



Mike Yankowski, Chief

## Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

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### BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING OF TUESDAY, September 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017

| MEMBERS PRESENT                         | MEMBERS ABSENT | OTHERS PRESENT                          |
|-----------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------------|
| Vice-Chairperson Sandra Kowalk-Thompson |                | Captain Cherie Ballor                   |
| Commissioner Clyde Carnegie             |                | Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director |
| Commissioner Robert Noordhoek           |                | Brandon Waddell, Asst. City Attorney    |
| Commissioner Patty Farhat               |                | Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary   |
| Commissioner William Renfrew            |                | Kesha McKitty, HR Specialist            |
| Commissioner Linda Gazella-Sanchez      |                |                                         |
| Chairperson Drew Macon                  |                |                                         |
| Commissioner Kecia Coats                |                |                                         |

**PUBLIC/GUESTS PRESENT** – None

**CALL TO ORDER** – After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson asked for a moment of silence on behalf of Robert Merritt's father and Emly Horne.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Coats.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA** – None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES** – Board Members reviewed the August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017, meeting minutes. A Motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson to approve the August meeting minutes; supported by Commissioner Bill Renfrew; Motion approved unanimously.

**EDUCATION PRESENTATION** – None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Captain Ballor on behalf of Chief Mike Yankowski**

- PSP Program - This is LPD's first Technical Services resources from the DOJ. (Chief, VCI Lieutenant, and Crime Analyst attending a Data Driven Summit in Washington DC.) Site visit planned the week of Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Secure Cities Partnership - Public Safety Community Forum was held on Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> at 5pm-7:30pm; This was a huge success with over 120 in attendance including the Governor
- 9/11 Ceremony
- LPD Memorial Flag ceremony sponsored by the LPD Advisory Board
- Department and Police Board photos are scheduled for Oct. 10-14<sup>th</sup> at LPD OPS (see email)
- LPD's 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be celebrated in May of 2018. A Steering Committee will be assembled
- Public Safety Cameras - moved one to Waverly (5100 block), relocating several others (Reo/Risdale), and will be adding some additional one via JAG funding
- Annual Training started last week. Board Members are welcome to attend.
- Hiring Updates
  - Academy - 3 in the academy who will graduate on December 15<sup>th</sup>
  - DO's - 3 have passed background and moving on. Need to fill 3 now and 2 by January
  - Cadets - 5 in background
  - Certified/Certifiable - 2 for final review to start on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Phone screens and interviews are pending. Need to hire 9 by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Events
  - Backing the Blue Event September 23<sup>rd</sup>
  - Mikey 23 Stop the Violence Basketball Tournament

- ALPACT Meetings- 1-3pm
  - September 21<sup>st</sup>- Ingham County
  - September 27<sup>th</sup> - Union Missionary Baptist Church
- Promotional / Retirement Ceremony was held on August 31<sup>st</sup> at 11am
  - Retirement – Pace
  - Promotional - McAllister, Marcus Johnson, Walt Kim
  - Retirements - Officer Nolen on September 14<sup>th</sup>, Bryant on October 14<sup>th</sup>
- Transfers-
  - IA - Sergeant Katie Diehl
  - Staff Services - Jason Spoelma
  - Training – Sergeant Brent Sorg

**LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT by Brandon Waddell, Assistant City Attorney - None**

**HUMAN RELATIONS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON REPORT by Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson**

- Connect for Kids was held on August 21<sup>st</sup> with 6,000 kids in attendance
- The Mobile Food Pantry was held at St. Casmir's Church
- Cleaning products were set to storm victims
- A meeting was held with the new person that took over the Homeless Angels
- The LPD was active at the Truth, Racial Healing, & Transformation meeting. Captain Ballor led one of four groups

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT by Director Mary Riley – None**

Kesha McKitty stated 2 new hires would begin on 9/25/17, 3 candidates passed with 1 withdrawing. The 2 new hires passed each phase.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None**

**CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED** – Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of August; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS** – Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month August; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Gov't/Community Liaison Committee** – Vice Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson thanked Commissioners for attending the board meeting at the Boys and Girls Club of Lansing. Moving forward discussion will begin about off-site meetings as we have had very limited attendance from the public at the off-site locations.

**Awards & Incentives Committee** – Commissioner Noordhoek stated there is no report for this month.

**Budget Committee** – Commissioner Carnegie stated he would like Denis Prisk, Budget Controller to come before the board and give an outline on the budget process so the board understands the process. Chairperson Macon stated he would ask Chief Yankowski to give a summary of the budget process.

**Recruitment / Hiring Task Force** – Commissioner Macon stated he wants to find a date for recruiting and hiring to meet to determine a process of how Commissioners sitting on the interview panel can communicate to the board information about the interviewees' in the process. Chairperson Macon will ask Mary Riley above speaking to the process.

**Ad Hoc Committee on Policies and Board Rules** – Commissioner Noordhoek asked the board to review Procedure #'s 600.1, 600.30, and 600.61. Captain Ballor gave an overview of the changes on the three procedures. A motion was made by Commissioner Noordhoek to approve the changes to the procedures; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

**Complaint Committee** – Commissioner Farhat stated they will meet soon as they were waiting for the new Internal Affairs Sergeant to get settled.

**COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS**

- Commissioner Renfrew asked officers to pay closer attention to traffic around school buses.
- Commissioner Coats stated she was unable to attend the Promotional Ceremony. She stated she attended the Public Safety Forum and it was very informative.
- Commissioner Noordhoek – He thanked Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson for hosting the last board meeting. The Jazzfest and Bluesfest were very safe.
- Commissioner Sanchez-Gazella thanked Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson for hosting the last board meeting. She attended the LPD Memorial Ceremony at the Operations Center. She would like a report from the LPD Advisory Board.
- Commissioner Carnegie thanked Captain Ballor. He appreciates the integrity of the board and is grateful for Dr. Joan Jackson-Johnson's reports.
- Commissioner Farhat stated she attended the Chief's Forum which was very informative.
- Chairperson Macon attended the Secure Cities Summit. He was impressed with the interaction of LPD and various groups. Officers Jack and Booth will both be GREAT instructors'.
- The pistol team placed first and second. Congratulations.

**OTHER BUSINESS / DISCUSSION ITEMS** – None.

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Mr. Mark Brown, 4915 Ingham Street. Mr. Brown stated he attended the board meeting because he wanted to see what the Board does. He sits on the ACLU Racial Justice Committee and is close with Dorrell Slaughter. He wants to improve relations between the ACLU and the LPD.

**ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made by Commissioner Macon to end the meeting supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; adjourned at 7:10 p.m.