



CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN  
Communications Commission Regular Meeting **APPROVED** Minutes  
Wednesday, March 10, 2026 | 6:00 pm

**PRESENT:** Commissioner (Chair) Lisa Whiting Dobson; Commissioner Amol Pavangadkar;  
Commissioner (Vice Chair) Leslie Charles; Commissioner Megan English;  
Commissioner Mike Nevells;  
**ABSENT:** Angela Demas, Township Clerk  
**STAFF:** Samantha Diehl, Communications Manager; Peyton Skiver, Marketing and Public  
Relations Specialist  
**TOWNSHIP:** None  
**COUNSEL:** None  
**COMCAST/AT&T:** None

**1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

Chair Whiting Dobson called the meeting to order at **6:03 pm**

**2. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Commissioner Charles moved **TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS SUBMITTED**. Seconded by  
Commissioner Pavangadkar.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Nevells moved **TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR WEDNESDAY,  
DECEMBER 17, 2025 REGULAR MEETING**. Seconded by Commissioner English.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously.

**6. COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER REPORT**

Manager Diehl introduced Specialist Skiver to the Commission and went over her 4<sup>th</sup>  
quarter report.

**7. COMMISSION MEMBERS REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Communications Chair: Chair Whiting Dobson asked Manager Diehl if she could schedule a  
meeting between some of the commissioners and Manager Dempsey to discuss PEG fees.  
Chair Whiting Dobson also inquired about the possibility of the Commission having a table  
at one of the outdoor markets over the summer. The other commissioners agreed, and  
Manager Diehl will look into setting something up.

Township Board Liaison: None.

Commissioners Report: None.

8. **ACTION ITEMS**

**A. Chair and Vice Chair Appointments**

Every year, the Communications Commission nominates a Chair and Vice Chair.

Commissioner English **MOVED TO APPROVE LISA WHITING DOBSON AS THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION CHAIR FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR.** Seconded by Commissioner Nevells.

Commissioner English **ALSO MOVED TO APPROVE LESLIE CHARLES AS THE COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION VICE CHAIR FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR.** Seconded by Commissioner Nevells.

9. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Communications Commission Goals**

At the December 17, 2025 regular meeting, the Communications Commission set three goals for 2026:

- Goal #1: Review the Communications Commission Rules and Procedures and mission statement to modernize the Commission's scope.
- Goal #2: Create a plan and sponsorship brochure to use for potential HOMTV fundraising.
- Goal #3: Create opportunities to engage Okemos High School and Haslett High School students with HOMTV.

Manager Diehl asked the Commission to expand on those goals and decide how they want to implement them in 2026.

Goal 1: Commissioner Nevells asked for the other commissioners to submit feedback about the current policies and procedures document. A deadline of April 1 was set.

Goal 2: With PEG fees continuing to decline, the commissioners asked if it were possible to fundraise for HOMTV. Manager Diehl said she would reach out to Finance Director Bernie Blonde to set up a meeting and ask about that topic.

Goal 3: At past meetings, Commissioner Pavangadkar expressed interest in the Communications Commission and Communications Department collaborating with students from Okemos and Haslett High Schools. Manager Diehl said she would reach out to both schools to see what they currently do and if there could be room for a collaboration of some sort.

**10. COMMUNICATIONS**

**A. Compliments/Complaints**

None.

**B. Correspondences**

None.

**11. REPORTS**

**A. Video Service Provider(s)**

None.

**B. Programming**

None.

**C. Website & Social Media**

None.

**D. Promotions/Publications**

None.

**E. Finance**

None.

**F. HOMTV Internship/Alumni**

None.

**G. Broadband**

None.

**12. PUBLIC REMARKS**

None.

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Nevells moved **TO ADJOURN THE MEETING**. Seconded by Commissioner Pavangadkar.

VOICE VOTE: Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at **7:09 pm**.