

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: December 6, 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 (December 6, 2018)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Daryl 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 (3:03 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Evette Hollins-Griffie	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for December 6, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
**Thursday, November 15, 2018**

**Board of Police Commissioner Chairman Willie Bell:** Chairman Bell said, "Welcome back from our Thanksgiving break. 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 will be unable to attend today's meeting and has asked to be excused. I want to acknowledge a new Commissioner to our table, Evette Hollins-Griffie. I invite Commissioner Griffie to address the Board. (Go to Commissioner Griffie). I also want to acknowledge the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Commissioner Jim Holley."

**Commissioner Evette Hollins-Griffie** indicated she was happy to join the Board and looked toward making important contributions as a member. Commissioner Griffie also gave some background and employment information to the Board.

**Chairman Bell** invited Ronald Franklin of the Detroit Chaplin Corp to provide the invocation.

**Commissioner Bell** asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves for the record. Bell also requested introductions of BOPC staff and DPD staff, Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives.

**Chairman's Report - Willie Bell** said, "Out of respect for the Office of the United States of America's Presidency, I would like for us to stand to honor the life of the 41<sup>st</sup> President of the United States George Herbert Walker Bush. Today, former President George H. W. Bush is returning to Texas for his burial."

(Please, stand for 15 seconds)

**Chairman Bell** continued, "Today, December 6<sup>th</sup> has an interesting ring in the air for justice. In 1865, the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution abolishing Slavery was ratified. In more modern times, as we honor our 41<sup>st</sup> President, we are forced to see how justice has been a moving target for many Americans. President Bush won his presidency, in large part, due to the negative use of race with his continued reference to Willie Horton. President Bush was also late to recognize the critical importance of the HIV and AIDS problem. Bush's support for United States Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas continues to fly in the face of our recognition and resolution to the problems of sexual harassment and discrimination within our society. To be here to honor and criticize American life is truly what makes us Americans with our inherited right to be critical of our government and other concerns within our political environment. I hope as we honor public heroes, we strive to tell the whole story with respect and reverence for their contributions to American life."

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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."

Chairman Bell added, "I want to congratulate the Public Safety Foundation for a successful Above and Beyond Award Celebration. The Foundation recognized the hard work of public employees involved in policing, firefighting and the delivery of emergency medical services. Several of our Commissioners attended the award celebration.

I also want to acknowledge the death of retired Sergeant Terry Hodges. Sergeant Hodges retired from DPD on January 19, 2001. Please join us in supporting his family.

On our agenda, I am asking the Board to ratify a decision made by the Chair following our last meeting to allow for three members of the Department to advance to Sergeant's training as part of the group of 22 officers promoted at our last Board meeting. I am also asking you to formally promote these three DPD members to the rank of Sergeant. Over the break, staff transmitted to the attention of the Board all of the necessary verification that these officers needed to meet the requirements for promotion.

I have also adjusted the order of the agenda to allow for public comments before a scheduled closed session. In the closed session we will take up the issue of Corporal Dwayne Jones, Badge # 777. The Chief of Police is requesting Corporal Jones to be suspended without pay. Under the Open Meeting Act we are allowed to hear personnel matters in closed session. However, we must return to regular session should we decide to vote on the recommendation of the Chief. By taking public comments before the closed session, citizens who are interested in the work of the Board of Police Commissioners will not have to wait to address the Board as many of these closed sessions last beyond an hour.

Additionally, we have an updated Greenlight location list. The Greenlight locations are up to 456 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 the Detroit Detention Center. Following the Department of Justice consent order, the Department agreed to change how it confined suspects awaiting charges and trial. The DDC is the home of the former Mound Correctional Facility which was closed in January 2012. The DDC was opened on August 1, 2013 and operates under an interagency agreement between the Detroit Police Department and the Michigan Department of Corrections.

Under the Chief of Police Report, I would like to ask the Chief if he is aware of a recent controversy related to "Positive Field Test Kits". Reports from various police agencies across the country are reporting that the field test kits are proving false-positive reading in field narcotics tests. While I do not believe that the Detroit Police Department uses these field test kits, I would like for the Chief to verify our practice in this area of testing narcotics. Additionally, in a recent internal notification of critical incidents, one report referred to a Shots Fired Task Force. The report indicated that the officers responded within minutes of the alert. However, I recall a discussion with the Chief that Detroit was not utilizing this technology. Clarification on this subject is requested. Finally, under the Chief of Police report, the Board noticed an Administrative Message distributed on November 30, 2018, Teletype 18-0739. The message indicated that DPOA members could use in lieu of disciplinary suspension time banks to offset the time off given under the disciplinary process. This message sounds a lot like

**“abuse departmental rules and go-on vacations”. Our staff has searched for the authority on this declaration, we have been unable to locate any authority on this related to the DPOA. I would ask for clarification on this matter.**

**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: Representing Chief of Police James E. Craig was Deputy Chief of Police Marlon Wilson. DC Wilson reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. DC Wilson reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending December 2, 2018. DC Wilson reported percentage change between 2017 and 2018, -2% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 42% increase, Robbery -13% decrease, Carjacking 1% increase, Aggravated Assaults -3% decrease, non-fatal shootings -11% decrease, Burglary -11% decrease, Larceny 1% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -21% decrease and Part 1 offenses -7% decrease. DC Wilson also reported in response to the Chairman’s inquiry that he was aware of the problems with the Field Test Kits, but that Detroit does not utilize such kits. Wilson indicated that all of the drugs confiscated on the streets are taken to the drug-lab for processing. Wilson also indicated that the Department does not use the Shot Fire Technology. Wilson also indicated he would check on the authority of inclusion of the DPOA as discussed in Teletype 18-0739 (DOPA members may use discretionary time in lieu of a disciplinary suspension. Commissioner Jim Holley inquired as to if the city and the Department was committed to police residency and asked if the number of incorrect private police numbers had been corrected following the last mobilization drill. Commissioner Griffie and Commissioner Davis inquired if the Department had a regular routine for updating its records in connection with officer contact information.**

**Presentations to the Board: (A) Detroit Detention Center, Captain Debbie Abdurraheed and Lt. James Moore.**

**(A) Detroit Detention Center, Lieutenant Moore outlined the role of the Detroit Detention Center indicating the Center is owned by the Michigan department of Corrections and is leased by the Detroit Police Department. The facility was operationalized as a result of a consent order between the Department of Justice and the City of Detroit in response to the conditions of confinement in the DOJ lawsuit wherein the DOJ had supervisory control over the Detroit Police Department. The center is also operated by a joint agreement between Michigan Corrections and Detroit Police. Lt. Moore also indicated that other agencies/governmental institutions use the facility including Detroit Public Schools, Wayne State University, Michigan State Police and other local and federal agencies (including ICE). Lt. Moore also provided a count of the number of detainees processed at DDC; 2013 - 6,324; 2014 - 21,210; 2015 - 20,194; 2016 - 18,591; 2017 - 18,476; and Year to date, 2018 - 15,129 detainees. Detainees are processed and stay at the facility no more than 72 hours. The facility is equipped for video conferencing between the DDC and local District Courts. Commissioner William Davis inquired as to the average number of detainees at the DDC. Moore responded 15-20 female and 50-60 male detainees per day and 350 in total per week. Commissioners Jim Holley and Shirley Burch encourage the Department to make every effort to ensure that the public was aware of the detainees housed in the facility. Commissioner Eva Garza Dewaelsche inquired about the type of surveillance equipment at the facility and if it was adequate to monitor the population of detainees.**

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.**

**Board Secretary Report: Mr. Hicks reported on 11 items listed on the agenda; including transmissions from the Chief of Police on proposed Directives and other correspondence between the Chief’s office and the Board of Police Commissioners. Updated Greenlight location list and Injured Officer Gift activity.**

**Old Business: Commissioner Bell requested an update on the impact of legal marijuana use from the perspective of law enforcement. Commissioner Bell suggested an update at our December 15<sup>th</sup> community meeting. Commissioner Dewaelsche indicated she had already requested an update following the first of the year, but that a presentation before next year would be best. Commissioner Shirley Burch indicated that a new business concerns has opened in the 3<sup>rd</sup> District to fight blight. The name of the business is Michigan Recreational Construction Company. Commissioner Bell also requested that the BOPC communicate with the Charter Revision Commission and advise them of our schedule and tell them that the Police Board would like to address several issues with the Charter Commission.**

**New Business (Part 1): Ratification of Chairman Bell’s authorization to include Detective Lamar Armstrong, Detective Michael Dowdy and Police Officer Carl Freeman to be advanced to the Sergeants training class beginning November 26, 2018 AND promoted to the ranks of Sergeant.**

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

**VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0; Motion APPROVED**

**Announcements:** 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. The following community meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2019 at Unity Temple of the Apostolic Faith, 17376 Wyoming, Detroit MI 48221. The next regular scheduled meeting of the BOPC is January 3, 2019 at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Detroit MI, 48226.

**Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:**

Detroit City Councilmember Roy McCalister acknowledged the death of Terry Hodges, wished Commissioner Holley a happy birthday and welcomed Commissioner Griffie to the Board. Mr. Eric Blount inquired about the protections and safeguards due to detainees at the Detroit Detention Center. Ms. Michelle George inquired about lawsuits and discussed a specific lawsuit wherein DPD officers have filed suit for retaliation involving telling about fraudulent time cards. Ms. George indicated that officers should not need to be stressed about reporting on other officers. Scott Hall indicated the incident involving Corporal Jones was not excessive force, any officer would use their hard hands. Hall also indicated that the lady was involved in several runs. Hall asked that the Board keep Corporal Jones on the payroll. Alexis Sukey indicated that police use of force never look pretty. Sukey indicated she and others would have done the same thing. Failure to support Corporal Jones would be devastating for the police department and the city. Ms. Sherry McCain indicated Corporal Jones was a fine officer. McCain indicated that human bites are the worst. She also indicated she had been bitten by a dog and had to take the life of the dog. She indicated that Jones used hard hands as he had been trained. She suggested that the board show some leniency. Lt. Lori Pierce indicated that all of the officers in attendance would have done the same thing. She further indicated that some of us would have done far worst. Pierce indicated that several of the options available to Jones were not available, Tasers, spray and PR-24 were all not options. He only had hard hands as he has been trained. Ronald Lach indicated that Jones was put in a unfortunate set of circumstances. He indicated he would have done the same exact thing. The incident was triggered by hospital personnel and Jones was there to help. Marian Smith indicated Jones as a very disciplined officer and some options were taken from him during the incident. Smith indicated the women lives in Woodbridge and has a number of complaints. Sergeant Jason Kleinsarge indicated Jones is the poster child for DPD, the video looks one way, but various options were taken from Jones. He requested that the Board not judge Jones in a split second. Raymond Stephens complained about his car was towed in front of the Charles Wright Museum. He indicated that his wife parks in the same spot every week and that there are no signs indicating you could not park at the location. Stephens indicated the officers told him the car was towed because it was Noel Night. Commander Glaquanto indicated he was the Commander over Jones for 1 and ½ years and asked that the decision of the Board reflect the entire body of work by the officers and that it be fair and just. He requested that the Board take a look into the officer's service record and all of the relevant facts.

**New Business (Part 2): Personnel Matter – Closed Session regarding Change of Duty Status for Corporal Dewayne Jones, Badge #777, assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct.**

**Motion by: Darryl Brown, Commissioner (BOPC), Second by: Jim Holley, Commissioner (BOPC) moved to convene a Closed Session regarding Change of Duty Status for Corporal Dewayne Jones, Badge #777, assigned to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Police Precinct.**

**VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0; Motion APPROVED**

**Chairman Bell indicated the Board would recess into the closed session and return at the call of the Chair.**

Board returned to regular session. Quorum recorded at 8 members in attendance.

Chairman Bell called the meeting back to order.

**Commissioner Willie Burton motioned the Board to return to a 5 minute recess. Second Commissioner Brown.**

**VOTE: Yes = 2 No = 6 Motion NOT APPROVED**

**Commissioner Holley, requested a Roll Call Vote.**

**Commissioner Jim Holley motioned the Board support the recommendation of the Board's Attorney and the Chief of Police to suspend without pay Corporal Dewayne Jones, badge # 777. Second by Commissioner Griffie**

**VOTE:                    Yes = 2                    No = 4                    Not voting =2                    Motion NOT APPROVED**

<b>Burton - not voting</b>	<b>Holley - No</b>	<b>Davis - No</b>	<b>Brooks - Excused</b>
<b>Griffie - Yes</b>	<b>Brown - No</b>	<b>Bell - not voting</b>	
<b>Dewaelsche - Yes</b>	<b>Burch - No</b>	<b>Carter - Excused</b>	

**Motion to Adjourn.**

**VOTE:                    Yes = 7                    No = 0                    Not voting =1                    Motion NOT APPROVED**

**Adjournment 5:20 PM**