



Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, April 16th, 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 Kecia Coats		Chief Michael Yankowski
Commissioner William Renfrew		Sergeant Eric Pratl
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Regina Wilson, HR Specialist
Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		
Chairperson Drew Macon		

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 Commissioner Coats.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the March 19th, 2019, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the March 19th, 2019, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Sergeant Eric Pratl spoke about the Police Athletic League (PAL). He has been assigned as the PAL Committee Chairperson. He has formed the committee and they met for the first time last month. PAL is being rejuvenated and reinvented. He explained to the board PAL will be holding some fundraising events, in the near future. At this time, PAL has \$15,000 to begin the program.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- Two officers had accidents, they both were rear ended by other drivers. Both officers are on light duty status.
- Information was shared regarding the 2018 Shooting Report. There was a 49% decrease over the past five years of shots fired. In 2018 there was 104 shooting incidents and in 2017 111. July was the most active month followed by September and December. Forty-seven percent of shots fired happened at midnight and 5:00 p.m.
- Chief spoke about the Ghafari Facility Study that began this week. LPD employees are being interviewed.
- Several ways have been developed to help officers regarding officer wellness and Backing the Badge. LPD has partner with Robertson Brain Health
- Explorers won the 2018 and 2019 State Championship back-to-back.
- 20 individuals graduated from the Citizens Police Academy.
- Chief attended Policing the Police event and was on the panel.
- On 4/18 attended Policing with Autism event held by Xavier DeGroat. Xavier is working on legislation for people with autism to be identified on a license plate.
- The Youth Leadership Academy will be held on Jun 17-21.

- The Retirement/Promotional Cerement will take place on May 15 at 11:30. Captain Ballor, Officer Brad Sampson and Officer Terry Blount will retire and Sergeant Nate Osborn will be promoted to Lieutenant, Officer Anthony Sandoval will be promoted to Sergeant. Captain Eric Eichenberg will retire in July.
- The Budget Presentation will be held on Monday, 4/22 at 5:00 p.m., in the City Council Chambers.

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

A new defender’s office is being created. She feels there will be an increase in FOIA requests.

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

was absent. Bernard Brantley gave the report for HRCS.

- The food pantry was held.
- The Spring Break Feeding Program was held.
- Joan Jackson-Johnson attended the Marcella Wilson Seminar on Friday.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella was absent. Regina Wilson gave the report for HR.

- Ninety three applications were reviewed for the Detention Officer positions. Nine individuals were held on April 12. Five of three failed the background phase. One male will begin work on April 29 and six are moving forward. Four females and two males.
- The Quartermaster position is going through a reclassification.
- The Secretary 26 interviews were held and the applicant will begin on April 21.
- One person was hired for Police Recruit and will begin on April 29 and one candidate is set to graduate.
- Interviews for POI were held on February 25, 26 and 27th, 2019. Six individuals are pending backgrounds. Five out of 11 were selected to move forward to the background stage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

No correspondence received.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

No quorum.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson – No report.
- The Lansing Lugnuts game will be on May 23, 2019.
- Passed out an invite from the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – No report.
- Budget Committee – No Report.
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force – None.
- Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules – None.
- Complaint Committee – Commissioner Farhat stated the Committee met on February 6th, 2019. The meeting was very interesting. October, November and December was covered. The next meeting will be in April to review January, February, and March.

COMMISSIONER’S COMMENTS

- Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson stated she will be attending the Promise Dinner and thanked he department for providing her a ticket. She is keeping officers in her prayers and thanked the Awards Committee and Budget Committee for their work.
- Commissioner Rodocker explained how her name is pronounced and stated several individuals have been pronouncing it wrong.
- Commissioner Farhat stated the interviews that she sat in on were good. She thanked Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson for filling in for Chairperson Macon. She thanked Commissioner Carnegie for his work on the Budget Committee.

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OTHER BUSINESS – Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to keep the May Board Meeting on May 21, 2019, and attend the Lugnuts Game on Thursday, May 23, 2019, supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

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