



Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, February 19th, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Michelle Reddish, Admin. Specialist II
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		
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		
Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		
Chairperson Drew Macon		

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairperson Macon.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the January 15th, 2019, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the January 15th, 2019, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Lieutenant Rob Backus spoke about NC4. NC4 is a platform for communication which includes all things crime. It communicates information in real time.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- On January 24th, 2019, the Detroit Tigers organization visited the Operations Center to honor the department's 125th Anniversary. A Detroit Tigers jersey was given as a gift and is hanging on the wall at the Op's Center.
- Played a video of 2018 A Year in Review.
- MSP concluded their report and issued six counts of illegal activity against former Officer Matthew Priebe. The School Resource Officer policy was passed out to board members.
- Shoots have reduced approximately 50% over the years.
- There is a group of kids ranging in age from 13-23 that have been committing several crimes in the Lansing and surrounding area. Thirteen individuals have been apprehended.
- The new Mobile PD Application is very close to launching.
- Smart phones will be given to all road patrol officers.
- State Records Management System is being worked on.
- The Citizens' Police Academy began on January 24th, 2019, and is completed in April.
- Participated in National Day of Healing on January 22nd, 2019.
- A Press Conference was held at Baker Street to discuss accomplishments.
- Annual Training in the classroom is completed.
- Attended the 30th year Crime Stoppers Breakfast.

- SCRAM Program is launched.
- Sparrow and CATA discussed hiring a CPO for their entities. Sparrow is willing to fund the position. Negotiations are being held, at this time.
- Detective John LaCross slipped and fell and incurred a serious injury in the Op's Center parking lot.
- A community business donated \$10,000 for community engagement.
- Officers Norman Armstrong and Norman Naimy, along with Detention Officer Rebecca Kopf retired.
- Officer Frank Mobley was promoted to Detective, Laura Dixon was promoted to Supervisor, and Officer Mandi Brunner was promoted to Sergeant. These promotions will become effective on March 2nd. The ceremony was held February 21st, 2019.
- Budget Review for the community will begin on March 5th, 2019, at Fenner.
- Policing the Police has been reset to March 20th, 2019.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Amanda O'Boyle, Assistant City Attorney

Officers were trained about several potential situations at Annual Training.

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

- The Mobile Food Pantry was held at Pennway Church.
- Mark Bozo's place was utilized during the cold weather.
- There is a record number of utility shut-offs occurring.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella

- Possibly 18 individuals could retire in 2019. Sixteen individuals would need to be frontloaded.
- PO1 Interviews will be held the week of February 25th, 2019.
- Joe McClure, Budget Control Supervisor was hired.
- Police Social Worker hiring process has begun.
- Detention Officer interviews are coming up. Only 11 out of 16 Do's can work, at this time.
- 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

Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month January; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson stated she attended the Police Explorer Fundraiser Breakfast.
- The Public Safety Committee meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday, monthly. She plans on attending a meeting in the near future.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – Commissioner Farhat stated she attended two meetings and the Awards Program Ceremony will be held May 16th, 2019, at 6:00 p.m.
- Budget Committee – Commissioner Carnegie spoke with Joe McClure, Budget Control Supervisor and the budget has been submitted to Mayor's Office.
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force – None.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules – None.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Farhat stated she enjoyed the Tigers' visit.

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- Commissioner Rodocker stated she attended Dr. Joan Jackson Johnson's Poverty event and thought it was very informative. She also attended the Citizens' Police Academy as a refresher.
- Commissioner Renfrew stated he is thankful for Chief Yankowski and is proud of sixty-three years of service to the department.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

ADJOURNMENT - A motion was made by Chairperson Macon to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m., supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.