

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: November 1, 2018 - 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit MI 48226

BOPC Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 PM (November 1, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown, Vice Chairperson (3:35 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:10 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
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Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 1, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, October 25, 2018

Chairman Willie Bell said, Welcome: Good afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent District #4. I serve as Chair of the Board and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting.

Chairman Bell asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves for the record. Introductions of BOPC staff and DPD staff and Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives were also made.

INVOCATION: Chaplain James Powell provided the invocation.

Chairman's Report – Willie Bell, said “Today, I want to change the order of the Chairman's Report. I will first remind us of the mission and the authority of the Board as it works to provide civilian oversight to the police department. Second, I will discuss the order and content of today's meeting. Third, I want to end my report noting several incidents that have occurred within the last 10 days and conclude on a more sobering note to cause us to reflect on what is happening to us as a people.

On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most important priorities of the Board. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask the Assistant Chief of Police James White 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 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM.

Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7, Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory control of the Police Department. Our citizens are justified in asking “How does civilian oversight of law enforcement help you as a citizen within our community?” Our answer is, we protect the civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating, reviewing and auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and patterns of operations by police agencies to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of force by police. Our work is based on developing and supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and respect between the police and the community is critical toward increasing the quality of life for residents and visitors to Detroit. The Board of Police Commissioners exists 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

work with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police policy. Bell added, that criminal investigations within the Department are conducted by Internal Affairs.

The Board has received two proposed directives from the Chief of Police. The Proposed directives relate to the standards that the department uses at a crime scene and the standards related to emergency mobilizations within the Department. Each of these directives will be posted for public review and comment at the BOPC website. I invite each of you to add your comments and concerns to the discussion at www.detroitmi.gov/bopc. The Chief of Police has also transmitted to the Board a list of officers that he is recommending for promotion. The promotional list includes 9 Sergeants to be promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and 22 officers to be promoted to the rank of Sergeant. The BOPC staff is currently reviewing this list and we hope to bring the list for review and approval to the full board by our November 15, 2018 Board meeting.

I also want to remind the Board that on November 22, 2018, we will be in recess for the Thanksgiving holiday and will not meet. I also want to cancel the November 29th meeting of the Board. With this cancellation I want to encourage each of you to attend the Above and Beyond Awards Celebration on November 29th. This important event recognizes the hard work of the police, fire and emergency service personnel in Detroit. At the appropriate point, I will be asking for a motion to cancel the November 29th meeting.

Under the Chief of Police Report, I would like to ask Assistant Chief White to share with us any information on what appears to be a normal Halloween season. I understand that several precincts sponsored events designed at engaging the community. Also, I would request an update on the current investigations involving two local funeral homes and the incident at St. Cecilia Parish Hall over the weekend wherein it is alleged that an officer fired shots during a wedding.

Today, we have one presentation on the agenda from Fleet Management. Fleet Management under the command of Assistant Chief James White is responsible for the purchase, deployment and repair of department vehicles. As a reminder, at the end of the meeting we have oral communications. 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. He will need your card before the beginning of public comments. We will hold each speaker to the allotted 2 minutes.

I want to end the Chair's report with the following remarks. These remarks are dedicated to meeting our responsibilities as citizens to participate in our democratic system by at the very least, voting. Tuesday is November 6th, Election Day. Over the last 10 days, several incidents have focused the attention of our nation. The attempts to use bombs, violence and murder to express political will and voter suppression to influence the outcome of the midterm elections all combine to create fear and confusion. Behind each of these stories are the individual lives of men and women, who in many cases, are now forcefully separated from their communities, families and loved ones. Behind one of these cases are injuries to sworn police officers who responded to the incident in Pittsburgh in an effort to protect life and property. In recognition of our troubled times, I am requesting a moment wherein each of us stand in silence to show our respect for human life and our respect for others who are not able to stand because they have paid the ultimate price, their life. (Audience in attendance was asked to stand in silence for 1 minute.)

Chairman Bell requested a motion to cancel the November 29, 2018 meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners. Commissioner Carter moved for adjournment. Commissioner Holley, second.

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

COP Police Report: Assistant Chief of Police James White, representing COP James E. Craig reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. ACOP James White reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending October 28, 2018. ACOP White reported percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -5% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 50% increase, Robbery - 13% decrease, Carjacking 4% increase, Aggravated Assaults -4% decrease, non-fatal shootings -8% decrease, Burglary -13% decrease, Larceny 1% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -20% decrease and Part 1 offenses -8% decrease. Assistant Chief White indicated that the Department currently has two investigations in connection with the recent discoveries of human remains at two area funeral homes. White also reported on an incident wherein a female officer attending a wedding at St Cecilia Hall in Detroit was inebriated and involved in an altercation wherein she fired shots during the altercation. White indicated that the investigation was ongoing, but that a warrant request has been presented to the Wayne County Prosecutor. Commissioner William Davis inquired as to the Department's attention to carjacking and asked if there was a concentration or pattern related to carjacking in the city. Commissioner Darryl Brown asked about the support provided by the Department in connection with last week officer involved shootings. Commissioner Willie Bell inquired about the number of fires and arrest during the Halloween season as compared to previous Halloween seasons. Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks asked about a practice reported in the newspapers around individual acting like or as police officers without authorization or training.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Fleet Management, Lieutenant Sonia Russell and Sergeant Trevis Anderson.

(A) Fleet Management, Lieutenant Sonia Russell outlined the command structure and personnel assigned to Fleet Management ranging from Assistant Chief James White to Sergeant Trevis Anderson. Lieutenant Russell indicated that the core responsibilities of the Fleet management unit include coordinating purchases of police vehicles, graphic and design of police vehicles, tracking all Department motor vehicle accidents, fleet management and calibration and testing of emergency equipment. Russell continued that the Department has a 4 year vehicle replacement plan. Russell also indicated that year 1 fleet deployment included 111 marked and semi-marked scout cars, 13 community passenger vans, 11 OCI Impalas and 45 Investigative Impalas. Year 2 deployment included 30 traffic Ford Taurus sedans, 27 investigative Impalas, 2 community Passenger cans, 2 Towing Trucks, 104 Ford Explorer pursuit SUV, 14 Ford Pursuit SUV ceasefire vehicles, 7 Ford Explorers, 4 prisoner Conveyance Vans and 3 Narcotic Raid Vans. **Assistant Chief James White** also added that the conversions from the Chrysler products to the Ford products were economically to the advantage of the city in connection with purchase price, repairs and overall space within the vehicle for officers. White also indicated that additional innovations over time in fleet management include purchase of blue-base light bar for officer safety, rear seat-belt system that reduced the need for officers to reach over passengers, E-ticketing and plate readers. **Commissioner Lisa Carter** asked if the community passenger vans in year 1 deployment are available to any precinct. Response from Russell, yes. **Commissioner Jim Holley** asked what happens to retired equipment are they sold at auction. Holley also asked if the procurement process included credits for minority and city-based vendors. Response, AC White indicated that a Detroit-based credit is applied, but that the purchase process was open and competitive. **Commissioners Willie Burton** asked if the recent purchase of the tow trucks were in the current year budget and if so, did the full budget come before the Board for approval. Response Trish Stein, yes. **Commissioner Eva Garza Dewaelsche** the status of the fleet replacement program and if motorcycles were included in the recent purchase. Response, White 30 motorcycles are included in the current deployment and at the end of the third year of replacement 60% of the fleet will have been replaced.

Board Standing and Ad Hoc Committee Reports: None.

Board Secretary Report: Mr. Hicks reported on six items including the receipt of a Unfair labor Charge files by the DPOA related to an early policy grievance from the DPOA, Chief of Police Promotional Recommendation for Lieutenants and Sergeants and three proposed Directives for review by the BOPC.

Old Business: Commissioner Willie Bell, placed on the record that Commissioner Conrad Mallett, Jr. resigned from the Board of Police Commissioners. A copy of his resignation letter is on file. **Commissioner Darryl Brown** announced that the Office of the Chief Investigator would be moving following an inspection of the new facilities Friday, October 26, 2018. Brown invited fellow Commissioners to attend the inspection. **Commissioner Shirley Burch** noted the successful mental health workshop sponsored by City Councilmember Roy McCalister at WCCCD. None.

Announcements: The next community meeting is November 8, 2018, 6:30 PM, 6th Precinct at Second Grace United Methodist Church, 18700 Joy Road, Detroit 48228. The following community meeting of the BOPC is on December 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM, WSU McGregor Conference Center, 495 Ferry Mall, Detroit, MI 48202.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Mr. Eric Blount, requested clarification on the use of the BOPC subpoena and the past request for lawsuit settlements from the Law Department. **Bernice Smith** indicated that Annette Rainwater had recent passed Ms. Smith also asked about the Department suspension policy and why we pay officers under suspension. **Jennifer Kurland** indicated that the Board needed to approach and support state legislation to train and regulate reserve officers. **Denna Wilcoxson** expressed her concern that the Detroit Fire department has started a policy to not have their lights on during a fire run. **Nicole Smith** voiced her support that under the new Charter revision process that it was necessary to protect the role of the Detroit Police Commission. **Michelle George** suggested that to better support police that the city should not give away tax abatements. **Ms. Davis** complained that she had been run out of her house by local drug traffickers and was homeless. Ms. Davis was referred to Deputy Chief LeValley to discuss the detailed concerns after the meeting to allow for immediate follow-up.

Commissioner Bell asked if there were not additional items before this Board, he requested a motion to adjourn. **Commissioner Carter** moved for adjournment. **Commissioner Brown**, second.

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Adjournment 4:30 PM.