



# Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

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## BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Commissioner Patty Farhat	Chairperson Drew Macon	Linda Sanchez-Gazella, HR Director
Commissioner Julee Rodocker		Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney's Office
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Lieutenant Rob Backus, LPD
Commissioner William Renfrew		Harold Leeman, Lansing, MI
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Michelle Reddish, Admin. Specialist II
Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		Jim DeLine, Budget Control Supervisor, LPD
		Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director

### **CALL TO ORDER**

After establishing a quorum, Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson. Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson asked for a moment of silence for fallen officers.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Board members reviewed the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2018, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

**EDUCATION PRESENTATION** – Lieutenant Rob Backus spoke about the new laws and appropriate use of Recreational Marijuana.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT** by Chief Mike Yankowski

- On January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019, the Detroit Tigers organization will be at the Operations Center to honor the department's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The ceremony will begin at 2:30 p.m.
- Informed the board results in regards to the March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018, Officer Involved Shooting from the Shooting Review Board. Updated the board on crime statistics.
- Informed the board that the Burnway homicide suspect was arrested.
- Informed the board that warrants were obtained for the Bayview homicide subject.
- Informed the board that an officer was terminated for inappropriate comments.
- Six individuals graduated the Police Academy and nine are currently attending. Thirty-one officers, twelve civilians were hired in 2018, along with Officer Tori Klewicki-McNutt.
- In December the department participated in Shop With A Cop, Old Newsboys, Sparrow Day of Giving, and No Senior Without Christmas.

- Annual Training is being held and the dates will be forwarded to board members.
- Detective Skaggs is visiting LPD to see if processes can be improved in relation to homicides.
- Passed out 2019 Goals.

**LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Amanda O’Boyle, Assistant City Attorney**

No report.

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT – HRCS Director Joan Jackson-Johnson**

- The Mobile Food Pantry will be held Saturday, January 19, 2019.
- HRCS has received several requests for help paying utility bills.
- In December fed over 1,000 citizens.
- Bridge card money will be disbursed for February (during the government shut-down).
- The City Rescue Mission purchased Mark Bozzo’s property and will be opening on January 21, 2019.
- Holy Cross took over the VOA. She stated she will serve on their board.
- The Martin Luther King, Jr., luncheon will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2019, box lunches will be served.

Director Sanchez-Gazella recommended three Cadets for hire. Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to approve the Cadet hiring roster; supported by Commissioner Kowalk-Thompson; approved unanimously.

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella**

- 1 Detention Officer vacancy
- Quartermaster is being reclassified
- Secretary 26 interviews are being conducted
- Two candidates are being recommended for Certified/Certifiable and two are in the academy
- Joe McClure was hired to fill the Budget Control Supervisor position

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – None

**CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED**

No correspondence received.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Commissioner Renfrew made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month December; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson stated the board approved the August 20, 2019, Lugnuts game day.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – Commissioner Farhat stated a meeting will be held January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. at the Operations Center.
- Budget Committee – Commissioner Carnegie passed out a budget update, phases six, seven, and eight have been completed. Board Members reviewed the FY19-20 budget. Commissioner Carnegie stated he is confident core services are being provided by the department as they progress through the budget process. He voiced his support for Chief Yankowski and his staff in discussions with the Mayor as a final proposal is prepared for presentation to the City Council. Chief Yankowski and Jim DeLine answered board member questions. Commissioner Carnegie made a motion that the board accept the Lansing Police Department’s Fiscal Year 2020 budget proposal as presented, and directs it be forwarded to Mayor Andy Schor for his consideration; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; accepted unanimously.
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force – None.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules – None.

**COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS**

- No comments were recorded, the recording secretary left the room.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Harold Leeman stated he was recently assaulted and spoke about the assault. Chief Yankowski stated he would look into the matter and contact Mr. Leeman.

**ADJOURNMENT** - A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.