAL OF INTERCONNECTION PROCEDURES AND WAIVERS FROM INTERCONNECTION AND DISTRIBUTED GENERATION STANDARDS R 460.901a *et. seq.*
(motion to extend deadline/ interim order)

Case No. U-21482 involves a request for approval of interconnection procedures filed by DTE Electric Company pursuant to Mich Admin Code, R 460.920. The order before you grants a joint motion to extend the deadline for issuing a final order in this case until December 3, 2025, and finds that any settlement agreement filed in the instant docket no later than November 6, 2025, will be considered by the Commission for potential approval. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 21, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

4. U-21775 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO
OPEN A DOCKET FOR LOAD SERVING ENTITIES IN MICHIGAN
TO FILE THEIR CAPACITY DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE
2028/2029 PLANNING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY MCL 460.6w
(final order)
- U-21907 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO
OPEN A DOCKET FOR LOAD SERVING ENTITIES IN MICHIGAN
TO FILE THEIR CAPACITY DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE
2029/2030 PLANNING YEAR AS REQUIRED BY MCL 460.6w
(opening docket)

Case Nos. U-21775 *et al.* involve a matter, on the Commission's own motion, to open a docket for load serving entities in Michigan to file their capacity demonstrations as required by MCL 460.6w. The order before you accepts the Commission Staff's May 12, 2025 Capacity Demonstration Results Report and the 2025 Statewide Energy Storage Target Calculation filed by the Commission Staff, closes the docket in Case No. U-21775, and opens the docket in Case No. U-21907 for the purpose of receiving capacity demonstrations for the 2029/2030 planning year and annual update using the Statewide Energy Storage Target Calculation. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 21, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Chair Scripps commented:

“The annual capacity demonstrations that are in front of us today demonstrate that all of Michigan's electricity providers, including both the investor-owned utilities, alternative electric suppliers, cooperative electric utilities and municipal electric utilities. All of them have sufficient capacity to meet electricity customer needs four years out into the future. Our requirements look four years out into the future which exceed the requirements set by the two RTOs of which Michigan is a part, including MISO, which covers most of the state, and PJM, which manages part of the southwest portion of Michigan. The RTOs operate more near-term capacity markets under the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission tariffs to ensure that essentially, we have enough capacity for the year ahead, or maybe a little further than that.

In Michigan, our capacity demonstrations are coupled with our long-term integrated resource plans, or IRPs, through which our investor-owned utilities model future demand over a period of at least 20 years with specific reporting of 5-year, 10-year, and 15-year projections, and then allowing the Commission to evaluate whether the proposed plan is ultimately the most reasonable and prudent

means of meeting energy and capacity needs over those durations. Looking further out, both four years in the capacity demonstration process and then much further in the IRP process, give our electricity providers more time to plan for when they may need to build or buy additional resources, improving the likelihood that we'll have enough capacity to meet customer needs, even during periods of extreme temperatures. This approach helps keep the cost of electricity lower by reducing the risk of price spikes or the need to purchase more expensive electricity from wholesale energy markets when demand is high and supplies are tight.

I would just contrast that approach that we've adopted since these requirements were put into place under the 2016 energy reforms with now the series of 90-day orders that we've received from the Department of Energy. Most recently, one yesterday to extend by 90 days at a time, the continued operation of the Cambell coal plant.

These orders will add millions of dollars more to customer utility bills across the region while adding layers of uncertainty to long-standing planning processes, ultimately making it harder, not easier, to keep the lights on in the long term.

So, together with the utilities and grid operators, I know that the Commission remains committed to ensuring that we have the electricity that we need to meet growing demand in the future years and indeed have the statutory and regulatory framework to make sure that that's possible."

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

5. U-21867 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO COMMENCE A PROCEEDING TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF MCL 460.6t.
(Michigan Integrated Resource Planning Parameters/notice of public hearing)
- U-21570 IN THE MATTER, ON THE COMMISSION'S OWN MOTION, TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 6t(1), (5), (7), (8), (12), AND (15) OF PUBLIC ACT 231 OF 2023, AND SECTIONS 3, 5, 7, 22, 28, 51, 101, AND 103 OF PUBLIC ACT 235 OF 2023

Case Nos. U-21867 *et al.* are matters on the Commission's own motions to commence a proceeding pursuant to Section 6t(1) of Public Act 231 of 2023. The order before you commences the proceeding, provides notice of two public hearings, and provides an opportunity to file comments regarding the draft Michigan Integrated Resource Planning Parameters, the draft Integrated Resource Plan filing requirements, the Clean Energy Plan filing requirements for rate-regulated electric utilities, the Clean Energy Plan filing requirements for municipally-owned utilities, and the Clean Energy Plan filing requirements for Cooperatives and

Alternative Electric Suppliers. Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission approve the order at its August 21, 2025 meeting. Commissioner Myers seconded that motion.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The order was adopted.

VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Val Wohlscheid-Brennan commented on Case No. U-21471 and Case No. U-21930.

Valerie Brader commented on her work assisting various clients with accelerating the timelines for renewable energy projects. She requested that the Commission review its timelines.

Chair Scripps announced:

“I want to recognize three individuals that have moved into management roles over the last month at the Commission. Andrea Taylor joined the Commission on July 21st as the new manager of our Communications Section. Andrea, or Andi as she’s sometimes known, brings two decades of senior-level communications expertise in both the public and private sectors to this role, most recently serving as Chief Communications Officer for the Cultural Heritage Economic Alliance. She also worked at IBM, Ascendant Global, and General Motors on the private sector side, and with Congresswoman Haley Stevens, Cleveland Mayor Frank Jackson, and Congresswoman Juanita Millender-McDonald in public service roles. We’re thrilled to have Andrea join us and have her on board.

In addition, I’m also happy to announce that Nick Revere was recently promoted as the new Division Director for the MPSC’s Energy Operations Division, starting in this new role last month. Nick takes over from Julie Baldwin, who retired after a long career in public service at the end of June. I know many people who regularly interact with the Commission already know Nick from his previous role as Manager of the Rates and Tariffs Section in the Regulated Energy Division, a position he held since September 2014. Nick first joined the Commission as an Economic Analyst in July 2008 and has been active in a broad range of Commission workgroups, technical conferences, initiative, and other activities, and in 2010 was recognized with the MPSC’s Outstanding Service Award. I’m confident Nick will excel in this position just as he has in every other role he’s had at the Commission. I want to publicly congratulate him on his promotion.

Finally, this week we are excited to welcome back Kyle Friske as the Manager of the Gas Safety Section in the Gas Safety and Operations Division. Kyle spent ten years with the Commission as a Pipeline Integrity Management Specialist, before taking his talents to the federal government, where he spent the last three years as a Pipeline Safety Engineer with the U.S. Department of Transportation’s Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. While at PHMSA, Kyle specialized in Integrity Management Programs and was a member of the Gas Rule Implementation

Team, or GRIT. He brings the same grit back to the Commission and we couldn't be more excited to welcome Kyle back home to the MPSC and have him rejoin us in a managerial role. Second, I also want to recognize and welcome John Kran, Chief Executive Officer for the Michigan Electric Cooperative Association, who is with us for today's meeting. John was selected in March as MECA's new CEO, taking the baton from Craig Borr, who had ably served the co-op community for a number of years in that role. John is no stranger to rural Michigan, having served since 2014 as National Legislative Counsel for Michigan Farm Bureau where he led federal lobbying and advocacy efforts on behalf of the organization and acted as lead spokesperson on legislative and regulatory issues. Prior to that he served as Public Policy Manager and Legislative Assistance to Representative Bill Huizenga and as a Regional Representative for Michigan Farm Bureau. John joined MECA immediately as the March ice storm did historic damage to a number of Michigan's co-op and investor-owned utilities. I know his members and their member customers are still working through the aftermath. Even with those challenges, it's clear John has jumped into the role and from his first days has taken steps to further strengthen the collaboration and partnership between the MPSC and Michigan's community of electric cooperatives. I'm happy to welcome John, both to his new role and to today's Commission meeting.

I would be remiss if I didn't also recognize Dan Blair, former Director of the MPSC's Electric Division, who continues to be a good friend and liaison to MECA and its members.

Finally, earlier in the agenda we adopted an order in Case No. U-21867, which includes details of a pair of public hearings to give Michiganders the chance to have their say on how certain factors should be included in how utilities in Michigan approach long-term planning. We had previously announced that the first of these hearings would take place on Tuesday, September 9th from 6:00-7:30 p.m. in Grand Rapids at the Eberhard Center, located at 301 W. Fulton Street on the downtown campus of Grand Valley State University.

As part of the order today, I'm happy to announce the second hearing will take place on Monday, October 27th, also from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at the Auburn Hills campus of Oakland Community College, with the hearing being held in Building 7, Room 123 (don't worry – there will be signs!), located at 2900 Featherstone Road.

Both hearings will focus on what's formally known as integrated resource plan (IRP) planning parameters; IRPs are long-range utility plans for modeling the future of energy demand, and the planning parameters are the factors that utilities must consider in building their long-term plans.

I know that we are all feeling the pinch of rising costs and managing affordability challenges, including the cost of energy. It's been an unusually warm summer and that's putting stress, including additional air-conditioning load and the costs associated with that. Even at night when it usually cools down in Michigan, we just haven't gotten that much relief. It's forced our air-conditioners (for those of us that have them) to continue running and those costs add up. We are sensitive and mindful of that. We are not immune to those rising costs here at the Commission. We want to stress that there are some tips for how to stay cool and manage, ultimately the energy consumption that you have. If you are struggling to pay your bills there are resources available through the Commission and through our network of statewide grantees that offer assistance to utility customers across the state. Please reach out if you are struggling or if you have questions

about your bill. Our Customer Assistance Division is there to help. Please let us know if we can be helpful in any way as we all struggle with the affordability challenges and the cost of energy this summer.”

A recording of the proceedings of the August 21, 2025 meeting is archived at:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCpiMS-3Tds> .

Chair Scripps announced that the next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

Commissioner Peretick moved that the Commission adjourn, Commissioner Myers seconded.

Vote: Yeas – Scripps, Peretick, Myers
Nays – None

The motion was approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

Lisa Felice
Executive Secretary

BYLAWS OF THE MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

These Bylaws were adopted at a meeting of the Commission on _____, ~~2025 February 6,~~
~~2020~~, effective immediately.

ARTICLE I – THE COMMISSION

Section 1. Seal of the Commission. The Commission may adopt an official seal and may use the seal to authenticate official documents and records. The seal shall bear the name of the Commission and be in such form as shall be determined by the Commission.

Section 2. Office of the Commission. The offices of the Commission shall be in Lansing, and all Regular or Special Meetings shall be held in these offices unless otherwise specified by the Commission. The Commission may maintain satellite offices for staff members in order to effectively perform its statutory duties.

ARTICLE II – OFFICERS

Section 1. Chairman. The Chairman of the Commission shall be the member of the Commission designated by the Governor under MCL 460.2. The Chairman shall preside at meetings of the Commission and shall be the chief administrative officer of the Commission, having general supervision over the business and affairs of the Commission. The policy of the Commission shall be set by the Commission.

Section 2. Vice-Chairman. The Commission may elect a member to serve as Vice-Chairman. If elected, the Vice-Chairman shall serve until replaced or his or her term ends and shall perform the duties of the Chairman when the Chairman is unavailable, except as otherwise provided by law.

ARTICLE III – MEETINGS

Section 1. Open Meetings Act. The Commission shall conduct meetings under these Bylaws in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.261 *et seq.* The Commission is exempt from the Open Meetings Act when deliberating the merits of a case, as set forth in MCL 15.263(7)(d).

Section 2. Meetings. Official actions shall be taken only at a meeting conducted in accordance with these Bylaws. The Commission shall conduct meetings as follows:

(a) Organizational Meeting. Within 60 days after the appointment of any new member to the Commission, the Commission shall conduct an Organizational Meeting, at which the Commission shall either reaffirm the Bylaws or entertain a motion to amend the Bylaws. If a member of the Commission moves to amend the Bylaws, he or she shall submit the proposed amendment for consideration in accordance with Article IV of these Bylaws.

Public notice of an Organizational Meeting shall be given in the same manner as a Special Meeting under the Open Meetings Act.

An Organizational Meeting may be conducted concurrently with a scheduled or re-scheduled Regular Meeting, if public notice is given in accordance with the preceding sentence.

(b) First Regular Meeting of Year. At the first Regular Meeting of the year, the Commission shall announce its schedule of dates and times for remaining regular meetings for the calendar year and shall post public notice of the schedule within ten days. Public notice of the first Regular Meeting shall be given in the same manner as a Special Meeting under the Open Meetings Act. MCL 15.265(4).

(c) Regular Meetings. The Commission shall meet in regular session as set forth in the schedule of meetings adopted under Section 2(b).

(d) Rescheduled Regular Meetings. The Commission may announce revisions to the schedule of regular meetings at any prior meeting or may post revisions to the schedule on the Commission's website that is fully accessible to the public.

A Rescheduled Regular Meeting shall substitute for the originally scheduled Regular Meeting for purposes of these Bylaws, and all official actions taken shall have the same force and effect as those taken at a Regular Meeting.

(e) Special Meetings. The Commission shall, upon the request of any member of the Commission, call a Special Meeting. The Special Meeting shall be scheduled on any working day, giving due regard to the availability of all members to participate, but subject to any statutory deadline that requires disposition of items placed on the agenda of the Special Meeting.

All official actions taken at a Special Meeting shall have the same force and effect as those taken at a Regular Meeting of the Commission.

(f) Emergency Meetings. If severe and imminent threat to the health, safety, or welfare of the public exists and at least two members of Commission determine that a delay in Commission action would be detrimental to efforts to lessen or respond to that threat, the Commission may meet in an Emergency Session without giving public notice of that session as provided in MCL 15.265(5).

Section 3. Public Notice. Public notice of meetings shall be given as provided in the Open Meetings Act. The Executive Secretary of the Commission is designated as the person to give public notice.

Section 4. Agenda. The Commission may post a proposed agenda prior to or during the business day immediately preceding the meeting.

Section 5. Quorum. A majority of the duly appointed members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum as provided in MCL 460.2 and not less than a majority of such members may take any official action.

Section 6. Order and Conduct of Business at Meeting.

(a) Call to Order. The Chairman shall call a meeting to order and may lead those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

(b) Declaration of Quorum. The Executive Secretary shall call the roll and declare whether there is a quorum. ~~Telephonic or video participation under Section 7 is sufficient to establish any member's attendance for purposes of this section.~~

(c) Approval of Agenda. The Commission may amend and shall adopt an agenda by majority vote. Items may be added or deleted by amendment.

(d) Approval of Minutes. At a Regular Meeting, the minutes of the previous Regular and any other prior meeting since the last Regular Meeting shall be corrected, if necessary, and approved by the Commission.

(e) Manner of Voting. The Chairman or any member of the Commission may call for a vote at any time in a Regular or Special Meeting. In the normal course of business at a Regular or Special Meeting, each item designated for voting on the agenda (except items on the consent portion of the agenda) shall be announced, a member of the staff shall read a brief description of the proposed action, and such vote shall be held if the proposed action is moved and seconded. If the proposed action provides for the adjudication of an application, complaint, or other request within the Commission's statutory discretion or other disposition of, or direction of further proceedings on, a matter pending for decision before the Commission in accordance with law, it shall be presented in the form of an order or, in appropriate cases, a minute action. The voting shall be by voice call with the yeas and nays entered in the minutes of such meeting. If the proposed action receives the affirmative vote of a majority of the Commission, it shall issue as an official action of the Commission in accordance with the procedures set forth in subsection (f).

Before the voting, the Chairman shall recognize any member who wishes to make a brief verbal statement regarding the proposed action. After the voting, the Chairman shall also recognize any member who wishes to make a brief verbal explanation of his or her vote or abstention and afford the opportunity to do so before moving to other items of business.

(f) Issuance of Orders and Minute Actions. Each member shall sign the order or minute action in accordance with his or her vote. A signature without explanation indicates that member's unqualified assent to the order or minute action. In other cases, the signature shall be accompanied by an acknowledgement or brief explanation of the vote (e.g., concurrence, dissent, abstention). A member may also attach a separate, signed opinion explaining the basis for a concurrence or dissent. The Executive Secretary shall authenticate the order or minute action by his or her signature.

At the discretion of the Commission, the entry of orders, minute actions, and other documents memorializing official actions, including the affixing of signatures, may be completed electronically, without the issuance of a paper copy. Ministerial acts required under

this subsection to formalize issuance and release the order or minute action to the public shall be completed by the end of the business day of the meeting.

(g) Public Meetings. Meetings of the Commission are public meetings and individuals shall have a reasonable opportunity to be heard.

At the time provided in the agenda, the Chairman or other presiding officer may recognize and extend an opportunity to speak to any person desiring to address the Commission.

The Commission may limit the period of time during which the public may address it and the Commission may also limit the portion of that period of time allocated to each individual desiring to address the Commission. The Commission may require individuals desiring to address the Commission to identify themselves.

The Chairman may warn any person or curtail an opportunity to speak for failure to be germane, for vulgarity, for redundancy, for speaking in excess of the allotted time, or for failure to address remarks to the Commission.

Section 7. ~~Remote Telephonic and Video~~ Participation. Any member of the Commission who is unable to be present in person at a meeting may remotely participate in, and vote on, business before the Commission only in accordance with the requirements of MCL 15.263(2) by telephone or similar audio or video connection and may sign orders, separate opinions, and minute actions electronically.

Section 8. Minutes. Minutes of all the meetings including votes on all official actions taken at those meetings shall be kept by the Executive Secretary of the Commission. Approved minutes shall be available for public inspection not later than five days after the meeting at which the minutes were approved.

Section 9. Procedures. Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, as modified by these Bylaws, shall be observed by the Commission in the conduct of its business.

ARTICLE IV – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended in accordance with the following procedure: The proposed amendment or amendments shall be submitted in writing at a Regular or Organizational Meeting and shall lay on the table between that meeting and the next Regular Meeting, at which time such amendment or amendments must be voted upon. The proposed amendment or amendments may only be adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of the Commission at the Regular Meeting following the meeting at which such amendment or amendments were submitted.

ARTICLE V – SUSPENSION OF BYLAWS

Any of the provisions of the Bylaws may be suspended at any Regular, Special, Emergency, or Organizational Meeting by a unanimous vote of the members of the Commission if permitted by law.

ARTICLE VI – NONDISCRIMINATION

The Commission does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, education, familial status, gender expression, gender identity, height, income, marital status, military status, national origin, political beliefs, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or weight in the administration of any of its programs or activities, and does not intimidate or retaliate against any individual or group because they have exercised their rights to participate in or oppose actions protected by applicable laws and regulations, or for the purpose of interfering with such rights, and claims of intimidation and retaliation will be handled promptly if they occur.