

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: March 14, 2019 – 6:30 PM
 Location: Second Baptist Church, 441 Monroe Street, Detroit, MI 48226

BOPC Chair Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 PM (March 14, 2019)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (6:40 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Evette Griffie	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for March 14, 2019.

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
 Thursday, February 28, 2019**

Board of Police Commissioner Chair Willie E. Bell welcomed attendees to the meeting and asked for introductions of Commissioners, BOPC and DPD staff and other elected and civic representatives. **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. Tonight's meeting is in District #5, Commissioner Willie Burton is the Police Commissioner for District #5. I invite Commissioner Willie Burton to welcome us to District #5.

Invocation: We have invited Charles Clark of the Detroit Chaplain Corp to provide the invocation.

Chairman Bell continued, "Tonight's meeting is the fourth community meeting of the Board of Police Commissioners for the 2019 calendar year. We will have nine additional community meetings this calendar year. We hope to visit every district within the city. I want to thank Second Baptist Church for the use of their facility for tonight's meeting. Many of us know the Church as being one of the most famous stations in the "Underground Railroad" which facilitated some 5,000 slave's movement from the Deep South to freedom. The mission of Second Baptist was crafted in March 1836 by 13 former slaves who left the First Baptist Church due to racial discrimination. **Second Baptist** has always stood in the forefront of service to the African American community, through its work as part of the underground railroad system, to educating Black children in 1839 when it was against the law to education Black children, to fighting for Negro suffrage in 1843 by hosting a State Convention of Colored Citizens and down through the ages with community and spiritual leadership that speak to the heart of the Black community. Representing Second Baptist Church tonight is Second Baptist's Historian Bobby Davis. I would like to ask Historian Bobby Davis to address the Board and give us some highlights on the work of the church.

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 point to several important items for your consideration. The Board is continuing to work with the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE) to host in Detroit the National Conference September 22 thru 26, 2019. During the same time, Detroit will be celebrating our 45th year as a civilian oversight organization on July 22, 2019. I will repeat this message several times as we approach the September conference. We are inviting law-enforcement and other civic minded individuals and organizations to join us at the conference. The planning process is well underway, and again we invite your participation.

I want to acknowledge the month of March as Women’s History Month. According to the Library of Congress, Women’s History Month has its origins as a national celebration in 1981 when Congress passed Public Law 97-28 which authorized and requested the President to proclaim the week beginning March 7, 1982 as “Women’s History Week.” This celebration expanded in 1987 to include the entire month of March. According to population estimates by the United States Census Bureau our nation has 325 million people, of this 50.08% are female. Women play leading roles in every aspect of life within the United States. Here in the Detroit Police Department, we have outstanding leadership in the persons of First Assistant Chief of Police LaShinda Stair, Our Personnel Direct, Dr. Marcella Anderson and our Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister. Women make up about 35% of the Detroit Police Department. In our sworn ranks women make up 25% of our workforce. If you look around and you will see the faces of many women who hold critical roles in all ranks of the Department from Commanders, Captains, Lieutenants and Sergeants. On our Board six of the eleven Board members are female. Given these contributions, I hope that throughout the month we all will look for ways to acknowledge contributions that women make in the workforce as well as mothers, grandmothers, aunts and sisters. Finally, I want to acknowledge the April 4th Women in Blue Celebration at the MGM Grand in Detroit. The celebration is sponsored by the Public Safety Foundation and will highlight many of the contributions that women make to public services in our area.

Today on our agenda, we will take up an outstanding community service award for Father Timothy McCabe, nominated by Downtown Services. Commissioner Willie Burton has also asked that the Board acknowledge three people from within District #5; Greg Dunmore, Tom Choske and Barry Blackwell. At the appropriate point in the agenda, each will be asked to come receive a certificate of recognition from Commissioner Burton. We also have two presentations to the Board. The first will be from DPD’s Personnel Director, Dr. Marcella Anderson. The personnel report was distributed this past Tuesday to each Commissioner as part of the Tuesday package. The second presentation will come from the Downtown Services, Captain Franklin Hayes. My hope is that Captain Hayes will discuss with the Board some of the hot spots and measures underway in Downtown area to fight against crime.

We will also have our regular report from the Chief of Police. The Chief will review some of our current crime statistics and update us on any additional police personnel with injuries in the line of duty. I also ask the Chief to update us on any critical issues facing the Department. Specifically, I ask the Chief to report on the results of the Environmental audit in the Sixth precinct and the termination of the second officer involved in the SNAPCHAT incident. I remind the Chief that he promised a copy of the reports associated with the SNAPCHAT incident, which we have not received to date.

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.

Resolution: Commilssioner Willie Burton read into the record the following resolution honoring the work of Father Timothy McCabe.

RESOLUTION HONORING FATHER TIMOTHY MCCABE

WHEREAS Father Timothy McCabe, SJ (Society of Jesus) graduated from the University of Detroit, and received his Masters of Philosophy from Loyola University Chicago, and Masters of Theology from the Santa Clara University in California; and

WHEREAS Father McCabe is currently, the Executive Director of the Pope Francis Center located within the Downtown Services boundaries in St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church, which most people know as a downtown institution. He has a passion for the poor, and has served the community at the center for 29 years; and

WHEREAS The Pope Francis Center provides many services for the homeless. This center provides not only shelter, but social programs and services to ensure the dignity and quality of life for whom the center serves. Programs include showers, a medical and dental clinic, grooming, podiatry care, meals, bike repair, mail service and laundry. In 2018, under Father McCabe's leadership the center served 589,440 meals, washed 3,781 loads of laundry, 5,987 showers were taken and over 155,840 hours off the streets for those who the center served; and

WHEREAS As a supporter of the Downtown Services activities, Father McCabe helps foster better relationships with the vulnerable members in the community and officers. His philosophy is "When we give and care for others, we are the recipients of that same caring."

WHEREAS Father McCabe is on the Continuum of Care Board, as well as a member of St. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church. Described as having a charming and entertaining personality, Father McCabe enjoys running 10K and half marathons.

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, diligent, committed support of Father Timothy McCabe. His service and devotion to improving the quality of life for the citizens in Downtown Services and throughout the city of Detroit, merits our highest regards. **DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS**

MOTION: Commissioner Jim Holley moved the adoption of the resolution honoring the work of Father Timothy McCabe.
Commissioner William Davis, Second.

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 MOTION APPROVED.

Certificates of Recognition: Mr. Tom Choske and Barry Blackwell received Certificates of recognition from Commissioner Willie Burton.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 MOTION APPROVED.

COP Police Report: Deputy Chief Todd Bettison, representing Chief of Police James E. Craig. DC Bettison reported that crime is continuing to trend downward as against last year. DC Bettison reported utilizing DPD Department CompStat (2019) data for the reporting period ending March 10, 2019. DC Bettison reported percentage change between 2018 and 2019, -33% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 19% increase, Robbery -11% decrease, Carjacking -61% decrease, Aggravated Assaults 5% increase, non-fatal shootings -15% decrease, Burglary -6% decrease, Larceny -18% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -8% decrease and Part 1 offenses -8% decrease. DC Bettison reported that as a result on an internal investigation conducted by Internal Affairs both Police Officer Steele and Police Officer Michael Garrison are terminated by order of the Chief of Police. DC Bettison also indicated the Department has surpassed 500 Greenlight locations and are poised to implement the added cameras system in traffic intersections as the Mayor announced in his State of the City Address.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Monthly Human Resources Report by DPD HR Director, Dr. Marcella Anderson, PhD. (B) Downtown Services Captain Franklin Hayes

(A) Human Resources Monthly Report, Dr. Marcella Anderson, Director of Police Personnel, provided statistical data for February 2019 (March 2019 Report). Dr. Anderson indicated that of the total positions (2,639 Sworn) in the Department, DPD has 179 vacant Police officers. Of the 683 (Civilian) positions in the Department, 83 are vacant. Dr. Anderson discussed recruitment and MCOLES processing indicating the Department has 2578 applications from 7/1/2018 to 2/28/2019 the Department hired 52 individuals. Anderson reported 375 are awaiting MCOLES certification, 46 are in process. Anderson also indicated that our residency data as of 2/28/2019 reflect Detroit residents at 575 Sworn, 350 Civilian and 33 Police Assistants. For non-Detroit residents for the same period, 1826 Sworn, 250 civilians and 26 Police Assistants. Anderson also provide residency data for hires within the month, attrition data and leaves of absence and restricted duty data. Dr. Anderson indicated that her report covered officers suspended and not at work (13 Police Officers suspended, 1 Detective, 1 Sergeant, 1 Command Officer for a total of 10 individuals).

(B) Downtown Services, Captain Franklin Hayes outlined the physical boundaries of Downtown Services and listed a number of responsibilities associated with Downtown Services including traffic control, responsibilities for security at a number of the downtown sports and entertainment facilities.

BOPC Standing Committee Reports: None.

Report from Secretary to the Board: Mr. Hicks reported the BOPC has received six items listed on the agenda.

Old Business: None.

Oral Communications: Ms. D. Etta Wilcoxson applauded the department on the approach and procedural methods used in the Steele and Garrison investigations and the subsequent decision made by the Chief to terminate both officers. **Mr. Mack Betts** indicated that he has a problem with parking enforcement, the charge for tickets. Mr. Betts was referred to municipal parking.

Announcements: Next BOPC meeting – March 21, 2019, 3:00 PM at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters Building, 1301 Third Street, Detroit Mi. 48226. Next community meeting April 11, 2019 @ 6:30 PM at the Wellness Plan, 4909 East Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48234 (11th Precinct).

New Business: Commissioner Willie Burton motioned that all BOPC subcommittee meeting be open to the public and each Board members not assigned to the subcommittee be notified and allowed to attend subcommittee meetings.
MOTION FAIL FOR LACK OF SUPPORT.

Motion to Adjourn. Adjournment at 8:19 PM.