

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioner**  
**Date of Meeting: November 17, 2016 – 3:00 p.m.**  
 Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. (November 17, 2016)**

| Detroit Police Commissioner Membership / Attendance | Attend  | Not in Attendance |
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| Willie E. Bell, Chair                               | Yes     |                   |
| Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair                        | Yes     |                   |
| Elizabeth Brooks                                    | Yes     |                   |
| Willie E. Burton (3:15 PM)                          | Yes     |                   |
| Lisa Carter   | Excused |                   |
| Reginal Crawford                                    | Yes     |                   |
| Eva Dewaelsche (3:50 PM)                            | Yes     |                   |
| Conrad Mallett                                      | Excused |                   |
| Richard Shelby                                      | Yes     |                   |
| Bishop Edgar Vann                                   | Yes     |                   |
| Derrick Sanders                                     | Yes     |                   |
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| Quorum (Yes)  | 9       |                   |
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**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 17, 2016.**

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
 Thursday, November 10, 2016**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After the welcome and opening remarks by **Chairman Bell**, the chair asked **Commissioner Vann** to give the invocation. Chairman Bell also asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves. As each Commissioner introduced themselves and their districts, Commissioner Sanders asked for a personal privilege and reported on three budgetary items within his subcommittee: (1) the Commission expects to receive the 2017-2018 Budget on November 22, 2016 from the Department. (2) The Department is scheduled to make its annual budget presentation to the Full Board on December 1, 2016. (3) After the transmission of the budget and analysis of the 2017-2018 budget, we have scheduled December 8<sup>th</sup> as a target date to review and prepare a budget resolution reflecting the concerns of the Commission in association with the 2017-2018 Triannual Budget. Budget Chair Sanders moved acceptance of his report.

**Motion:** Move acceptance of the Budget Subcommittee Report. (Sanders)

**Motion Second:** (Brooks)

**VOTE:** Motion passed by all members without objection.

The balance of the Commissioners introduced themselves.

The BOPC and OCI staff was introduce. As part of the staff introductions Mr. Hicks commented on the recent promotion of Ms. Melanie White to Executive Manager. Commissioner Bell also identified elected officials and/or representative of elected officials in attendance. Commissioner Crawford introduced Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney Kym L. Worthy. Chairman Bell expressed concern for Carl

Conyers, son of United States Representative John Conyers and Monica Conyers who had been reported missing from the University of Houston, Texas. Commissioner Bell also asked that we share our concerns and support for the family of Jermaine Tilmon and requested the staff to prepare a memorial resolution that can be presented to the family at a later date. He acknowledged Veterans Day and thanks the many veterans, military and non-military who had served the county and law enforcement.

OCI Report by Chief Investigator Drake focused on two items: (1) Community Forum for the Mayor and Chief of Police held November 10, 2016 at Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church and (2) OCI statistical report on complaints for the month of October (2016). In the report Chief Drake reported on a 10% increase in monthly complaints over the same month in 2015. Drake reported on open, filed and closed cases along with other categorical information related to type, location and results of OCI investigations. A copy of the OCI report is filed with the Commission.

**Chief of Police Report:** Representing Chief James Craig was **DC Charles Fitzgerald**. DC Fitzgerald introduced other command staff in attendance. DC Fitzgerald highlighted DPD's monthly Compstat 2016 data reporting crimes through November 13, 2016. DC Fitzgerald informed the Board of the upcoming DPD Academy graduating class November 18, 2016 Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church. Additionally, he reported on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Above and Beyond Awards hosted by the Public Safety Foundation at Cobo Center on Wednesday, November 30, 2016. Under questions and comments to the Chief, **Commissioner Moore** commented and inquired about several items including the Chief's knowledge of a recent article published in the local press documenting the high level of incidents of DPD dog shootings.

### **Presentations to the Board**

**Kym L. Worthy, Wayne County Prosecuting Attorney:** Prosecutor Worthy indicated she would focus her presentation to the Board to include information on the work of her office in addressing Rape Kits and the recent discussion on the methodology used by the Prosecutor in charging individuals for alleged behavior aimed at threatening the lives of police personnel utilizing social media. Worthy also wanted to recognize the invaluable contributions and hard work of Sergeant Samuel Mackey in Homicide. Worthy informed the Commission that 700 Rape Kits are left to be tested from the original amount of 11,341 found in 2009 in an abandon DPD facility. There has been 65 convictions and 770 serial rapist have been identified. Fifty of them have 10-15 victims each. The kits have uncovered potential cases in 39 States. Worthy reported that one of the greatest success of the campaign has been the ability to raise funds to test the kits as well as to hire additional investigators and litigators. Prosecutor Worthy thanked a number of organizations, local and nation for their support and contributions as well as individuals and organizations like the Violence Against Women, National Institute of Justice – Attorney General Holden and Lynch, the personal involvement of Vice-President Biden, State of Michigan, and Joyful Heart Foundation. **Commissioner Bell** asked that the staff prepare a resolution acknowledge Sergeant Mackey upon the receipt of information from the Prosecutor's office.

In explaining the rationale behind charging individuals for Facebook posting, Worthy indicated there must be a legally defensible reason to prosecute based on law. Worthy indicated that one reason that she did not charge was based on jurisdiction or the lack thereof. In cases involving internet use we cannot always establish the jurisdiction of the crime, if an actual crime has been committed. Worthy voiced some concern about the quality of the investigations conducted by various departments and further indicated that she has deployed resources to assist the police in improving their investigations. Worthy also indicated that her office has and will continue to provide assistance and workshops to police organizations in an effort to improve on what is required to make a good prosecutable case. **Commissioner Moore** inquired about the status of the Dearborn Police shooting, Prosecuting Attorney Worthy indicated there should be something forthcoming before the end of the year. **Commissioner Vann** inquired what funding

is needed for the remaining rape kits. Worthy expressed it may take 3-5 years for completion of the overall project. Worthy also indicated that most of the funding has been secured, but her office is still left with investigating the results from the tested rape kits and eventually bring individuals to court for prosecution.

### **BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:**

**Commissioner Brooks / Ad hoc Committee of Recruitment.** Commissioner Brooks indicated one of the challenges in recruitment has been that many of the young people cannot afford the costs of obtaining an operators permit. The cost to learn to drive can be out of budget for some students, it cost \$280 per person, a cost of \$8,400 for 30 students. Commissioner Brooks reported on a new initiative called “Drive To Success.” The initiative created by the leadership of the Ad hoc committee along with SGT Garcia and Lt. Gardner will seek alternative funding sources to help offset the costs for drivers education. Commissioner Brooks met with the principle and vice-principle of Cody High School and United Way Representative to provide financial support for drivers training. Commissioner Brooks indicated that she was looking for a 2-4 year commitment for funding. Commissioner Brooks also highlighted several outreach efforts including events with the Bing Group. Brooks reported she will be meeting with Reginald Best (Pastor, Church of Christ Elmwood Park) to discuss recruitment. Several other recruitment efforts are also planned for December 5<sup>th</sup>, December 13<sup>th</sup>, December 15<sup>th</sup> – Northwest Activities Center and on December 10<sup>th</sup> at Second Ebenezer. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** reported on My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) and MBK Alliance for young men of color indicating that 400 kids were trained by SERMETRO. Additional reports were given about a youth summit and career opportunities wherein young people could be hired on the spot.

**MOTION:** Motion to accept the report of the ad hoc committee on Police Recruitment (Brooks)

**SECOND:** Dewaelsche

**VOTE:** Motion passed by all members without objection.

**Commissioner Dewaelsche / Personnel Subcommittee.** **Commissioner Dewaelsche reported on the work of the** Personnel & Training Committee The report indicated 15 appeals are before the committee, 8 appeals have been reviewed and recommended for action to the BOPC. After deliberations, the sub-committee recommend to sustain seven (7) findings of the Chief and/or Department and grant one (1) appeal to be heard by the BOPC.

**MOTION:** Motion to accept the report of the Personnel & Training Committee and all actions contained within. (Dewaelsche)

**SECOND:** Vann

**VOTE:** Motion passed by all members without objection.

The staff was instructed to contact the individual who was granted an appeal and make the required arrangements for an appeal hearing. A complete listing of the 8 cases was order to be attached to the record

### **Report from Board Secretary:**

Board of Commissioners and OCI office are closed November 24 and November 25, 2016 for the Thanksgiving Recess. No Board meeting will occur on Thursday, November 24, 2016. Mr. Hicks indicated the BOPC is expecting to receive the FY:2017-2018 Triannual Budget on November 22, 2016 which will kickoff our formal review of the annual budget process. A schedule has been developed by the Budget subcommittee and announced by the Budget Chair (Sanders).

### **Old Business:**

**New Business:**

**Announcements:** There will not be a Board of Police Commissioner meeting this week due to the Thanksgiving Recess. Next meeting December 1, 2016, next Community meeting December 8<sup>th</sup> in 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct.

**Oral Communications:**

Bill Wellborn spoke about the wife of Mr. Fred Henry, Tuskegee Airman who recently passed away. He also express support for the 95<sup>th</sup> birthday wishes to Colonel Jefferson, Tuskegee Airman WWII. Jefferson survived concentration camps and received award from the government of France

**Adjournment:** 4:32 p.m.