

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: April 19, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

Vice Chairperson Eva Garza Dewaelsche called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (April 19, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
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Quorum (Yes)	6	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for April 19, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, April 12, 2018

BOPC Vice Chairperson Eva G. Dewaelsche said Welcome and Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair of the Board of Police Commissioners. Chairperson Lisa Carter is unable to attend today’s meeting. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing. Dewaelsche asked Commissioner Willie 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. Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche also welcomed DC Todd Bettison to the meeting and invited him to introduce DPD staff.

BOPC Officers Report: Vice Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche said, “On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers and their families. I would ask the Chief during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers.

The Board of Police Commissioners meets every week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday periods. We meet at Police Headquarters in regular session 3 weeks in the month on Thursday’s at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. Our last meeting in the community was at Peace Baptist Church.

The Board of Police Commissioners exist to provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a Board, we receive and investigate non-criminal citizens’ complaints, monitor the operations of the Department and working with the Mayor and the Chief of Police we make or modify police policy. Our objective is the same as the city of Detroit, to provide for the best use of your tax dollars to improve on the quality of life within our city. As a Board, we bring a unique perspective to policing, the eye and the viewpoint of civilians. The principle of civilian oversight is as old and as important as all of the founding principles in our democracy. Separation of powers between and within government allows for accountability, transparency, rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles are important nationally as well as locally.

As we continue to work with the Chief of Police, I want to also note a recent communications from the Chief which he appointed several officers to higher ranks. I want to be clear, later you will hear a statement and discussion from Commissioner Bell discussing a difference of opinion on the reading of our City Charter. This difference in opinion relates to the Boards authority to approve appointments and promotions. I want to be clear that this difference is not a reflection on the individuals up for promotion or appointment. As far as we can see, each of these individuals are fine representatives of the Department and do great work on behalf of our citizens. The question here relates to authority, process and procedures. Commissioner Bell will address this issue later, after my report.

I also want to point out that in your package is a job description for the position of Director of Police Personnel. Please help us distribute the document. Under our outreach strategy the position posting will close on May 20, 2018. Our hope is to finalize the selection process and bring one or more qualified candidates to the Board within the next few months. To assist us with the selection process, we have asked DC Todd Bettison and City of Detroit Personnel Director to act as advisors to the process to insure compliance with City rules and Department expectations. Next, I will also point out that in your Board package there is a modified Board Calendar.

Today, we have scheduled a presentation on Crime Intelligence. In the past few years, the City of Detroit has made major investments to fight crime and to improve officer safety. Two of the most notable efforts has been the investments in the Real Time Crime Center and the Enhanced 911 Center. Today's presentation is about those investments and the gains to our citizens. The Real Time Crime Center, the Enhanced 911 Center combined with the hundred plus Greenlight locations across the city should work toward better police service and reduced crime. In our last meeting, we discussed Secondary Employment as a force multiplier. Investments in the Real Time Crime Center is also a force multiplier. The new technology allows for more eyes to fight crime. I look forward to the presentation to examine how this mix of law enforcement tools work together for the benefit of our citizens and visitors to Detroit.

Later in the meeting, in a closed session, we will take up a request from Chief of Police Craig to suspend without pay Lieutenant Timothy Leach. Please note that the request from the Chief is a personnel item. We are allowed under the Open Meetings Act to discuss personnel items in private. To accommodate this request, we have adjusted the flow of our agenda to go into a closed session after public comments. This adjustment alleviates the need for citizens and visitors to sit around during the closed session. Please note that if an action item results from the closed session, we are also required to return to regular order and take any votes in public.

With the aforementioned adjustment in our agenda, in the mid-section of the meeting, we will have oral communications from the audience. I remind you, if you would like to speak to the Board, 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, and he needs your card before the beginning of public comments."

Vice Chairperson Dewaelsche asked Commissioner Bell to address the Board on the Chief's recent appointment letter. **Commissioner Willie Bell** read the following statement into the record,

"The power to promote officers within the Department is spelled out in the Detroit City Charter. The authority is found in section 7-802, 7-803, 7-806 and 7-814.

Section 7-802, sets up the Board of Police Commissioners giving the Board supervisory control and oversight of the Detroit Police Department. Section 7-803 list many of the powers of the Board. Section 7-814 Promotions, reads The Chief of Police shall make all promotions within the department. All promotions shall be with the approval of the Board. This section continues to indicate that all ranks of lieutenant or its equivalent must be approved by the Board. And finally in Section 7-806, the consent powers of the Board includes Deputy Chiefs.

Over time the rank structure of the Department has gone through several changes, but in our opinion, the Board's authority to provide consent and approval remains standard. We approve promotions of Lieutenant and below. And we provide consent for Captains and above, excluding the Chief of Police. But, even with the selection on the Chief of Police we have extra-ordinary powers to provide the Mayor with a short list of Chiefs that he is obligated to pick from.

Therefore, we note for the record that the Chief's letter in not within keeping with the mandates of the Detroit City Charter. We hope that the Chief will refashion his actions and bring to the Board the appropriate request for consent of the appointments and promotions listed in his April 16, 2018 letter."

Commissioner William Davis moved the above statement read into the record by **Commissioner Willie Bell** to object to the authority used, manner and procedure involved to appointment / promotion the list of DPD personnel in the April 16, 2018 Letter from Chief Craig to the BOPC.

Commissioner Bell, second.

VOTE: **Yes = 6** **No = 0** **Abst. = 0** **MOTION APPROVED**

COP Police Report: Deputy Police Chief Todd Bettison reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. DC Bettison reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending April 15, 2018. DC Bettison reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -18% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 31% increase, Robbery -19% decrease, Carjacking -11% decrease, Aggravated Assaults -2% decrease, non-fatal shootings -21% decrease, Burglary -28% decrease, Larceny -3% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -24% decrease and Part 1 offenses -13% decrease. DC Bettison indicated that the Chief's Office would provide a written response to Commissioner Bell's statement. **Commissioner Davis** inquired about the CompStat report related to sexual assaults.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Crime Intelligence Unit, Captain Kari Sloan

(A) Crime Intelligence Unit, Captain Kari Sloan reported on the personnel devoted to the Crime Intelligence Unit (53 individuals), Audio Video Evidence Response Team (7 individuals) and Shooting Response Team (6) for a total of 66 FTE's. Captain Sloan the responsibilities of each unit and team and discussed the operation of the Real Time Crime Center and its interface with the Greenlight network. Sloan also discussed the role that the RTCC plays in traffic enforcement and suggested a relationship with counterterrorism Treat assessment activity. Sloan reported that the Greenlight program has 310 participating businesses. **Commissioner Burch** inquired about the coordination and cooperation of the Greenlight program with the Detroit Public School. **Commissioners Davis** inquired about the nature of the relationship with private partners and if the department has access to their video feed. **Commissioner Bell** inquired about the existence of the Organized Crime Unit and ask if the Organized Crime Unit has a relationship with Crime Intell. **Commissioner Burch** also inquired about the enforcement by the Department related to trash, litter and illegal dumping in the neighborhoods. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** sought clarification on the relationship that Crime Intell had with Wayne State University Center for Urban Studies. Captain Sloan indicated the contractual work was for Dr. David Martin and the related CompStat work with DPD.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: Recruitment Subcommittee. Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks reported on several recruitment events and encouraged everyone to contact area organizations and churches to spread the work related to police Recruitment. Brook reported on a recruitment event to take place during the celebration of the Motown Museum Founder Day April 25, 2018 from 10 to 6:00 PM and Sacred Heart Church Bazar. Brooks also discussed her efforts to reach out to the city of Detroit's neighborhood Managers structure to encourage additional recruitment efforts.

Report from the Board Secretary. Mr. Hicks reported on seven items listed on the agenda.

Old Business: None.

Announcements: The next regular meeting of the BOPC is Thursday, April 26, 2018 at Police Headquarters and the next Community Meeting 6:30 PM at 8th Police Precinct Auditorium, 21555 West McNichols 48219. (8th Police Precinct).

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Faith acknowledged the work of the Department and applauded the professionalism of the Board. **Eric Blount** inquired into if the statistical difference between the FBI and DPD had been resolved. Blount also indicated that citizen groups, especially neighborhood that have imposed on to itself special assessments should also be credited for the reduction in crime. He added that this work is not exclusively done by the Police Department, but rather a combined efforts between several groups, organization and neighborhoods. **Samuel Miller** complained that following a raid conducted by the Department his property has not been returned nor is there any record of the raid. Mr. Miller questions the efforts of the Department and wanted an investigation into the return of his property. **Lee Yancy** spoke in support of the Board, the Department and the Greenlight program.

New Business: Closed Session for Lieutenant Timothy Leach, Change of Duty Status, Suspension without Pay

Commissioner Bell moved that the Board of Police Commissioners go into a Closed Session to take up a personnel request from the Chief of Police to suspend without pay **Lieutenant Timothy Leach**, under the Open Meeting Act exception for Personnel matters.

Second, **Commissioner Davis**.

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Board adjourned to the Woodward Room for the Closed Session at 4:20 PM

Commissioner Bell moved to return to regular order.

Second, **Commissioner Brown**

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

The BOPC reassembled into regular Order at 5:40 PM and the Chair called the meeting to order.

Chairperson Dewaelsche asked for motion practice flowing from the Closed Session. No motion was tendered.

Commissioner Bell moved that the Board of Police Commissioners meeting be adjourned.

Second, **Commissioner Brown**.

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Adjournment 5:55 PM