



LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Schmidt Community Center

5825 Wise Rd.

Lansing, MI

The Board of Police Commissioners met in regular session and the meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Commissioner Jones.

Present: Commissioner Members: Bitely, Brewster, Cotton, Farhat, Jones, Milton, and Watkins. Also present: Chief Robert Backus, Assistant City Attorney Matt Staples, A'Keydra Abrams and Ruth Grant.

Note: Commissioner Sheikh-Omar arrived at 5:59 pm after roll call was taken and after voting had been taken place.

Public Attendees: 3

Roll call was taken and quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Chair Jones.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: The public comment regarding submitted inquiries from NAACP will be addressed later by Chair Jones.

Additions To The Agenda: None.

Approval Of Agenda: Chair Jones moved to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Bitely made the motion to approve with Commissioner Cotton seconding the motion.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Jones moved to approval of the two agenda items.

- a) Approval of Meeting Minutes: March 18, 2025
- b) Approval of the Department Reports: March 2025

Commissioner Brewster made the motion with Commissioner Bitely seconding the motion of the two agenda items.

By Vote:

Yeas: 7

Nays: 0

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: Captain Shawn McNamara, Patrol Division

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Chief Robert Backus

LEGAL UPDATE – Assistant City Attorney Matt Staples

HUMAN RESOURCES – Commissioner Cotton

COMMISSION INVESTIGATOR REPORT: Ms. A'Keydra Abrams

- For the month of March 2025, there were 8 open cases, four cases were closed.

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- Attended a very good training session for body worn cameras.
- People will now have a choice to file a complaint through LPD Internal Affairs or with the Commission Investigator.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget – No report.
- Government/Community Liaison Committee – No report.
- Awards and Incentives Committee – The awards banquet will be May 21st.
- Ad Hoc Committee – No report.
- Citizen Complaint Oversight Committee - No report. A meeting is scheduled in two weeks.
- Recruitment and Hiring - No report.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – (Informational)

PUBLIC COMMENT: One public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at: 6:07 pm by Chair Jones. Vice-Chair Brewster made the motion and Commissioner Milton seconded the motion.

Submitted by:
Ruth Grant
Board of Police Commissioners Secretary

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