



LANSING POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Andy Schor, Mayor

Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 15, 2026, at 5:30 p.m.

Lansing Police Department HQ, 2nd Fl Conf. Room
120 W. Michigan Ave., 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 Chair Brewster.

Present at Rollcall: Commission Members: Bitely, Brewster, Cotton, Farhat, Hernandez, Jones, Milton, Watkins
Also present: Assistant Chief Pratl, Elizabeth O'Leary, Matthew Staples, Ofc. Bridget Voisin, and Jacqueline Lutz

Public Attendees: 2

Rollcall was taken and quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Chair Brewster

Correspondence Sent and Received: None

Public Comment on Agenda Items: 0

Additions To the Agenda: None

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

By Vote: Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

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

- a) Approval of Meeting Minutes: August 18, 2026.
- b) Approval of August Departmental Reports.

Chair Brewster moved to approve the minutes and department reports. Commissioner Bitely made the motion. Commissioner Farhat seconding the motion.

By Vote: Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

EDUCATIONAL PRESENTATION: Officer Bridget Voisin, Community Services Officer

- New Community Services Officer, neighborhood watch website updates

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT – Assistant Chief Pratl

- Investigations ongoing on homicides in August, crime has decreased, positive feedback from the summer safety squad, community engagements: National Night Out, Mayor's Senior Fair, Child & Family Charities. Citizens' Police Academy started last week, department wide photos taking place this week, ALPACT Movie Screening tomorrow. 19 Recruits began in August, planning for their future in the department, some are former cadets or interns.

LEGAL UPDATE – Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples

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- No Updates

HUMAN RESOURCES – Director Elizabeth O’Leary

- Police Officer Lateral- 3 offers made, 1 accepted, 1 pending, 1 declined. 8 applicants for January academy. 2 cadets began last Tuesday, 13 applicants for Detention process.

COMMISSION INVESTIGATOR REPORT: Julie Browne, Commission Investigator

- Absent, no update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Budget – Nothing to report
- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Attended an educational piece on cameras, very good
- Awards and Incentives Committee – Nothing until January, will be sending out invites to commissioners about committees, this one too
- Ad Hoc Committee – No update
- Citizen Complaint Oversight Committee – No meeting today, nothing new from last meeting, but already scheduled for next month
- Recruitment and Hiring – No additions

COMMISSIONER COMMENTS – (Informational)

- Farhat – Last night was great with new neighborhood watch officer
- Bitely – Heard some from residents about flock cameras, tried to provide education to them in regard to it, Wyoming police chief gave great stats today on why these cameras are needed
- Watkins – Nothing
- Cotton – car wash on Cedar st was cleared out, but people are back again; complaints need to be addressed. Thanks to Chief for being very diligent, but it shouldn’t take 2 years to resolve this issue
- Hernandez – Today kick’s off Hispanic Heritage month through October 15. This weekend lots of events. ALPACT event tomorrow
- Milton – Nothing
- Brewster – None
- Jones – No comments

PUBLIC COMMENT: 1

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Brewster moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:17 pm. Commissioner Jones made the motion with Commissioner Bitely seconding.

By Vote: Yeas: 8

Nays: 0

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