



CITIZENS-POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

612 Federal Avenue
Police Department Lobby
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February 17, 2026
MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Clerk Bolzman called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Roberta Bidwell, Bishop Timothy Holden, Evelyn McGovern, Debbie Melkonian, John Milne

Absent: Andrea Foster, Pastor Bob Davis

Also Present: Police Chief Robert Ruth, Deputy Police Chief Matt Gerow, Lt. David Kendzierski, Lt. Nathaniel Voelker, City Attorney Amy Lusk, Deputy Clerk Breanna Crouch

Election Chair:

Clerk Bolzman opened nominations for the position of Chair. Commissioner Milne nominated Commissioner Foster and Commissioner McGovern nominated Commissioner Milne. A roll call vote was conducted with Commissioner Milne receiving three votes and Commissioner Foster receiving two. Commissioner Milne was elected as Chair.

Chair Milne continued the meeting and opened the nominations for the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner McGovern nominated Commissioner Foster. No other nominations were made.

Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Holden to appoint Commissioner Foster as Vice Chair. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Melkonian, seconded by Commissioner Holden to approve the December 9, 2025, minutes as submitted. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Announcements:

None.

Public Comments:

None.

Chair Report:

Chair Milne reported that he recently attended the State of the City address and that the accreditation of the Police Department was mentioned.

Incident Review:

None.

Recommendations: Police, Practices, and Compliance:

None.

Reports:

Chief Ruth provided updates regarding the following:

- Homicides stats are comparable to last year at this time
- Shootings are down approximately 45%
- Overall 2025 crime statistics; Saginaw Police took 50,638 calls for service

Community Relations:

Commissioner McGovern reported that Women of Colors will be hosting a warm a child for winter coat drive at Kempton Elementary on November 15 and they hope to give out 1,000 coats to children in need.

Commissioner Melkonian reported that the Adams Boulevard Area Neighborhood Association will be hosting its annual Oktoberfest on October 12.

Miscellaneous:

The next Citizens-Police Advisory Commission will be April 21, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Department Lobby.

Adjourn:

Moved by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Holden to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

As recorded by,

Kristine Bolzman, City Clerk