



Andy Schor, Mayor

Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

120 West Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: (517) 483-4800
Fax: (517) 483-4617



Ellery Sosebee, Interim Chief

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, November 16, 2021

Location: Lansing Police Headquarters, 120 E. Michigan Ave., Lansing, MI 48933

The Board of Police Commissioners met in regular session and meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairperson Patty Farhat.

Present: Commission Members Abood, Brewster, Carnegie, Farhat, Jones, Lopez, McDermitt and Milton.
Excused: N/A

Also Present: Chief Ellery Sosebee, Assistant City Attorney Mary Bowen, CI Delvata Moses, Chief Radio Technician Walter Doherty and Ruth Grant.

Roll call was taken and quorum was present.

Chairperson Farhat welcomed new commissioner, Andrew Abood, to the Board and meeting. A moment of silence was given for the two lives lost in recent motor vehicle accidents.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance led by Commissioner Lopez.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Vote to approve the 2020 LPD Annual Report. Motion made by Chairperson Farhat. Commissioner Brewster carried the motion to accept and place on file; seconded by Commissioner Jones.

Yeas: 8
Nays: None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Moved by Chair Farhat to approve and place on file the October 19, 2021, Board of Commissioners minutes of meeting. Motion carried by Commissioner Brewster with Commissioner Jones seconding the motion.

Yeas: 8
Nays: None

“Neighborhood Strong”



Andy Schor, Mayor

Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

120 West Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: (517) 483-4800
Fax: (517) 483-4617



Ellery Sosebee, Interim Chief

EDUCATION PRESENTATION: Walter Doherty, Lead Radio Technician

- LPD has been utilizing new police radios since September due to an upgrade of Ingham County Dispatch radio system. The upgrade allows for the establishing of more channels and zones resulting in better communication with area law enforcement, Lansing Fire, and airport police. The radios have range capability now to communicate with various agencies including the upper peninsula and out of state. Each radio is assigned to an officer and has a GPS built to help locate officers, if needed. The radios also come with an emergency button that when activated directly connects to dispatch and the state at which time all radio traffic stops until the officer is safe. Some channels can be encrypted for confidential transmissions.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Chief Ellery Sosebee

- Hiring updates: the 7 recruits in the academy are doing well, LPD hired 2 certified certifiable officers and they are doing well in their training. Ten recruits are expected to be sent to the academy in February and by spring the count of officers will be 213. Recruiting is an ongoing issue as LPD looks ahead for the retirements that will come in 2022 and 2023.
- The Anti-violence event at Shiloh Baptist Church was well attended by local law enforcement agencies and established good dialogue with the public that attended.
- Silver Bells will be Friday, November 19th. Last year was cancelled due to COVID. LPD will be patrolling the downtown area for any safety concerns with the K-9's. No fireworks will be displayed however there will be a drone light show this year.

Commissioner Carnegie: He appreciates the efforts Chief Sosebee and Chief Green have made reporting on juvenile arrests and would like reports to be monthly and to also include the category of resisting the officer by race and gender. He would also like an update on procedures and accreditation.

Commissioner Lopez: On 2020 Annual report would like a complaint summary included in the report of how many were formal complaints, informal, valid, closed and those carried over from the previous year. Commissioner Carnegie also suggested including the number of times the matrix was used for any complaints.

(7:05 p.m. Commissioner Lopez departed from board meeting.)

NEW BUSINESS: None.

LEGAL AND ADVISOR REPORT: Assistant City Attorney Mary Bowen

- Welcomed Commissioner Abood. There is no report from OCA and wishes happy holiday to all.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

“Neighborhood Strong”



Andy Schor, Mayor

Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

120 West Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: (517) 483-4800
Fax: (517) 483-4617



Ellery Sosebee, Interim Chief

CORRESPONDANCE SENT AND RECEIVED: None.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Moved by Chairperson Farhat to accept and place on file. Motion carried by Commissioner Brewster and 2nd by Commissioner Jones.

Yeas: 7

Nays: None

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Budget Committee:** Commissioner Carnegie – Reminded that the budget binders will be distributed in December and vote to approve the budget will be at the next board meeting in December.
- **Government/Community Liaison Committee:** Commissioner Lopez – will be coordinating with committee for possible dates of next meeting.
- **Awards & Incentives Committee:** Commissioner Brewster – No report.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules:** Commissioner McDermitt – No report.
- **Complaint Committee:** Chairperson Farhat – Working on dates for next meeting with Internal Affairs.
- **Recruitment and Hiring Committee:** Commissioner McDermitt – No report.

Commission Investigator Delvata Moses: For October, there were 12 complaints, 3 were formal and 9 were informal. 8 were investigated by Internal Affairs, 4 were formal and 4 informational only with no violations.

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:

- Commissioner Lopez: (No longer in attendance at meeting).
- Commissioner Brewster: Welcomed Commissioner Abood. Suggested a future educational presentation concerning how LPD deals with missing persons/runaways and LPD policy. He found the monthly report from the social worker to be extremely interesting on the cases she handles.
- Commissioner Carnegie: Welcomed Commissioner Abood. Spoke concerning the immunity clauses under the law enforcement contracts and would like to give input as a commission.
- Commissioner Jones: Welcomed Commissioner Abood. No comment except for an updated on the mayor's nationwide search for the chief of police position. There were 18 applicants and the search firm narrowed to 6 and out of those three passed into a formal interviewed. The applicants were very diverse and look forward to selecting the best candidate.
- Commissioner McDermitt: Welcomed Commissioner Abood. No other comment.
- Commissioner Milton: Welcomed Commissioner Abood. No comment.
- Chairperson Farhat: Welcome Commissioner Abood. Silver Bells is Friday, Nov 19th. Commission Investigator Moses will be riding on a float in the LPD Neighborhood float in the parade. Gave thank to Chief Green, Chief Sosebee, and Ruth Grant for providing the commissioners with official LPD commissioner shirts.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

- Daniel Arnold: Grateful for being a resident of Lansing. He completed the Citizen Police Academy and encouraged more citizens to take part in the academy. He is seeing the stress of the police officers

“Neighborhood Strong”



Andy Schor, Mayor

Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

120 West Michigan Avenue
Lansing, MI 48933
Phone: (517) 483-4800
Fax: (517) 483-4617



Ellery Sosebee, Interim Chief

lately and appreciates all their hard work. He encourages posting CPO and other events on social media and especially closer to the day of the events.

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Farhat concluded by thanking everyone. Farhat moved that the board meeting be adjourned at 6:26 pm.

Yeas: 7

Nays: None.

Submitted by Ruth Grant, Recording Secretary, Lansing Board of Police Commissioners

“Neighborhood Strong”