



Lansing Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, January 16th, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABSENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Drew Macon, Chairperson		Mayor Andy Schor
Vice-Chairperson, Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		Kesha McKitty, HR Specialist
Commissioner Clyde Carnegie		Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Joe Abood, City Attorney's Office
Commissioner William Renfrew		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner Kecia Coats		Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director

CALL TO ORDER

After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Schor thanked Chairperson Macon for inviting him to the meeting. He stated he was looking forward to listening and learning about the Board and how it functions. He mentioned he is working on finding a replacement for Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella's position.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Renfrew.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board Members reviewed the December 19th, 2017, Meeting Minutes and the Meeting Minutes from the Special Board Meeting held on January 4th, 2018. A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson to approve the December 19th and the January 4th Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – None

KESHA MCKITTY, HR SPECIALIST HIRING OF PO1 TENTATIVE CANDIDATES

Two PO1 candidates were presented to be hired and begin work on February 12, 2018. One candidate passed all the background phases and the MCOLES test and the other candidate is scheduled for the MCOLES test on January 29, 2018. Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to approve both candidates with the contingency regarding the candidate who is scheduled for the MCOLES test that if the candidate does not pass the offer of employment would be withdrawn; supported by Commissioners Renfrew, Carnegie, Farhat, and Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson; abstained by Chairperson Macon and Commissioner Coats; motion approved.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- 2017-2018 Crime Statistics were submitted to Mayor Schor.
Top 10 Accomplishments in 2017
- 11 out of 18 were minorities and females hired in 2017.
- One Community Policing Officer was added in the Reo-Risdale neighborhood.

- Lansing Police Department employees attended over 500 community engagement events.
- Shootings reduced by 28% from 2016 to 2017.
- The Secure City's Partnership with Michigan State Police began.
- Public Safety Partnership Program began.
- Truth in Racial Healing and Transformation partnership with the Kellogg Foundation began.
- The SRMS was launched.
- A Training Secretary is being added and continued training for department employees is ongoing. Over 32,000 hours of training was conducted.
- There were 13 homicides in 2017, 11 have been solved.
- There were 239 heroin overdoses in 2017, with a 65% increase from 2016 to 2017. Narcan was used by LPD over 19 times in 2018.
- FOIA's – Employees are trying to keep up with requests.
- Hired 3 PO1's who will begin working on January 8th, 2018.
- Attended: Mayor Schor's Inauguration, Promotional, and Retirements, MLK Luncheon, PERF Homelessness Seminar, visited the Detroit Police Department's Real-time Crime Center, the Arab-Muslim American Town Hall, spoke at the Lansing Rotary Club regard the Opioid Crisis. Will be attending the State of the City address, Annual Training, and ALPAC meeting.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Joe Abood, City Attorney

Joe Abood stated the City Attorney's office is working on a training plan to inform officers about City Ordinances. He thanked Mayor Schor for keeping Jim Smiertka, City Attorney, and Chief Yankowski.

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

- Renee Freeman has been hired as the HRCS Department Coordinator
- The homeless shelters have been full due to the cold weather. The VOA Women's Shelter lost power. She helped make sure the children were properly clothed.
- Mayor Schor is working on doing a clothing drive in one of the schools.
- The Mobile Food Pantry will be Gerard and St. Thomas next month.
- Utilities are a challenge during the winter months.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT

No report given. No representative was present from the Human Resources Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of December; supported by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson; motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month December; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson
No report given.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – Commissioner Farhat
The Awards books have been passed out and are being reviewed.
- Budget Committee – Commissioner Carnegie
Presented board members with a memorandum update on the budget status.

- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force
Chairperson Macon stated he is still working on Bernard Brantley's position. He informed Mayor Schor that the position needs to be filled because Bernard retired and is working as a contract employee.
- Complaint Committee
Commissioner Farhat stated a meeting next month.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Renfrew thanked Mayor Schor for keeping Chief Yankowski because he keeps the board informed regarding activity in the department and is doing a great job training the officers.
- Commissioner Noordhoek commended Mayor Schor for keeping Chief Yankowski. He stated he believes Chief Yankowski has one the best-trained group of employees in the State of Michigan. He thanked Mayor Schor for attending the meeting.
- Commissioner Farhat thanked Mayor Schor for attending and thanked him for allowing her to serve on his transition team. She stated it was nice to see a police presence at the Mayor's inaugural event.
- Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson thanked Mayor Schor for attending the meeting and stated she looks forward to working with him. She also thanked Mayor Schor for retaining Chief Yankowski as he is well respected by the Neighborhood groups and his employees. She also thanked Commissioner Carnegie for his budget report. Chief Yankowski is doing a great job with respect to hiring. She thanked Dr. Joan-Jackson Johnson for all her work. She thanked Bernard Brantley for his commitment to the City of Lansing.
- Commissioner Coats stated it is an honor and a privilege for her to serve on the board. She attended the MLK event at the Lansing Center and the MLK events held at City Hall. She is very glad Chief Yankowski is still in his role as Police Chief.
- Commissioner Carnegie thanked Mayor Schor for keeping Chief Yankowski as he relates to high-level executives and struggling members of the community. He stated Chief Yankowski has brought transparency to the department and he appreciates that.
- Chairperson Macon stated he looks forward to working with Mayor Schor in 2018 and thanked him for attending the meeting. He thanked Chief Yankowski for his hard work and thanked board members for all they do.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT

None – No one from the public was present.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Macon to end the meeting at 6:50 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.