

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: December 14, 2017 – 6:30 PM
 Location: St. John the Great Cathedral, 16101 Schaefer, Detroit, MI 48235

Vice Chair Eva Dewaelsche called the BOPC meeting to order at 6:30 PM (December 14, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson (6:36 PM)	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (7:00 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for December 14, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, November 30, 2017 and December 7, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Vice Chair Eva Dewaelsche** requested **Commissioner Bell** to provide the invocation. Dewaelsche asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Dewaelsche also welcomed to the meeting, DC Elvin Barren representing Chief of Police James E. Craig., who introduced DPD staff.

Chair Report: Vice Chair Dewaelsche said “Welcome, Good Evening. I am Police Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chair of the Board, I will be Chairing the meeting until Lisa Carter, Chairperson for the Board arrives. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. Board member Bishop Edgar Vann has been asked to be excused from tonight’s meeting.

I would like to recognize the great spiritual work of this Church, St. John the Great Cathedral, pastored by Bishop Victor Sharpe. I would also like to add our condolences to the family of Bishop Sharpe as I understand that the Bishop and his family are experiencing a difficult time with the unfortunate death of an immediate family. The Department and the church share in common several officers. One of these officers is Sergeant Vanessa Wyatt. Sergeant Wyatt would you like to welcome our Board and the audience to your church.

On behalf of the Board, we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families. The Chief’s Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our injured officers.

To encourage dialogue and exchange between the community and the Department, our Board meets weekly. Twelve of these meetings are in the community. Please note that after this meeting we will reconvene on January 4, 2018. We will be joined by several new Commissioners from the November election.

I would also ask for the Chief's office to provide us with an update on the recent indictment of six police officers involved in illegal towing in addition to the regular crime statistics for the period.

Today, we have three resolutions for our outgoing Commissioners Crawford, Shelby and Vann. I would ask any Commissioner who would like to express their opinions on the great works of these Commissioners to be recognized. We will also receive a presentation from the 2nd Police Precinct. And under New Business, we will handle the request from the Chief of Police on the suspension without pay of two Police Officers who have been recently indicted by the federal government for extortion related to towing. These two officers are from a group of six officers. Four of the six officers have already separated from the Department under investigations for extortion.

Toward the end of the meeting, we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Commission, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing Mr. Robert Brown.

Commission Chairperson Lisa Cater, arrived at 6:36 PM and assumed the Chairperson role in presiding over the meeting. After introductions of staff and audience, Commissioner Carter recognized Detroit City Council Member Gabe Leland. Council Member Leland addressed the Board.

Resolutions and Certificates: The Chair recognized Commissioner Crawford to present a Certificate of Appreciation Award to St. John The Great Cathedral for its work in the Precinct. Sergeant Vanessa Wyatt, a church deacon, accepted on the Bishops behalf.

Resolution honoring Commissioner Reginald Crawford read into the record by Commissioner Willie Bell

RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER REGINALD CRAWFORD

WHEREAS Reginald Crawford a retired Detroit Police Officer, a life-long resident of the City of Detroit, was elected to the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners in November 2013. He has over 25 plus years of experience in law enforcement and continues to serve as a Deputy Sheriff for the Wayne County Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Crawford is a passionate advocate for involvement and oversight of law enforcement practices, and highly active in his community. He brings a wealth of law enforcement experience and community sensitivity to the position as a Police Commissioner; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Crawford serves on several committees of the Board including Citizen Complaints, Disciplinary Appeals, Legal Affairs, Personnel and Training, Policy, and Public Relations. He was recently selected as President of the Wayne County Deputy Sheriff's Association; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Crawford has represented the Commission's interest in numerous venues that include the law enforcement and criminal justice, and is always seen networking to better his community and the City, Commissioner Crawford is loved and highly respected by all those who know him; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department acknowledge the dedicated support of Commissioner Reginald Crawford. His expertise, and commitment to improving the quality of life for all citizens in the Third District and throughout the City of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

Resolution honoring Commissioner Richard Shelby read into the record by Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche

RESOLUTION HONORING COMMISSIONER RICHARD SHELBY

WHEREAS Commissioner Richard Shelby is a retired Detroit Police Commander with 30 years of service. He attended the Detroit Public School System and holds a Bachelor of Science Degree from Wayne State University and a Master's Degree in Liberal Studies from Eastern Michigan University. He is also a graduate of the Northwestern School of Police Staff and Command; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Shelby has a vast wealth of law enforcement knowledge and experience. He also has experience in private security policing after serving in high managerial positions on college campuses in the Detroit metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Shelby serves on several committees of the Board of Police Commissioners including Citizen Complaints, Legal Affairs, Policy, and Towing; and

WHEREAS After five diligent years of devoted and committed service to the Board of Police Commissioners, the Detroit Police Department and the great citizens of Detroit, Commissioner Shelby will continue to be a devoted community advocate.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit, recognize the exemplary service of Commissioner Richard Shelby. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment have been invaluable assets to the Board of Police Commissioners.

Resolution honoring Commissioner Edgar Vann, II read into the record by Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks

RESOLUTION HONORING BISHOP EDGAR VANN II, DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS Commissioner Bishop Edgar Vann II was appointed by former Mayor Kwame M. Kilpatrick in 2003 to serve on the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners during the tenure of former Police Chief Jerry Oliver. Also in November 2004, Mayor Mike Duggan appointed Bishop Vann, II to fill a vacancy in District 2. A highly active, supportive and respected resident of Detroit, he has also pastored Second Ebenezer for more than 40 years; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Vann, has dutifully served as Chair of the Labor Relations Subcommittee and served on the Personnel & Training Subcommittee, Towing Subcommittee, and the Promotional Appeals Subcommittee. A determined visionary, he championing tough Board issues such as strategic planning and organization, towing, community relations, crime prevention, Consent Decree compliance, and many others challenges plaguing the City; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Bishop Vann does not limit his ministry to the church. He is leading an entire community towards restoration, healing and empowerment. He is also committed to helping individuals destroy the yoke of poverty and affirm themselves with sound biblical principles. Bishop Vann has been married to Elder Shelia R. Vann, a gifted woman of God, since 1978. Together, they have two children, Edgar III and Ericka; and

WHEREAS Commissioner Vann, among his many accomplishments, received the Southern Christian Leadership Conference Pastor of the Year in January 2004. He also was inducted into the Board of Preachers at Morehouse College in Atlanta, GA. He has consistently governed with all diligence, professionalism and fortitude required to take the Commission to the next level.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department honor and salute Detroit Police Commissioner, Bishop Edgar Vann II for his faithful and impeccable display of leadership and commitment to the citizens of the City of Detroit. His outspoken passion for equality, organization and accountability continues to drive and support the framework through which the Board of Police Commissioners governs.

We thank and salute you, Commissioner, Edgar Vann II.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

MOTION: Commissioner Sanders moved and Commissioner Dewaelsche second the approval of Resolutions honoring Commissioners Reginald Crawford, Richard Shelby, and Edgar Vann, II for their service as Police Commissioners.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: DC Elvin Barren reported on crime continuing to trend downward. Barren reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending December 10, 2017. Barren reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -11% decrease, Sexual Assaults -1% decrease, Robbery -15% decrease, Carjacking -18% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -11% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -7%.

DC Barren also provided an update on federal indictments of six officers alleged to be involved in illegal towing. Barren indicated that these officers appeared to have made a concerted decisions to work around the system. DC Barren also reported on the status of injured officers **Waldis Johnson, Anthony Brown, Benjamin Atkinson, James Kisselburg, and Matthew Windquist**. Barren also reported on **Gregory Bentley** who has returned to duty after a successful recovery.

Commissioner Crawford inquired if the Department and the federal government were looking at the tow and collision shops involved in the federal cases. Crawford asked if the City is still doing business with these organizations. Crawford suggested that some provisions be made to address the conduct of these businesses as opposed to only focus on officer conduct. Crawford also raised issues with DPOA President Diaz who was reported to have made two Facebook posting lacking in humility as it relates to a citizen who lost his life in connection with a vehicular chase and an attack on the investigative approach by IA, impugning the Department's investigative efforts. Crawford requested that the Department look into these posting for violations against the Department's Social media Policy. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired if the collision shop investigation and the officer involved in illegal towing practices were separate. **Commissioner Bell** reported on the successful accomplishment of a disqualified police applicant that received favorable judgment from the Board which has resulted in this candidate's graduation from the Academy Class 2017-L. The graduation is to be held Friday, December 15, 2017 at Tabernacle Baptist Church.

Presentations to the Board: (A) 2nd Police Precinct Report:

Commanders Brian Mounsey and **Captain John Serda** reported that Part One Crime is trending downward, however homicides in the precinct is up by 28% and they have also experienced a spike in robberies. Serda also reported that the precinct has taken 283 guns off the street and have utilized operation restore order to round up violent offenders as well as special traffic enforcement with Michigan department of Corrections (MDOC). Sedra also reported on MDOC seizure of 1 kilo of fentanyl. Serda also reported on addressing gun crime through Gun Stat. Serda also reported on 16 Greenlight locations which has resulted in on average 800 special service attention runs to these business each month. Serda also reported on the work on his NOPs and their interaction with the school system. Finally, Serda reported on the assignment of a victim's advocate and a social worker in the precinct.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: **Commissioner Willie Bell** reported on the process and the recommendation of the OCI Search Committee. He indicated that the Board level committee reviewed resumes of more than 40 candidates and interviewed 8 candidates as part of a national search for a vacancy of the OCI Chief. Bell also indicated the subcommittee voted to advance to the Board the recommendation of Ms. Polly McCalister for consideration as the new OCI Chief. **Commissioner Conrad Mallet** indicated in response to Bell's report that he had received the resumes of the candidates, but was not aware that the Board would be asked to vote on a candidate at tonight's meeting. He indicated he felt that the process was rushed and lacked transparency. Mallett inquired if there were any alternative candidate beyond the current candidate being advanced by the sub-committee. Bell responded by indicating that the process was transparent inasmuch as notice of the process and progress of the committee was openly discussed with the Board, including in the last meeting wherein Bell indicated that resumes would be circulated and that the Board would like to vote on a candidate, if possible at the next meeting. **Commissioner Reginald Crawford** indicated he had participated in the selection process and would attest to the open process. **Commission Willie Burton** inquired about other candidates and moved to table the vote of the OCI Chief until the next community meeting.

MOTION: Commissioner Willie Burton moved to table the vote on the OCI Chief until the next community meeting. Commissioner Mallett seconded the motion. A Roll call vote was requested.

Commissioner Carter – No, rejecting the motion.
Commissioner Dewaelsche – No, rejecting the motion.
Commissioner W. Bell - No, rejecting the motion.
Commissioner E. Brooks – Yes, accepting the motion.
Commissioner W. Burton – Yes, accepting the motion.
Commissioner R. Crawford - No, rejecting the motion.
Commissioner C. Mallett – Yes, accepting the motion.
Commissioner Sanders - No, rejecting the motion.
Commissioner Shelby - No, rejecting the motion.

Motion Not approved (3 votes to support the motion, 6 votes to reject the motion).

Dr. Polly McCalister was invited to address the Board. Dr. McCalister outlined her education and employment experience related to the responsibilities of the OCI Chief. **Commissioner Bell** asked McCalister views on police oversight. Bell asked if McCalister had any professional or personal affiliations with any member of the Board. **McCalister** responded no.

MOTION: Commissioner Bell moved that the Board vote on the recommendation for the position of OCI Chief, Seconded by Commissioner Crawford.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst.= 0 MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Commissioner Bell moved that the Board vote to offer the position of OCI Chief to Dr. Polly McCalister. Seconded by Commissioner Crawford. Roll Call Vote Requested.

Commissioner Carter – Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner Dewaelsche – Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner W. Bell - Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner E. Brooks – Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner W. Burton – No, rejecting Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner R. Crawford - Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner C. Mallett – No, rejecting Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner Sanders - Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.
Commissioner Shelby - Yes, for Dr. Polly McCalister.

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 2 Abst.= 0 MOTION APPROVED

Mr. Hicks, Board Secretary indicated that the past practice was to offer incoming candidates' positions associated with the City of Detroit White Book (Compensation Schedule for the City of Detroit) and offer said compensation at mid-range of the White Book recommendation.

MOTION: Commissioner Crawford moved that Dr. Polly McCalister be brought in at the White Book's mid-point range. Seconded by Commissioner Sanders.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst.= 0 MOTION APPROVED

Mr. Hicks also advised the Board that, as in the case of other hires, several pre-employment procedures and tests including a background check, drug screens etc., would be required before the process is completed. **Commissioner Burton** requested information on the range for the position of OCI Chief. **Mr. Hicks** indicated he would provide that information at the next meeting.

<p>NOTE: 2016-2017 WHITE BOOK, City of Detroit Salary and Wage Adjustment, March 2016 Office of the Chief Investigator (BOPC) Salary and Wage Range: \$70,800 to \$118,200. Note from Board Secretary 1/3/2018</p>
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Sub-committee Report on relocation of OCI facility (Merrill Plaisance)

Commissioner Bell indicated the Board has had a great deal of concerns since the Board was compelled to relocate the OCI Offices. Bell added that existing concerns relate to cost and location. Bell requested an update on the process for selecting a new location for OCI staff. Bell indicated that this process has already been two years old. **Secretary Hicks** reported on a recent walk-through of the facility and reported that based on the appearance the facility the new location was not likely to be ready for occupancy at the targeted date (June 1, 2018). Hicks also reported on a change in the design plans related to parking for citizens and staff which had not been shared with the Board or Board staff. Hicks also reported that a correction to restore the parking area for citizens in the front of the building was related by DPD Resources Management (Mr. Hollings) to cost an additional \$400,000.00. Additionally, Mr. Hicks recounted a discussion with a Building Authority Board member wherein the Board member expressed his concerns with the location of the OCI office adjacent to the Mounted Police Stable. Hicks asked for the guidance from the Board to further discuss this matter with the Building Authority. **Commissioner Mallett** inquired about any liability that the City would encounter from contractual obligations. **Commissioner Bell** responded that he had discussed this matter with Chris Jackson of the Building Authority who indicated that it may be more feasible to build a new building as opposed to accepting this locations which is on swamped land and had been rejected by other city agencies. Bell also indicated the project was on hold and there is no movement on the project. **The Chair (Carter) authorized** the staff to engage with the Building Authority expressing the Board's concerns and intent to look for alternatives to the Merrill Plaisance location.

MOTION: Commissioner Bell moved that the Secretary of the Board engage with the Building Authority to seek alternatives to the current location slated for the OCI offices. Seconded by Commissioner Dewaelsche.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst.= 0 MOTION APPROVED

Commissioner Sanders added that it is important for the public to know that the Board is seeking to use city resources in the most responsible fashion possible and therefore it is necessary to cost out the benefits of new versus old construction on stable land in a building designed to meet the needs of the BOPC/OCI even if it will take a longer period of time.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks directed the Board to four incoming items to the BOPC office including notification of the Mayor's/Elected Officials' January 9, 2018 swearing-in program at the Coleman A. Young Municipal Center/Erma Henderson Auditorium, OCI Chief Investigator resume package mailed to the Board on December 8, 2017, and a Change in Duty Status Request from the Chief of Police for Officers Dotson and Wills. Mr. Hicks also indicated the DPOA had transmitted a letter to the Board requesting a delay on actions related to officers Dotson and Wills. Mr. Hicks indicated the letter was included in the Board package.

New Business: Vice Chair Dewaelsche indicated the Chief of Police had transmitted to the Board a Change in Duty Status Request for officers,

Deonne Dotson, Badge #4432, 11th Precinct (appointment date March 26, 2001)
Charles Wills, Badge #500, 8th Precinct (appointment date May 24, 2001)

MOTION: Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche moved that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the recommendation from Chief of Police James Craig to Suspend without Pay PO Deonne Dotson, Badge # 4432. Seconded by Commissioner Crawford.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst.= 0 MOTION APPROVED

MOTION: Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche moved that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the recommendation from Chief of Police James Craig to Suspend without Pay PO Charles Wills, Badge # 500. Seconded by Commissioner Crawford.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst.= 0 MOTION APPROVED

Announcements: The next Community Meeting of the BOPC is January 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyer Road, 48235. The next regular meeting of the BOPC is scheduled for January 4, 2018, at 3:00 PM, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48202.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Ollie Thomas, 16000 Tracy Block Club expressed concerns about garbage can code enforcement and abandoned cars. **Thomas A. Wilson, Jr.** expressed concerns about media reports surrounding the accuracy of Detroit crime statistics. He indicated there is no reason for DPD to lie on crime statistics. **Ms. Sharon Pannell** thanked Commissioners Crawford, Shelby and Vann for their service as well as the support from the 2nd Precinct. **Ms. Theo Broughton** expressed concerns about the FBI rejection of Detroit Crime data. She also requested an update on Body Worn Cameras in Detroit. DC Barren indicated that all precincts and special operations have BWC. He also indicated that Gaming and Downtown Services would be on-line next week. Ms. Broughton also asked about the size of the space needed for OCI. **Mr. William Davis, Commissioner-Elect** wished the Board a happy holiday. **Scotty Bowman** expressed concerns about the selection of Dr. Polly McCalister indicating she is a former DPD person and her husband is a member of the Detroit City Council. He indicated it would be difficult for her to be firm in investigating and disciplining the police.

Commissioner Carter indicated in response to Mr. Bowman, the OCI Chief Investigator has nothing to do with disciplining officers, this is the authority of the Chief of Police. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** indicated the OCI Chief Investigator provides oversight to investigations by OCI investigators and these investigations are reviewed by the Board as part of our oversight function. **Commissioner Mallett** expressed concerns about the procedural violations within the Department in relationship to

Body Worn Cameras. He indicated that the Board really needs to know what is meant as the Chief of Police indicates that officers will be held accountable for violations of police procedure. **Commissioner Bell** requested that we ascertain the number of officers' assigned body worn cameras. **Secretary Hicks** highlighted the most recent Policy Division Newsletter which has articles describing the roll-out of BWC in Detroit. Hicks also indicated that the recent recommendations submitted to the Chief of Police on DPD draft Directive on Rank and Structure contains several reports that should provide greater information on disciplinary actions and the utilization of items like Body Worn Cameras.

MOTION to Adjourn by Commission Dewaelsche.

Adjournment 9:00 PM