



Lansing Police Department

Board of Police Commissioners

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BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES TUESDAY, August 21st, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS ABESENT	PUBLIC and GUESTS PRESENT
Chairperson, Drew Macon		Michelle Reddish, Recording Secretary
Vice-Chairperson, Sandra Kowalk-Thompson		Mike Yankowski, Chief of Police
Commissioner Julee Rodocker		Joan Jackson-Johnson, HRCS Director
Commissioner Robert Noordhoek		Bernard Brantley, Commission Investigator
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Linda Sanchez-Gazella, HR Director
Commissioner Kecia Coats		Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney's Office
		Mark Brown, Action of Greater Lansing and ACLU, and NAACP 439 E. Edgewood
Commissioner Patty Farhat		Sergeant Kevin Schlagel, LPD
Commissioner William Renfrew		

CALL TO ORDER

After establishing a quorum, Chairperson Macon welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Commissioner Carnegie. A moment of silence was held for Sergeant Eric Pratl's mother.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA – Rules were drafted in regards to public speaking at the board meetings. Board members reviewed the rules. Commissioner Bob Noordhoek made a motion to accept the rules which will be posted on the Board's page on LPD's website and copies will be available for public speakers at board meetings; seconded by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Board members reviewed the July 17th, 2018, Meeting Minutes. A motion was made by Vice-Chairperson Kowalk-Thompson to approve the July 17th, 2018, Meeting Minutes; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion approved unanimously.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Sergeant Kevin Schlagel gave the Educational Presentation about START and Range operations. He stated thirty officers have been trained in two days regarding firearms. Approximately 1,000 individuals have been trained in civilian response to active violence incidents. There are no vacancies, at this time, for START, the team is solid. There were 100 incidents as of July 25th that START responded to. A mobile command bus will be purchased soon for use by START. Sergeant Schlagel took questions from board members. The tactical team will be wearing body camera in the future.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT by Chief Mike Yankowski

- FY19 budget is in effect.
- A traffic accident occurred at Fairview School. Three individuals lost their lives, two survived the incident. There was significant damage done to the school.
- A body was found in the sewer system in the 1600 block of Herbert Street. It is not known whether foul play was involved at this time. Investigators are working on the case.
- National Night Out was held on August 14th, 2018. Twenty-seven parties were attended.
- Thirty GREAT Program events have been beheld over the summer.
- A welcome program was held for the Football League at the Willard Walker Stadium.

- PSP: A meeting was scheduled with the Chief Consultant to review his report later in the week. In September the annual meeting will be held in Birmingham, Alabama. Chief Yankowski was asked to speak along with the FBI Director.
- JAG Grant 2017: The federal government released FY17 money. Gas masks will be purchased and upgraded.
- JAG Grant 2018: Solicitation has been sent in the amount of \$106,000.
- NC4 Street Smart is in the testing phase.
- AXON Fleet is being updated. AXON body cameras are validating officers' work displaying de-escalation and appropriately handling situations. It also shows good work on crime evidence, following procedures, and prosecuting cases.
- Facilities: No change from last month.
- ALPACT – Recruiting and Hiring was the topic at the meeting. Lieutenant Matthew Kreft spoke.
- On Thursday, August 23rd, there is a Chief's Forum from 6 pm to 8 pm. Nine agencies will talk about community outreach. It will be held at the Unitarian Church.
- First day of school starts on August 27th.
- The POI category is up six positions.
- Retirements will take place in October.
- The Operations Center lease expired. A temporary contract agreement was entered into with the Lansing School District. Some issues are being worked out.
- Chief Yankowski sent condolences to Pastor Nicholson's family as he passed away. He attended his memorial.

LEGAL ADVISOR REPORT – Amanda O'Boyle, City Attorney

Amanda O'Boyle reported there were no significant updates.

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

- Connect the Kids will be held on August 20th, 2018. Connect the Kids has been renamed to the Pat Babcock Connect the Kids, in his honor.
- The Mobile Food Pantry was held at Tabernacle of David Church.
- There is one vacant position in the HR Department for an Administrative Secretary Level 28.

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT – Director Linda Sanchez-Gazella

The Human Resources Department is busy with Lansing Police Department. The second process is taking place to fill three Detention Officer vacancies. There is one vacancy and one is expected in the future for Police Technicians which will be going through a second hiring process. Police Recruit applications have been screened for 2019. POI Certified/Certifiable applications have been screened and interviews are scheduled for 8/28 and 8/28/18. Police Cadets are being interviewed on 9/17 and 9/21/18.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

CORRESPONDENCE SENT AND RECEIVED

Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file correspondence for the month of July; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Commissioner Noordhoek made a motion to receive and place on file department reports for the month July; supported by Commissioner Renfrew; motion carried unanimously.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Government/Community Liaison Committee – None.
- Awards & Incentives Committee – None
- Budget Committee – None
- Recruitment/Hiring Task Force - None
- Complaint Committee Commissioner Farhat stated the Committee will meet on August 29th, 2018, at 9:00 a.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

- Commissioner Renfrew stated he was pleased that Chief Yankowski was invited to participate on the panel for PSP along with the FBI Director.
- Commissioner Farhat thanked everyone who came out for National Night Out.
- Commissioner Rodocker stated she enjoyed taking part in the recruiting process and she felt the employees involved were very strong.
- Chairperson Macon thanked Commissioners for sending a sympathy card for Sergeant Eric Pratl and his family.

OTHER BUSINESS/DISCUSSION ITEMS – None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Brown stated he attended the Use of Force training. He is advocating for other groups to attend. He stated during ALPACT a great video promotion was shown on behalf of the department. The NAACP is interested in the hiring of individuals of color. He asked Director Sanchez-Gazella to submit a report including statistics. He spoke with Officer David Burke at the Mayor's Midnight Basketball Program.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. A motion was made by Chairperson Macon to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.; supported by Commissioner Noordhoek; motion carried unanimously.