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## Lansing Police Department Board of Police Commissioners

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### BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, September 19, 2023

Location: Lansing Police Department Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 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 Chairperson Deyeya Jones.

Present: Commission Members: Abood, Brewster, Farhat, Jones, Lopez, Milton and McDermitt.  
Also Present: Chief Ellery Sosebee, Assistant Chief Robert Backus, Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples, and Secretary Ruth Grant.

Public attendees: 3

Roll call was taken, and quorum was present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** The Pledge of Allegiance led by Chairman Jones.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS:** None.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:** None.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The minutes from the Board meeting on August 15, 2023, were moved by Chairman Jones to approve and place on file. Motion carried by Commissioner Farhat with Commissioner Brewster seconding the motion.

By Vote: Yeas: 7  
Nays: 0

**EDUCATION PRESENTATION:** None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:** Chief Ellery Sosebee

- Chief is working on a presentation for the Board on the city-wide model of crime statistics and the effects.
- The stats for city-wide crime in Lansing has decreased other than violent weapon and stolen vehicle complaints. There has also been a decline in shootings in general for 2023, currently.
- On October 5<sup>th</sup> LPD will be promoting seven officers and on October 12<sup>th</sup> five officers will be retiring.
- Chief had a good meeting with MSU AD Allen Haller, Trustee Vasser and Dr. Norman Beauchamp. Both MSU and LPD have a significant desire to create a partnership in areas of hiring diversity, internships, student athlete police academies, juvenile alternatives to

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incarcerations, partnering with Sparrow Hospital medical teams to serve in the detention unit to name a few.

- Retired LPD Lieutenant Mike Ross has donated a restored 1976 Oldsmobile LPD Patrol vehicle to the historical association of Lansing Police Department.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

**LEGAL AND ADVISOR REPORT:** Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples

- No report.

**HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT:** Commissioner McDermitt

- Detention: Two female and one (male/female) vacancy; top two (2) female vacancies were filled on 8/21/2023. Position has been reposted; 5/23/2023 – 6/29/2023 and the top two recommended candidates were sent to background (8/3/2023 and 9/6/2023).
- Police Cadet: Interviewing eight applicants to fill two open positions.
- Police Officer Certified / Certifiable: Currently posted on Neogov and accepting applications, screening, and routing to hiring managers. New hire started 8/21/2023 and another on 9/11/2023. In process of vetting 3 potential new hires (in process of pre-employment physicals and psychological evaluations).
- Police Recruits (Sponsorship): 20+ police recruits interviewed for police academy starting January 2024; in the process of conducting background investigations, psychological evaluations and scheduling preemployment physicals.
- Secretary 26 (Special Operations) Status: One vacancy currently filled by a contract employee. Paperwork was submitted to Segal 3/14/2023 and results were received on 5/3/2023. Results memo was sent to Department 5/12/2023. It has been determined that the Secretary 26 (Special Operations) position will be eliminated, and a second Crime Research Analyst 24 will be added. The Kickoff Meeting was held on 9/13/2023 positing goal date is 9/15/2023.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None.

**CORRESPONDANCE SENT AND RECEIVED:** None.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** Moved by Chairperson Jones to accept and place on file the 2023 August departmental reports. Motion carried by Commissioner Farhat and seconded by Commissioner Milton.

By Vote:        Yeas:    7  
                     Nays:    0

**BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- **Budget Committee:** Chairperson Jones reported that the June budget is still being worked on. He will be arranging a meeting with the budget supervisor soon.
- **Government Liaison Committee:** Chief Sosebee suggested Commissioner Lopez and his subcommittee attend the next Crime meeting to have some of his questions answered. Commissioner Lopez agreed.

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- **Awards & Incentives Committee:** No report until December.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules:** No report.
- **Complaint Committee:** The committee met in June. Commissioners Jones, Brewster, Farhat and Ms. Moses to discuss the Mayor's Executive Directive as it relates to the Complaint Committee.
- **Recruitment and Hiring Committee:** Commissioner McDermitt briefly spoke of a NIJ article on females in law enforcement. She will share this article.
- **Commission Investigator:** For the month of August 2023, there were eight complaints received. Five were closed and one was forwarded to the Chief for review for the matrix.

### **COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS:**

- Commissioner Abood: No comment.
- Commissioner Brewster: No comment.
- Commissioner Jones: No comment.
- Commissioner Milton: No comment.
- Commissioner Lopez: He looks forward to the Chief's new report that will show the public the amount of daily service calls each officer goes on.
- Commissioner Farhat: No comment.

### **OTHER BUSINESS:** None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

- Daniel Arnold: He has offered for any LPD officer to join him during his daily visits to other police agencies. He appreciates the new Narcan vending machine that is in the lobby of Headquarters. He suggested fixing the kiosk.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Chair Jones concluded by thanking everyone and moved to adjourn the meeting; motion by Commissioner Brewster and seconded by Commissioner Farhart to adjourn at 6:03 pm.

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

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