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Board of Police Commissioners Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.

Lansing Police Department – Headquarters
120 W. Michigan Avenue, 2nd Floor Conference
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 Commissioner Brewster.

Present: Commissioner Members: Bitely, Brewster, Cotton, Farhat, Milton, Sheikh-Omar, and Watkins. Also present: Chief Robert Backus, Chief Deputy City Attorney Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, A'Keydra Abrams and Ruth Grant. Please note Commissioner Sheikh-Omar arrived after meeting had started).

Excused Absence: Commissioner Bitely placed a motion to excuse the absence of Commissioner Jones from this meeting; seconded by Commissioner Watkins.

By Vote: Yeas: 6 (Commissioner Sheikh-Omar had not arrived when vote was taken)
Nays: 0

Public Attendees: 3

Roll call was taken and quorum was present.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lead by Vice-Chair Brewster.

Motion to Edit the Agenda: Commissioner Bitely made a motion to edit the agenda and move the education presentation to the end of the meeting, this was seconded by Commissioner Farhat.

By Vote: Yeas: 6 (Commissioner Sheikh-Omar had not arrived when vote was taken)
Nays: 0

Public Comment on Agenda Items: None.

Additions To The Agenda: None.

Approval Of Agenda: Vice-Chair Brewster moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bitely made the motion to approve with Commissioner Farhat seconding the motion.

Consent Agenda: Commissioner Brewster placed a motion for approval of the agenda
a) Approval of Minutes: November 19, 2024, and December 17, 2024
b) Approval of the Department Reports: November 2024 and December 2024.

Commissioner Bitely made the motion with Commissioner Farhat seconding the motion.

By Vote:
Yeas: 7
Nays: 0

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- c) Approval of the FY26 Budget: Commissioner Bitely made the motion to approve with Commissioner Farhat seconded the motion.

Vice-Chair Brewster asked for an individual vote:

Yeas: Commissioners: Bitely, Brewster, Cotton, Farhat, Milton, Sheikh-Omar, Watkins
Nays: 0

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT - Chief Robert Backus

LEGAL UPDATE – Chief Deputy City Attorney Lisa Hagen-Lawrence

HUMAN RESOURCES – Commissioner Cotton

COMMISSION INVESTIGATOR REPORT: Ms. A’Keydra Abrams

- For the month of December 2024 there were 11 open cases and 4 closed.
- For the month of January 2025 there were 4 open cases and 11 closed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENT: One public comment.

EDUCATION PRESENTATION – Ms. A’Keydra Abrams, Commission Investigator and Ms. Tina Barr, PhD, MSW of the National Association of Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE).

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at: 6:48 pm.

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