

**MELROSE PLACE CRIME PREVENTION DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 6:00 p.m.
EBRPL - Eden Park Branch Library
5131 Greenwell Springs Rd. Baton Rouge, LA 70806**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order
 - a. The meeting convened at 6:03 p.m.
2. Roll Call/ Confirmation of Quorum
 - a. Commissioners Present: Amy Pirtle Danageozian, Heidi Guercio, Heather Devitt, Alex Keys, Gerald Dean Scott, and David West.
 - b. Commissioners Absent: Robert Johnson
 - c. Members of the Public Present: Officer Brad Bennett, Chanda Walker, and Evelyn Ware.
3. Adoption and Approval of Minutes from the January 13, 2026 Meeting
 - a. The minutes adopted and approved with no corrections or additions.
4. Managing Officer Report
 - a. Officer Brad Bennett appeared as proxy for Managing Officer Jordon Lear
 - i. There are two new officers added to the patrol: Jamon Powell and Darrell Jefferson.
 - ii. Recent crimes include an attempted theft of a lawnmower on North Leighton and property damage at the Greenview East Apartments.
 - iii. The Board will need to ask Managing Officer Lear for the statistics regarding the Flock Safety license plate readers within the neighborhood.
5. Open Forum
 - a. Comments include further public comment regarding the proposed stop sign sites at Parlange and Rosedown and North Afton and North Leighton as well as a suggestion for a sign at Fairfax and the Florida Service Road notifying drivers at Fairfax that the cross street does not stop.
6. Old Business
 - a. Status of Board of Commissioners appointments
 - i. Heather Devitt has been appointed by state Senator Larry Selders. All commissioner positions have been filled.
 - b. Election of 2026 MPCPD Board of Commissioners Secretary
 - i. Commissioner Heidi Guercio nominated Heather Devitt for Secretary.
 - ii. Commissioner Alex Keys seconded.
 - iii. The Board voted unanimously in favor.
7. New Business
 - a. President's report
 - i. 2026 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislation - Pending Legislation
 1. The MPCPD is working with the Federation of Greater Baton Rouge Civic Associations to analyze pending legislation that may impact the MPCPD. Notable legislation includes bills that would

require the MPCPD, and other statutory entities to broadcast and record public meetings.

- b. Patrol Officer/Public Member Engagement Committee
 - i. Commissioners David West and Gerald Dean Scott suggested there be a working committee to facilitate engagement opportunities between the patrol officers and MPCPD residents.
 - c. Treasurer's Report on First Quarter of 2026
 - i. MPCPD has a bank balance of \$100,432.75, with credits of \$53,290.84 and debts of \$16,001.63.
 - ii. The patrol hours are as follows: 86.77 hours in January, 83.99 hours in February, and 88.94 in March.
 - 1. Total patrol hours for the first quarter of 2026 is 172.13.
 - d. Review of proposals for groundskeeping services and selection of servicer.
 - i. The Board entertained proposals from the following companies: Webre Landscaping, LLC; The Garden Lady, LLC, and The Grounds Guys of Baton Rouge.
 - ii. Commissioner Heidi Guercio made a motion to allow the MPCPD to contract with The Garden Lady, LLC for groundskeeping services pursuant to a proposal submitted on April 14, 2026. The services rendered would be for the remainder of the fiscal year in the amount of \$250.00 per session, not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the fiscal year.
 - 1. Commissioner Heather Devitt seconded the motion.
 - 2. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the motion.
8. Announcements
- a. The Melrose Civic Association will meet on Thursday, April 23, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the Eden Park Library. They will be voting on the 2026-27 Board of Directors for the Melrose Civic Association.
 - b. The Melrose Civic Association will hold a Neighborhood Coffee & Donuts event on Saturday, April 25, 2026 at 10 a.m. at 1081 Waverly Drive.
 - c. The next MPCPD meeting is scheduled for July 14, 2026. We will be discussing whether to renew or amend the Flock Safety license plate reader contract for 2027-2029 and taking public commentary on the proposed stop sign sites at Parlange and Rosedown and North Afton and North Leighton.
9. Adjournment
- a. The meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

President

Date