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Andy Schor, Mayor

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Foster Community Center

200 Foster Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

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

Present: Commissioner Members: Brewster, Cotton, Farhat, Jones, Milton, Omar, and Watkins. Also present: Chief Robert Backus, Deputy City Attorney Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, Assistant City Attorney Patrick Abood, and Ruth Grant

Excused Absence: Vice Chair Brewster placed a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioner Bitely from this meeting; seconded by Commissioner Milton.

By Vote: Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

Public Attendees: 2

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:

Approval Of Agenda: Chair Jones moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Brewster made the motion to approve Commissioner Farhat seconding the motion.

Consent Agenda: Chair Jones moved for approval of agenda items:

- a) A motion was placed by Vice Chair Brewster to include the Staff Services Monthly Department Report for July, seconded by Commissioner Farhat.
- b) Approval of Meeting Minutes: July 15, 2025
- c) Approval of July Departmental Reports including Staff Services July Report.

Chair Jones moved to approve the minutes. Commissioners Brewster made the motion with Commissioner Farhat seconding the motion.

By Vote:
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: Detective Kasha Osborn (SAKI Presentation)

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Chief Robert Backus

LEGAL UPDATE – Deputy Assistant City Attorney, Lisa Hagen-Lawrence.

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HUMAN RESOURCES – Commissioner Cotton.

COMMISSION INVESTIGATOR REPORT:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget – No report.
- Government/Community Liaison Committee – No report.
- Awards and Incentives Committee – No report.
- Ad Hoc Committee – No report.
- Citizen Complaint Oversight Committee – The committee is scheduled to meet August 20, 2025
- Recruitment and Hiring - No report.

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – (Informational)

PUBLIC COMMENT: One public comment.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Jones requested to adjourn the meeting; Commissioner Brewster made a motion and by Commissioner Omar.

Submitted by:
Ruth Grant
Board of Police Commissioners Secretary

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