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## MINUTES

### Electronic Recording Commission

December 3, 2019

Vehicle and Travel Services Building  
6951 Crowner Dr., Lansing, Michigan, 48821.

Commission Members Present: Brandon Denby, Sherri Irwin, Christian Meyer, Patricia Niepoth, Chair Justin Roebuck, Teresa Walker

Excused: Donna Krall, Tom Richardson

Also in attendance: Jerome Czaja, Chief Deputy Register, Kent County; Rachel Sanchez, Chief Deputy Register, Ottawa County; and Deborah Stevens, Recording Secretary.

I. CALL TO ORDER.

The meeting was called to order by the Chair J. Roebuck at 11:02 a.m. A quorum was present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

Motion: to approve the minutes of August 19, 2019.

Moved: P. Niepoth

Second: T. Walker

Passed: Unanimously

III. E-NOTARIZATION STATUS

The Secretary of State (SOS) approved four vendors for electronic notarization, three of which also offer remote notarization service. Commission members noted that notarial commissions must still come through with the documents. A training video was being made available to county clerks with expected rollout to registers of deeds later.

The meeting recessed at 12:00 p.m. and resumed at 12:34 p.m.

IV. FINALIZAE DRAFT LANGUAGE FOR REVISED ELECTRONIC RECORDING STANDARDS

Further discussion occurred over whether papering out should be included in the revised standards. One argument against it was that the process is not under the purview of the commission as it is only responsible for the "electronic" process. However, some thought it could benefit the commission since it would have a voice in how that process is done and could potentially provide a model for the standard, if it were to be established in law. Since 44 counties, or 33%, do not e-record, addressing papering out is assisting them.

Motion: to include language in the revised standards pertaining to papering out

Moved: C. Meyer                      Second: B. Denby                      Passed.

At the next meeting, changes should be finalized, and a process for a public hearing established.

VI.     NEXT MEETING DATE

Meeting dates for 2020 will be set once new commissioners are appointed. A link to the online application will be sent to those whose terms are expiring.

VII.    ADJOURNMENT.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

*Deborah A. Stevens*

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