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Andy Schor, Mayor

BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS MEETING MINUTES Tuesday, October 15, 2024

Location: Foster Community Center, 200 Foster Ave., Lansing, MI 48912

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

Present: Commission Members: Bitely, Brewster, Cotton, Farhat, Jones, and Milton.

Also Present: Chief Robert Backus, City Attorney Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, and Commission Investigator A'Keydra Abrams

Public attendees: 2

Roll call was taken, and quorum present.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS: None.

ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA: Commissioner Bitely entered a motion to add the updated operational procedures for 200.4 Board of Police Commissioners Meetings. Commissioner Farhat made the motion to approve, Commissioner Brewster second the motion.

By Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

CONSENT AGENDA

Commissioner Brewster made the motion to approve; Commissioner Milton second the motion.

By Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

2025 BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE AND LOCATIONS:

The commission approved 2nd version of the 2025 commissioner board meeting schedule. Commissioner Farhat made the motion; Commissioner Brewster seconded the motion.

By Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes from the Board meeting on September 17, 2024, were moved by Chair Jones to approve and place on file. Motion carried by Commissioner Bitely with Commissioner Milton seconding the motion.

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By Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

EDUCATION PRESENTATION: Captain Eric Pratl, Patrol Division

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Chief Robert Backus.

NEW BUSINESS: Updated operational procedures for 200.4 Board of Police Commissioners Meetings.

Motion made by Commissioner Bitely to accept 1st and 3rd edits and let legal review the 2nd edit, Commissioner Milton seconded the motion.

By Vote

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

LEGAL AND ADVISOR REPORT: Assistant City Attorney Matthew Staples

HUMAN RESOURCES REPORT: Commissioner Cotton

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

CORRESPONDANCE SENT AND RECEIVED: None..

DEPARTMENT REPORTS:

Moved by Chair Jones to accept and place on file the 2024 August Departmental reports. Motion carried by Commissioner Farhat and seconded by Commissioner Bitely.

By Vote:

Yeas: 6

Nays: 0

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **Budget Committee:** Chair Jones
- **Government Liaison Committee:** No report.
- **Awards & Incentives Committee:** Commissioner Brewster.
- **Ad Hoc Committee on Board Policies and Rules:** Commissioner Bitely
- **Citizen Complaint Oversight Committee:** Commissioner Jones
- **Recruitment and Hiring Committee:** Commissioner Cotton
- **Commission Investigator Abrams: September Stats:** 6-Opened cases, 5-Closed cases and 0-Sent for Chief Review

COMMISSIONERS COMMENTS

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Jones concluded by thanking everyone for attending and requested a motion to adjourn. Motion carried by Commissioner Bitely and seconded by Commissioner Cotton. Meeting ended at 6:34pm.

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