

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: December 13, 2018 – 6:30 PM

Location: McGregor Conference Center, Wayne State University, 495 Ferry Mall, Detroit MI 48202

BOPC Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM (December 13, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown, Vice Chairperson (6:50 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:03 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Evette Hollins-Griffie	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for December 13, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, December 6, 2018

Board of Police Commissioner Chairman Willie Bell: Chairman Bell said, “Good Evening. 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. Welcome to District #6 and the McGregor Memorial Conference Center. The McGregor Center opened in 1958 winning the First Honor Award from the American Institute of Architects. The Center was designed by world-renowned architect Minoru Yamasaki. Minoru Yamasaki was an American architect, best known for designing the original World Trade Center in New York City and One Woodward Avenue, the old home of Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

INVOCATION: we have invited Detroit Chaplin Corp Anthony Shannon to provide the invocation.

Chair Bell: “Tonight’s meeting is hosted by Police Commissioner Lisa Carter and Willie Burton. The 3rd Police Precinct is shared by Districts #6 and #5. Commissioner Carter is at home here in District #6, where she lives in the District and works in the District. Commissioner Carter is with Wayne State University’s Center for Urban Studies. I ask Commissioner Carter to welcome us to District #6.” (Commissioner Lisa Carter welcomes the members and audience.) “I also want to ask Commissioner Willie Burton to also join us in welcoming the audience to our meeting.” (Commissioner Willie Burton welcomes the members and audience and each Commissioner to introduce themselves for the record.) Chairman Bell continued, “Tonight’s meeting is being sponsored by Wayne State University’s Department of Public Safety headed by Anthony Holt, Chief of Police. I want to acknowledge Chief Holt. Welcoming us to Wayne State University is Patrick Lindsey, Vice President of Government and Community Affairs. Vice President Lindsey started in his current post in 2012. Vice President Lindsey is also pastor of Greater Bibleway Baptist Church on the lower east side.” (WSU Vice President Lindsey welcomes the members and audience.) Chair Bell also asked for the BOPC and DPD staff in attendance to be introduced. Deputy Chief of Police Todd Bettison was in attendance representing Chief of Police James E. Craig.

Chairman’s Report – Willie Bell, said “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 Chief of Police 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.

I want to remind members of the Board on Friday, December 14th at 10:30 AM Promotional Ceremony will be held at Greater Grace Temple, 23500 W. 7 Mile Road. I encourage all Commissioners interested to attend this ceremony, it is an opportunity to wish each member of the promotional class well as they embark upon new challenges in the department. I also want to remind you that tonight is the last scheduled meeting of the year. We will return on Thursday, January 3, 2019 starting at 3:00 PM at the Public Service Headquarters Building.

In your package is a proposed schedule of meeting dates and presentations. I ask that each members review the presentations and make any suggestions to our 2019 Calendar. Under the Open Meetings Act, we will vote on the calendar at our January 3rd Board meeting. Additionally, in your package is a copy of the most recent CompStat data for Police Precinct #3. Tonight, we have three presentations. We will have our monthly Human Resources Report by Dr. Marcella Anderson, Director of Police Personnel. Second, we will have a brief report on the impact of Proposal #1 - Legal Marijuana. Attorney Kim James, Assistant Corporation Counsel for the City of Detroit will discuss legal approaches and options following the passage of Proposal #1. As many of you know in the last election Michigan voters approved legal marijuana use in the State. I note for the public, under federal law, marijuana is still a controlled substance. Finally, we will hear from Police Precinct #3 on its regular precinct report. Commander Johnny Thomas and Captain Rodney Cox will be making the presentation.

Under the Chief of Police Report, I ask DC Bettison to report on some of the recent crime data tracked by CompStat along with other important information within the Department. I also want to remind the Chief's Office that the Board has requested verification of a policy change announced in the department's Administrative Messages, Teletype 18-0739 wherein DPOA members could use in lieu of disciplinary suspension time banks to offset the time off given under the disciplinary process.

Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications from the audience. 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.

Resolutions: Commissioner Lisa Carter read into the record a resolution honoring the contributions of Ms. Sarah James.

RESOLUTION HONORING MS. SARAH JAMES

WHEREAS Ms. Sarah James attended the University of Detroit and received an undergraduate degree in English. She furthered her education and earned a Master's degree in Comparative Literature from Wayne State University; and

WHEREAS Community organizing and community building have always been a big part of Ms. James life. While living in the University District community, she served on the People for Palmer Park (PFPP) Board as the Fundraising and Membership Chair for four years, initiating and securing funding for many free recreational and family activities in the park area; and

WHEREAS Ms. James moved into the New Center area and the Third Precinct three years ago, where she lives with her husband Peter Mays. She quickly became involved in community building in her new neighborhood. She joined the Community Association of New Center Commons Area (CANCAN) Board, and became the president last year. As president of CANCAN, Ms. James is working to develop relationships with property managers, owners, and key organizations invested in New Center to develop short-term and long-term strategies for improving its natural, architectural, and community assets; and

WHEREAS Ms. James worked diligently over the years to organize a radio patrol in conjunction with the Detroit Police Department and currently serves as the president of its Board. The New Center/Piety Hill Radio Patrol has helped build unity and connections across the New Center area neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS Ms. James has relentlessly communicated with both Third Precinct leaders and Neighborhood Police Officers, as well as WSU police, to bring awareness to the needs and concerns of her community. She continues to work toward developing the strongest possible relationship among the police and her neighbors to improve neighborhood safety and quality of life in New Center. One of her top priorities has been outreach to apartment building tenants to ensure that their voices were included in area priorities and efforts, and to help build a more intricately woven community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the dedicated, hardworking, committed support of Ms. Sarah James. Her service and devotion to improving the quality of life for all citizens in her community and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Motion by: Commissioner Lisa Carter to honor the contributions of Ms. Sarah James, Second by Commissioner Willie Burton.
VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

COP Police Report: Representing Chief of Police James E. Craig was Deputy Chief of Police Todd Bettison. DC Bettison reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. DC Bettison reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending December 9, 2018. DC Bettison reported percentage change between 2017 and 2018, -1% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 40% increase, Robbery -12% decrease, Carjacking 2% increase, Aggravated Assaults -4% decrease, non-fatal shootings -11% decrease, Burglary -11% decrease, Larceny 0% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -20% decrease and Part 1 offenses -7% decrease. DC Bettison also indicated he would follow-up on the Chair's request for information related to Teletype 18-0739 wherein the DPOA members could use in lieu of disciplinary suspension time banks to offset the time off given under the disciplinary process.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Human Resources Monthly Report, Dr. Marcella Anderson, Director of Police Personnel. (B) Update on Recreational Marijuana, by Attorney Kimberly James, City of Detroit Assistant Corporation Counsel (C) Third Police Precinct Report, Commander Johnny Thomas and Captain Rodney Cox.

(A) Human Resources Monthly Report, Dr. Marcella Anderson, Director of Police Personnel, provided statistical data for December 2018. She indicated that of the total positions (2,639 Sworn) in the Department, DPD has 177 Vacant. Of the 683 (Civilian) positions in the Department, 72 are vacant. Ms. Anderson discussed recruitment and MCOLES processing indicating the Department has 1607 applications from 7/1/2018 to 11/30/2018 the Department hired 21 individuals. Anderson reported 103 are awaiting MCOLES certification, 49 are in process. Anderson also provide residency data, attrition data and leaves of absence and restricted duty data. Commissioner Jim Holley requested information on officers leaving the department. Commissioner Dewaelsche requested information on second chance applications. Commissioner Davis asked if exist reports/Interviews are taken of officers leaving the department and if any evaluations are made of this data. Commissioner Burch asked about the difference between temporary and permanent disqualifications. Commissioner Burton asked how Detroit compares with other cities in recruitment and retention of officers. Commissioner Griffie asked how long does it take to process applications and start new recruits in the academy. Griffie also asked for additional demographic data related to personnel within the Department including a forecast of the current Department personnel and any projections related to future needs. Commissioner Carter asked for an update on the student intern program operated within the department Commissioner Holley asked for a description of any contract language that impact police recruitment and retention of officers.

(B) Update on Recreational Marijuana, by Attorney Kimberly James, City of Detroit Assistant Corporation Counsel

(Note: Attachment provided by Attorney Kimberly James entitled, An Overview of the Michigan Regulation and taxation of Marijuana Act (MRTMA). The attachment reflects the observations and remarks made by Attorney James at the BOPC Board meeting December 13, 2018.

(C) Third Police Precinct Report, Commander Johnny Thomas and Captain Rodney Cox.
See attached report from 3rd Police precinct.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on four Items including proposed directives from Chief Craig, the 2019 BOPC Calendar and the 3rd Police precinct CompStat report.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: The next Board meeting is scheduled for January 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI, 48226. The next community meeting of the BOPC is on January 10, 2019, 6:30 PM at Unity Temple of the Apostolic Faith, 17376 Wyoming, Detroit, MI 48221.

Oral Communications:

Ms. Bernice Smith acknowledged the new approach of DPD regarding towing and asked if cars impounded are taken to auction. **Ms. Faith** thanked members of the Board for their service to the city and assistance they provided to her during time of personal difficulty. **Ms. Theo Broughton** indicated that the facilities used by the Department are not ADA accessible and inquired into the demographic makeup of the Department. **Ms. T. Morris** inquired about the amount of training provided police officers. **Mr. Eric Blount** expressed his concerns about tax abatements and how revenues in the absence of tax abatements can be used to finance other city operations and services. **Mr. Peter Rhoades** expressed his concerns about marijuana (medical and recreational) and suggested that the city cap the number of facilities by using a concept of "overlay Zoning". **Mr. Rhoades** was asked to provide more detailed information on the topic. **Mr. Scottie Bowman** reported his opposition to several officers who provided remarks before the Board meetings indicating that they would "do the same (beat) thing to the black female beaten by police in the DGH Hospital". **Ms. Valerie Glenn** objected to the beating of a black female detainee by Officer Jones and requested that any Internal Affairs investigation be released to the public. **Ms. Dara** inquired if police officers received physiological testing.

Commissioner Bell requested a recess to go into closed session to discuss a personnel matter. The Board recessed at 8:49PM and reconvened at 9:34 PM, Adjourned at 9:35 PM.