

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: August 4, 2016 – 3:00 PM**

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters – 1301 Third Ave., Detroit Michigan

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:01 PM (August 4, 2016)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Excused	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Excused	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules and approved the Agenda for August 4, 2016.**

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules and approved the following Board Minutes:  
Thursday, July 28, 2016**

**BOPC Officers Reports(s):** After welcome and opening remarks the Chair, introduced DPD HR Personnel Director Gail Oxendine who update the Board on the Human Resources Bureau, Monthly Report for the month of June, 2016. Ms. Oxendine's report covered current department staff levels, sworn recruitment, DPD MCOLES testing activities, Detroit residency information, student intern programs(s), department attrition, leaves of absence and restricted duty assignments. Additionally the Chair introduced OCI Chief Investigator Pamela Drake who update the Board on the OCI's Citizen Complaints for the month of June, 2016 as well as figures detailing the same information year-to-date. The report described complaints and related investigations in all categories resulting in a 2% increase in complaints for the month of June and a 5% increase year-to-date. The Chair also polled the Board to ascertain the Board's reaction to the use of less lethal weapons (Tasers) in the field. The Chair indicated that in a recent promotional ceremony of Lts. and Sgts., several officers voiced their support for departmental issued Tasers as an additional alternative weapon. The results of the poll were as follows.

Member	Taser Weapon Poll Results
Bell	Support
Brooks	Support
Burton	Support
Carter	Support
Crawford	Open to Information and review.
Sanders	Support

Shelby	Support
Vann	Support
<b>Total</b>	<b>7 Support, 1 Open</b>

At the conclusion of the discussion the Taser issue was referred to the BOPC Policy subcommittee and the Chair indicated an interest to sponsor a community forum on the use of less than lethal weapons. The suggested date for the forum was the next BOPC community meeting on September 8, 2016.

**Select Comments following the Chair Report:** Commissioner Crawford indicated that a draft directive designed to amend the Police Manual on Data Sharing, Retention Dissemination have been received, as well as a proposal to clarify the use of the Commission's subpoena powers are part of an upcoming meeting of the Policy subcommittee. The projected meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2016 at 1:00 PM.

**Report/Presentation Office of the Chief of Police:** Representing the Chief of Police was 1<sup>st</sup> AC Lashinda Stair and DC Renee Hall. 1<sup>st</sup> AC Stair provided an overview of department activities for the months of June-August 4, and DC Hall provided a detailed presentation and discussion on Neighborhood Patrol-East.

**Questions to the Chief:** Commissioner Crawford indicated that the report provided by the Department on Officer Berry was not sufficient as it did not include information as to the follow-up discipline that was provided by the department. Captain Chambers indicated that a more detail report with the information request by Commissioner Crawford would be forthcoming.

**Standing Committee Reports: None**

**Board Secretary Report:** The Office of the Board of Police Commissioners received from the Chief's Office (Planning and Deployment) a proposed new directive to be added to the Police Manual, entitled - Data Sharing, Retention and Dissemination. The directive has been referred to the Policy committee and posted on-line for public access and comments <http://www.detroitmi.gov/How-Do-I/Find/Police-Precincts>. Mr. Hicks also noted that a complete copy of the Detroit Police Academy Training schedule/curriculum is available for review at the BOPC office. Finally staff assignments to support BOPC subcommittee structure have been finalized and staff members are in the process of contacting subcommittee chairs to arrange meetings of the subcommittees.

**New Business:** The Board approved retirement resolutions for Police Officer Joyce Jones and Police Officer Melissa Webb. The resolutions thanked both officers for their valued services to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit. Resolutions read by member Brooks and Vann.

**Announcements:** The Chair read into the record the place, time and location of the next regular meeting of the BOPC and the next Community meeting of the BOPC.

**Oral Communications:** Ms. Johnson, thanked Commissioner Carter for her support of community police related activities, Bernice Smith described a incident in Police Pct. #9 and co-sponsorship of a Community Summit on September 21, 2016 and Brenda Elum who voiced support for the activities of the Eastside Neighborhood Patrol to be shared with Westside communities.

**Adjournment. 4:28 PM**

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, August 11, 2016 @6:30 PM in the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct, Jordan Missionary Baptist Church, 703 Newport, Detroit 48215.

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