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**BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS**  
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Randy Talifarro, Fire Chief

**The Lansing Fire Board met in regular session on February 14, 2018 at 2114 N. Grand River Ave., Vice-Chairperson Betty Draher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Keeney, Draher, Banks, Singleton

**COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED:** Gina Nelson, Wyatt Ludman, Ferro (leave of absence)

**COMMISSIONERS UNEXCUSED:**

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Chief Talifarro, A/Chief Bruce Odom, DSO Jim Harrington, Admin Spec. Patti Starnes, DFO Ellen Vogt

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** NONE

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Chairperson Singleton asked the board to review the November minutes. After review Chairperson Singleton asked for corrections. No corrections, additions or changes were given. Chairperson Singleton asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Draher, and supported by Commissioner Keeney to accept the November minutes as written. Motion carried with a unanimous vote.

**REVIEW OF COMMUNICATIONS:**

Training Newsletter – Chief Talifarro highlighted the Peer Support program.

**PRESENTATIONS:** None

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:**

1. **Retired Battalion Chief Rob Hecksel passed away.** His funeral is this Friday at St. Gerard Church. He was a highly regarded member of LFD.
2. **A/Chief Jenkins Retirement** - He announced his retirement after 27.5 years of service. His last day is March 16<sup>th</sup>.
3. **ALICE (Alert – Locate – Inform – Counter - Evacuate)** - Active violence training took place this past month with area agencies.
4. **Budget:** First submission has been given to the Finance Director, Angie Bennett. Capital Improvements should be turned in the end of this week.
5. **Behavioral Mental Health training** – March 12-15. Have had some significant stress related issues within the LFD.

6. **A/Chief Tyler retired.** He accepted an Asst. Chief position at the Ann Arbor Fire Dept.
7. **Bruce Odom was promoted to Asst. Fire Chief.** Congratulations were given to Asst. Chief Odom.
8. **DSO positions:** LFD Captain James Harrington is trying out the DSO position. He has 20 days to decide if wants to continue or go back to the Suppression Div.
9. **Paramedic School** - Asst. Chief Odom talked about \$10,000 paramedic school funding in the FY19 budget to send our people to paramedic school. Our employees currently attending the LCC paramedic school are at the top of their class and doing well. The program is 10-13 months.
10. **Shared Services Meeting – Bi-Monthly meeting with area Fire Depts.** At the last meeting discussion took place regarding the area wide paramedic shortage. Chief Talifarro gave an overview of the paramedic program at LCC and answered questions from the Board.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Personnel Committee Report.

Captain Jim Harrington introduced himself to the board. Captain Harrington presented the Personnel Committee report to the full board. Chief Talifarro discussed the need for a Data Analyst/IT Assistant within the department.

Chief Talifarro will be meeting to discuss the current 6 FF vacancies.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Chairperson Singleton will follow up with Frank Ferro regarding his Fire Board appointment.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**GENERAL ORDER:**

Chief Talifarro introduced the station 2 crew – Captain Meitler, Engineer Trentin, FF Hulst & FF Jordan and thanked them for hosting the board meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Commissioner Keeney and supported by Commissioner Draher to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

**Minutes Submitted by: Patti Starnes, Admin Spec. on June 13, 2018 APPROVED:** June 13, 2018