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Civic Leader Jesus Hernandez begins term as At-Large Police Commissioner

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners welcomed Jesus Hernandez as a new member at its Thursday, May 28, 2020 meeting.

Mayor Mike Duggan appointed and the City Council confirmed Police Commissioner Hernandez to fill a vacancy left when the term for former Vice President Eva Garza Dewaelsche ended.

Created by the 1974 City Charter, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners has supervisory authority and oversight over the Police Department. Under the 2012 Charter, the Board is comprised of 11 civilian members; Detroiters elect seven members by district and the mayor appoints and the city council confirms four at-large members. All board members serve as unpaid volunteers.

The current members are Willie E. Bell, Elizabeth Brooks, Darryl D. Brown, Shirley A. Burch, Willie E. Burton, Lisa Carter, William M. Davis, Evette Griffie, Jesus Hernandez, Jim Holley, and Annie Holt.

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meets every Thursday. Due to the public health crisis, the Board holds all meetings at 3 p.m. on a virtual platform and reminds the public to file complaints through the online form or by calling 313-596-2499.

For the Board meeting schedule, video, minutes, and other information, visit the website at detroitmi.gov/bopc. The public also can get news and updates by signing up to subscribe to BOPC news at the website.