

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 19, 2021 – 3:00 PM**  
**Location: DPSH, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226**

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain LeeNovia Robinson provided the invocation.
- III. **Mission Statement of the Board of Police Commissioners.**
- IV. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD, Chairperson	Yes	
Martin Jones, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
Annie Holt	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- V. **Commissioner Bernard** moved to approve the Agenda for Thursday, August 19, 2021. The motion was adopted.

**VOTE:                      Yes = 7                      No = 1                      Motion: ADOPTED**

**Yes:** Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Jones, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, and Commissioner Holt.

**No:** Commissioner Davis.

- VI. **Chairperson Holley called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for August 12, 2021. The minutes were approved as corrected.**

**VOTE:                      Yes = 8                      No = 0                      Motion: ADOPTED**

- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**

- VIII. **Chair's Report. Chairperson Holley** shared the following updates and reminders: (1) Reminders about COVID-19 & Open Meetings Act. Thank you again for attending our meeting. We continue to encourage everyone to stay safe as COVID-19 continues to exist. The Board will continue to meet in person, but we have expanded access to give everyone the best chance to see and participate at a time when CDC guidelines for public meetings really limit the space for public seating. These expanded options give all residents and other stakeholders the best, risk-free opportunity to see and take part in every Board meeting.

Commissioners, at this time, I would like to share several updates for your consideration. In-Person Meetings and Remote Options for Commissioners:

The OMA prohibits a public body from meeting remotely, unless an accommodation of an absent member of the body is necessary due to: 1) Military duty; 2) A medical condition; or 3) In the event of a statewide or local state of emergency or state of disaster

declared pursuant to governing law. Therefore, Commissioners who are unable to attend the In-Person Board Meeting(s) may only participate via the remote option if their absence meets one of the exceptions previously shared. I am also requesting advanced notice of your excusal from the in-person meetings.

Thank you to TJA Adams Staffing Services for their work on the Chief of Police Executive Search Process as well as the Board as we work to fill charter mandates: We have submitted to Mayor Duggan our recommended list of candidates' names for consideration of appointment to Chief of Police. We will await further communication from Mayor Duggan. Thank you Board for your patience and cooperation.

Regarding today's meeting presentation/reports: Chief of Police Report: We look forward to hearing the Chief's Report and any critical updates including the recent announcement made by Governor Whitmer to provide funding to reduce crime and support local law enforcement agencies. Presentation(s): Today, we will have one presentation by Sex Crimes Unit, Captain John Serda, Commanding Officer.

Under New Business: Proposed Bylaw Amendments - Dr. Frances Jackson is here today to summarize and provide an overview of the proposed bylaw amendments to add the Committee Structure to the Board's operations. Staff previously provided all support material. The Board is not scheduled to vote on the proposed amendments today. However, a summary will be provided for each amendment so that we have a good understanding of what is being proposed for your consideration.

Lastly, a few (Administrative) reminders for the meetings: OCI Cases – Reminder to read Cases to ensure Charter Mandates and to prevent backlog. Many Commissioners have asked to participate in reviewing and approving OCI Complaint Cases. Some of you, however, have refused to comply. I am asking you to comply with this request because it affects the case backlog. The rotation order has been distributed to Commissioners. We cannot expect the staff to do their work if we do not complete our work 27th Annual NACOLE Conference has begun this week - The conference will go through October 7, 2021. The In-Person NACOLE Conference will be held later this year. I am asking that Commissioners attend the virtual conferences held during each week as we work to keep informed of effective practices and trends in civilian oversight. (2) New OCI Investigators are scheduled to start next Monday, August 23, 2021. We look forward to meeting our new investigators next week. OCI Merrill Plaisance Plumbing Updates – As an update, the plumbing issues at Merrill Plaisance have been completely resolved. Notifications have been distributed to staff. We will continue to work with the Department and the City to ensure that our staff members and all who are assigned to the Merrill Plaisance remain in a safe building to perform work their responsibilities. You will receive further updates next week about OCI and Merrill Plaisance during the OCI Monthly Presentation next week. Facial Recognition Technology Update from Commissioner Burton: Commissioner Burton, I am looking forward to your report on Facial Recognition during next week's Board Meeting.

**Resolution: Commissioner Holt** read the resolution honoring Corporal Theopolis Williams (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
CORPORAL THEOPOLIS WILLIAMS**

**WHEREAS** Theopolis Williams was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 29, 1995. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Williams began his career at the Seventh Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** He dutifully served the Seventh Precinct, Northeastern District, Homicide, Narcotics/Vice Enforcement, and Major Crimes. Officer Williams displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments. On October 18, 2018, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and served at the Arson Unit and again in Homicide until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS** During his law enforcement career, Corporal Williams was the deserving recipient of a Lifesaving Citation and Medal, Chief Unit Award, Consent Judgment Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

**WHEREAS** Corporal Williams has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 26 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication have been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a consummate professional.

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Corporal Theopolis Williams and his 26-plus years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Corporal Theopolis Williams.

**Commissioner Holt** moved adoption of a resolution, which after debate and amendment, was adopted as follows: *Resolved*, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of Corporal Theopolis Williams and his 26-plus years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

**IX. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information: Chief James E. White** reported on officers injured in the line of duty; current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting DPD and the community. **See attached Meeting Transcripts for more information.**

**XI. PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: Special Victims Unit - Sex Crimes – Captain John Serda**

**Special Victims Unit - Sex Crimes – Captain John Serda** provided an overview of the Special Victims Unit – Sex Crimes. During the presentation, Captain Serda explained the responsibilities of the assigned members; described the varying degrees of Criminal Sexual Conduct (CSC) as well as other assaults. Also discussed was the “S.A.K. Task Force”; prevention efforts; community initiatives; false reporting and the associated consequences; and other key updates for the Board’s awareness.

**XII. Report from Interim Board Secretary Melanie White/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 8/9/21 – 8/15/21
2. Correspondence from Nathaniel Green Re: Recommendations of educational, work experience and community activism for establishing police civilian oversight commission.
3. Detroit Police Department Response to the Board's 21st Century Policing Resolution.
4. Correspondence from Director Katrina Patillo, Human Resources Bureau Re: Response to Board of Police Commissioners Question posed during August 12, 2021 Human Resources Presentation.
5. Staff Reports

**XIII. Unfinished Business.**

**A. Proposed Bylaw Amendment Discussion – Committee Structure**

**Dr. Frances Jackson, RN, PRP, Board Parliamentarian**, provided an overview of the proposed bylaw amendments recommending adding Committees to the Board’s organizational structure. **Dr. Jackson** also discussed the parameters and guidelines for Executive Committee and Committee of the Whole. **Chairperson Holley** discussed that based on Dr. Jackson’s recommendations, revisions would be made and the Board’s recommendations would be included in a final draft for consideration by the full Board. Additionally, the Board’s Parliamentarian and the City Law Department would provide a final review and evaluation of the revised proposed bylaw amendments for the Board’s consideration.

**XIV. New Business.**

**XV. Announcements.**

**Mr. Robert Brown** announced the following:

1. **Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, August 26, 2021, @ 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

2. **Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, September 9, 2021, @ 6:30 p.m. at 4th Precinct@ Kemeny Recreation Center, 2260 South Fort, Detroit, MI 48217.

**XVI. Oral Communications/Public Comments:**

Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Michelle George, Minister Eric Blount, and Mr. Rhuben Black is Mr. Rhuben Crowley offered public comments.

**XVII. Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.**

**Motion:** Commissioner Holt

**Motion:** Adopted.

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