

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: November 15, 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 15, 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	Excused	
Elizabeth Brooks	Excused	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:08 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
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Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 15, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, November 8, 2018

Board of Police Commissioner 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. Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks is unable to attend today’s meeting and has asked to be excused.

INVOCATION: we have invited Ronald Franklin of the Detroit Chaplain Corp to provide the invocation.

Introduction of Commissioners: I ask each Commissioner to introduce themselves for the record.

- Introduction of BOPC staff and DPD staff.
- Introduction of Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives

Bell indicated, “We have a few business items for consideration.”

- **Business Items:** (1) Approval of the Agenda -- (approval vote required)
(2) Approval of the Minutes for November 8, 2018

Chairman’s Report – Willie Bell.

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.

In your Board package tonight please note several important items and a change in the flow of our agenda. First is a set of recommendations to promote 9 DPD members to the rank of Lieutenant and 22 DPD members to the rank of Sergeant. This set of promotions is the sixth round of promotions from the 2015 promotional list. The promotional recommendations were distributed to the Board on October 30, 2018, immediately upon the receipt of the recommendation from the Chief of Police. On November 9, 2018 copies of the staff's review of these recommendations were transmitted to each Board member electronically. At our November 8th Board meeting I announced that the Board would take up these items at our November 15, 2018 meeting.

Also, the Chief of Police transmitted to the Board his recommendation for the replacement of former Assistant Chief of Police Arnold Williams. The Chief's recommendation is to elevate Deputy Chief of Police David LeValley to the position of Assistant Chief. LeValley's promotion, if approved by the Board, will create a vacancy at the Deputy Chief's rank. Chief Craig is recommending the elevation of Commander Marlon Wilson to the Deputy Chief's position. I have changed the order of our agenda to allow for closed session interviews of both LeValley and Wilson. We will take up this matter under new business.

I also want to remind you that at our last meeting I asked for Board members to provide me with suggestions on some of the type of presentations that you would like next year. Additionally, we have an updated Greenlight location list. The Greenlight locations are up to 439 locations. The attached list is divided by city District and we have attached a map of the Greenlight location so that you can see how they are distributed across the city.

Today we have a presentation from Facilities Management who will update us on the capital projects and repairs to DPD facilities. Facilities Management reports to AC James White's command who will make the presentation. To the guests and visitors of our meeting, our plan is to adjust the oral communications section of our agenda to allow for public comments before we go into closed session. This adjustment will allow for people who would like to address the Board to not be forced to stay until after the Board reconvenes from the closed session. Under the Open Meetings Act, we are allowed to close a session to address personnel matters. Also, please note the Open Meetings Act requires us to take any votes from the closed session in a public 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. We have already canceled the November 29th meeting of the Board to support 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.

Under the Chief of Police Report, I would like to ask the Chief to report on the recent incident wherein a citizen is complaining that a stray bullet entered his home as a result of one of our officers shooting at an attacking dog. I would also ask the Chief to step back from the recent incident and discuss with the Board our policy as we encounter dogs that might represent a threat to police officers. This is not a new concern of the Board. In the past, several news accounts have suggested that the Department uses excessive force in this area. There has also been several lawsuits in this area with substantial judgments that negatively impact the city's cash flow.

At the mid-point 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.

Resolutions: None.

COP Police Report: Chief of Police James E. Craig reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. COP Craig reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending November 11, 2018. Craig reported percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -4% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 48% increase, Robbery -13% decrease, Carjacking 5% increase, Aggravated Assaults -4% decrease, non-fatal shootings -8% decrease, Burglary -12% decrease, Larceny 1% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -21% decrease and Part 1 offenses -7% decrease. Chief Craig reported that the mother involved in a recent shooting incident was the mother to a Detroit police officer. Chief Craig also reported on two recent grants awarded to the police department from My Brothers Keepers and Jet Blue. Chief Craig also reported on the recent shooting wherein a DPD officer shot at an attacking dog

and the bullets entered a nearby house. Craig indicated that it appears that the body worn cameras had not engaged and that an investigation into the body worn camera is underway. **Commissioner William Davis** asked if the Body worn camera had been activated. **Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche** inquired into the specifics about the My Brothers Keepers grant including financial and performance based goals and data. Chief Craig indicated he would provide a written report on the grant. **Commissioner Bell** commended the COP for the recent announcement involving 43 Detroit based funeral homes and their recent inspection.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Facilities Management, AC White and Donald Hollins.

(A) Human Resources Report, Don Hollins outlined the role of Resources Management including resource management of capital projects, Cleaning, Repair and Maintenance of DPD facilities, operation of the Uniform Store and Stationary Stockroom.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.

Board Secretary Report: Mr. Hicks reported on two items listed on the agenda; Updated Greenlight location list and Injured Officer Gift activity.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Recommendation from the Chief of Police to promote 9 Lieutenants and 22 Sergeants.

Motion by: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Commissioner (BOPC), Second by: Jim Holley, Commissioner (BOPC)

Motion: In accordance with the 2012 Detroit City Charter, Sec 7-814, entitled Promotions, the Charter states “The Chief of Police shall make all promotions within the department. All promotions shall be with the approval of the Board.”

Upon review and consideration, the Board moves to accept and approve the Department's Recommendation to promote the following members to the Ranks of Lieutenant, respectively.

Promotions to the Rank of Lieutenant:

1. Sergeant Alfred L. Castillo
2. Sergeant John D. Watkins
3. Sergeant Shanda T. Starks
4. Sergeant Todd R. Messineo
5. Sergeant Ryan M. Connor
6. Sergeant Wendie L. Collier
7. Sergeant Andrew E. Guntzville
8. Sergeant Tonya M. Leonard-Gilbert
9. Sergeant Kerry R. Byars

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

Motion by: Darryl Brown, Commissioner (BOPC), Second by: Eva Dewaelsche, Commissioner (BOPC)

Motion: In accordance with the 2012 Detroit City Charter, Sec 7-814, entitled Promotions, the Charter states “The Chief of Police shall make all promotions within the department. All promotions shall be with the approval of the Board.”

Upon review and consideration, the Board moves to accept and approve the Department's Recommendation to promote the following members to the Ranks of Sergeant, respectively.

Promotions to the Rank of Sergeant:

1. Corporal Maquel A. Grandberry
2. Corporal Edward Jackson
3. Corporal Ursula N. Miller
4. Corporal Daniel D. Harphanich

5. Detective Lavon A. Howell
6. Detective Loren D. Lozon
7. Detective Lisa C. Bryson
8. Detective Harold Lewis
9. Police Officer Jeremy D. Everitt
10. Police Officer Brian C. McCleary
11. Police Officer Johnny J. Strickland
12. Police Officer Justin D. Lyons
13. Police Officer Kevin A. Jackson
14. Police Officer William K. Moore
15. Police Officer Sheana L. Waldberg
16. Police Officer Scott A. Mackenzie
17. Police Officer Carl T. Porter
18. Police Officer Johanna G. Todd
19. Police Officer Amy M. Matelic
20. Police Officer Douglas S. Richter
21. Police Officer William L. Obrien
22. Police Officer Kaspar T. Harrison

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

Announcements: The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2018 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 December 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM, WSU McGregor Conference Center, 495 Ferry Mall, Detroit, MI 48202.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Michelle George discussed the National Action Network conference recently held in Washington DC and various legislative efforts sponsored by NAN. Additionally Ms. George discuss the effects of marijuana on the brain and discussion related to Michigan Senator Debbie Stabinow on funding for mental illness.

Chairman Bell indicated it is the intention of the Board to take up in closed session two personnel matters. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** moved to go into a closed session to take up the personnel matter. **Commissioner Jim Holley** second.

VOTE to go into closed session: Yes = 7 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

Chairman Bell requested a motion to reconvene from the closed session. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** moved to return to regular order. **Commissioner William Davis** second.

VOTE to go reconvene: Yes = 7 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

Motion by: Darryl Brown, Commissioner (BOPC)
Second by: Jim Holley, Commissioner (BOPC)

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VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

Motion by: Eva Dewaelsche, Commissioner (BOPC), Second by: Jim Holley, Commissioner (BOPC)

Motion: In accordance with the 2012 Detroit City Charter, Sec 7-814, entitled Promotions, the Charter states “The Chief of Police shall make all promotions within the department. All promotions shall be with the approval of the Board.” Upon

review and consideration, the Board moves to accept and approve the Chief's recommendation to promote Commander Marlon Wilson to the rank of Deputy Chief.

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0; Motion APPROVED

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

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Adjournment 3:54 PM