



# LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 20, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Lansing Police Department – Headquarters  
120 W. Michigan Avenue, Lansing, MI 48933

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, Sheikh-Omar and Watkins. Also present: Chief Robert Backus, Assistant City Attorney Matt Staples, A'Keydra Abrams and Ruth Grant.

Public Attendees: 3

Roll call was taken and quorum was present.

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Lead by Chair Jones.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None.

**Additions To The Agenda:** None.

**Approval Of Agenda:** Chair Jones moved to approve the agenda. Vice-Chair Brewster made the motion to approve with Commissioners Bitely and Milton seconding the motion.

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

- a) Approval of Meeting Minutes: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2025
- b) Approval of the Department Reports: April 2025

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

By Vote:

Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

**EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION:** LPD Cadets.

**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 April 2025, there were ten open cases, twelve cases were closed and one case has been forwarded to the chief.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

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**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Budget – The budget has been passed for FY26
- Government/Community Liaison Committee – A meeting with chief and clergy has been scheduled for next week.
- Awards and Incentives Committee – The awards banquet will be May 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Ad Hoc Committee – No report.
- Citizen Complaint Oversight Committee – April 29<sup>th</sup> meet with Internal Affairs. IA & Ms. Abrahms did thorough work.
- Recruitment and Hiring - No report.

**COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – (Informational)**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** Three public comments.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at: 6:24 pm by Chair Jones. Commissioner Bitely made the motion and Commissioner Farhat seconded the motion.

Submitted by:  
Ruth Grant  
Board of Police Commissioners Secretary

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