



CITIZENS-POLICE ADVISORY COMMISSION

612 Federal Avenue
Police Department Lobby
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April 21, 2026
MINUTES

Call to Order/Roll Call:

Chair Milne called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present: Roberta Bidwell, Andrea Foster, Evelyn McGovern, and John Milne

Absent: Bishop Timothy Holden, Debbie Melkonian, and Pastor Bob Davis

Also Present: Police Chief Robert Ruth, Deputy Police Chief Matt Gerow, Lt. David Kendziorski, and City Attorney Amy Lusk

Announcements:

None.

Commissioner Melkonian entered the meeting at 4:33pm.

Minutes:

Moved by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to approve the February 17, 2026, minutes as corrected. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 2 absent. Motion approved.

Public Comments:

Tammy Davis a Community Member addressed the Commission.

Chair Report:

Chair Milne reported the Police Award Luncheon is on May 12th at 12:00pm at the Saginaw Club.

Incident Review:

None.

Recommendations: Police, Practices, and Compliance:

None.

Reports:

Chief Ruth addressed the public speaker and informed her that he will bridge the communication gap with Crime Stoppers. Chief then introduced Gabriella Finkbeiner to report on the Victim Services Unit.

Gabriella Finkbeiner reported on the many services and programs they partner with to provide support for victims of crime and trauma. Some of those programs include: Crisis Intervention, Safety Planning, and Court Accompaniment.

Community Relations:

Commissioner Bidwell brought attention to the Southwest Saginaw Neighborhood Association Facebook page.

Commissioner McGovern reported that Women of Colors is having an Open House at 6pm on May 14th. There is also a Community Yard Sale at 3057 Davenport Ave. on June 13th.

Chair Milne mentioned that Front Porch Roll Calls will be starting up again once the weather warms up.

Miscellaneous:

Chair Milne announced that the Police Department Awards Ceremony is on May 13th at 11:00 a.m. in the Police Department Lobby. Chair Milne also reported that the next meeting is June 16, 2026, at 4:30 p.m. in the Police Department Lobby.

Commissioner Bidwell mentioned inviting organizations to a Citizens – Police Advisory Committee meeting to recognize their efforts and show appreciation.

Attorney Lusk offers for commissioners to create a list of organizations they are familiar with to disperse to other commissioners as a source of information.

Adjourn:

Moved by Commissioner Foster, seconded by Commissioner McGovern to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m.

As recorded by,

Breanna Croutch, Deputy City Clerk