

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 17, 2022 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226

- I. **Chairperson Jim Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Leslie Walker 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	
Bryan Ferguson, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- V. **Chairperson Holley** called for any additions to the Agenda for Thursday, February 17, 2022, the motion was accepted and adopted.
- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for February 10, 2022. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VIII. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Holley reported on the following information:

(1) First, I want to thank everyone for attending this afternoon's Board Meeting despite the winter weather forecast for this evening. We will handle our meeting agenda items in an efficient manner to allow for your safe travel home. I thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We continue to honor and pay special tribute during Black History Month and every day to those lives and legacies that show extraordinary sacrifices to ensure civil rights, constitutional protections and equal justice for all.

We all stand on their shoulders. This Board, especially, was born from the people's sacrifices in Civil Uprising against Police Brutality and the need for justice that gave us the 1974 Charter and this city's first black Mayor and its longest-serving Mayor, Coleman A. Young.

Commissioners - We sit here like the first five members did: Rev. Charles Butler, a well-known eastside pastor; Douglas Fraser, a UAW Leader; Edward Littlejohn, a lawyer and college professor, Susan Mills-Peek, an activist and a community organization director, and Alexander Ritchie, a corporate executive and school board member. They all helped pioneer a rich legacy and strong foundation of Independent Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement for the Detroit community.

Accordingly, they paved the way for Commissioners who would follow in their footsteps to continue advocating for social change, social justice and civil rights, not just locally but also internationally.

Since its inception, the Board would consist of Board Members who have tremendous, far-reaching impact on the community and across the globe, working to protect the rights of others, advocating for fair treatment, and due process for all.

We have been doing this for 48 years, so we lose some of our Heroes and Sheroes along the way.

Thus, today, we celebrate the life and legacy of former Police Commissioner and Civil Rights Warrior Roy Levy Williams, who was involved in countless civil rights issues and social justice advancements during his 40 years as national trustee and board member with the NAACP.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to his family and the community on this great loss. Many of us knew him and know his family. His niece, Dr. Lisa Jackson, is a Commissioner on the Independent Community Police Oversight Commission, and active with MCOLES and NACOLE, so we know Roy's rich legacy continues.

We also continue to pay special tribute to so many others who continue to fight against injustice and promote fairness, equality, and justice for all.

- (2) Commissioners, last evening, you received copies of the Opinion and the Order issued yesterday by United States District Court Judge Sean Cox in the lawsuit, Willie E. Burton vs City of Detroit and others. Judge Cox dismissed that lawsuit with prejudice, which means the lawsuit can't be filed again. You can review the opinion for details, but it is important to know – and to put on the record: This federal judge ruled that the City and this Board did nothing wrong. This Board, and every member, must act in a professional manner. That's why we have Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. As I pointed out earlier, Detroiters sacrificed to create this Board, and a lot of great people have sat in these chairs. We need to respect them and ourselves as we do this important work. Thank you.
- (3) **DPD TOWING RFP ACTIVITY:**
In January 2022, the Department requested the assistance of the Board and its Tow Ad Hoc Subcommittee to help facilitate the procurement of towing contractors in accordance with local laws and policies. This request was based on the renewal of the Request for Proposal (RFP) for privately-owned towing companies to provide towing and recovery services to the DPD.

The Board agreed and selected members for this special committee. The Board's designated Tow Ad Hoc Committee is a special committee with confidential and sensitive considerations given the City of Detroit's Office of Contracts and Procurement policies. Committee Members received all of the information and have assisted the Department in this project as requested and are prepared to make a recommendation to the Board today.
- (4) **GUN / CASE BACKLOG PROJECT PRESENTATION:**
The presentation on the "Gun/Case Backlog Project" has been rescheduled to next week during our regular Board Meeting. Again, this forum will provide more information regarding new initiatives and efforts to reduce the gun case backlog within the judicial system and other public safety initiatives. We look forward to the Board and community getting this important information.
- (5) **OCI INVESTIGATOR INTERVIEWS:**
Board Members, today we will begin conducting interviews for the vacant Investigator positions. We have two (2) interviews today. City HR will facilitate this process.
- (6) **DPD FY 22-23 BUDGET DETAILED REPORT:**
Last week, we received the Department's Fiscal Year 2022-23 Budget Detailed Report. We look forward to Board Action next Thursday after the Commissioners and staff have had sufficient time to pose any inquiries to the Department.

(7) **CLOSED SESSION:**

We have a closed session today regarding two (2) Administrative Leave Without Pay but With Medical Benefits for Police Officer Ryan Carver and Sergeant Jessica Jones.

(8) **CHIEF'S REPORT:**

We also look forward to receiving the Department's report today on vital crime updates and critical incidents.

DPD APPOINTMENTS TO THE RANKS OF COMMANDER AND CAPTAIN:

The Board received several DPD packets for appointments to the ranks of Commander and Captain.

We look forward to hearing from Chief White regarding the candidates in preparation for a Board vote today.

(9) **TODAY'S PRESENTATIONS:**

We look forward to the Presentation from the Use of Force Quarterly Report # 4.

Lastly, even with Judge Cox's ruling yesterday affirming the need for professional conduct, I want to give a final reminder: please use this forum in a professional and respectful manner. We will not use this forum as a political platform nor to harm, disparage or demean any person. Board Members or anyone who violates the Board's Bylaws or disrupts the meeting will be subject to action consistent with the Board Bylaws Article 11 Conduct of Meetings and the Open Meetings Act. Thank you for your professionalism and cooperation as we handle the important work of civilian oversight.

A. Chief of Police James E. White's Recommendations for Appointment to the Ranks of Commander (1) and Captain (2).

Motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Commander - Captain Stacy Alvarado.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Captain - Lieutenant Laurie Carter.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Captain - Lieutenant William Sims.

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

B. Vice Chairperson Ferguson moved that the Board approve the DPD Towing Packet submitted to the Board (i.e. Request for Proposal; DPD Towing Hardship Waiver Application; Addendums Questions and Responses; and Board's Tow Rules and Regulations (Attachment A) in alignment with the Board's September 9, 2021, Resolution approving the Office of Contracts and Procurements to facilitate the bidding process for Towing Contracts in compliance with the Board's Resolution and all laws and policies.

1. Police Towers RFP
2. Police Towers RPP Questions and Response Addendum 1
3. Police Towing Addendum 2
4. Police Towing Attachment A
5. Towing Hardship Waiver

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abstain = 1 Motion: ADOPTED

IX. Resolutions.

Commissioner Hernandez read the resolution honoring Corporal Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
CORPORAL NICHOLLE QUINN-ABDULLAH**

WHEREAS Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 28, 1999. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Quinn-Abdullah began her career at the Twelfth Precinct Patrol Operations Section; and

WHEREAS She dutifully served the Twelfth Precinct, Fiscal Management, Western District, Twelfth Precinct again, and Breaking and Entering Task Force. Officer Quinn-Abdullah displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in her assignments. On December 12, 2020, she was promoted to the rank of Neighborhood Police Officer (NPO). On February 15, 2021, NPO Quinn-Abdullah earned promotion to the rank of Corporal and began training newly appointed Patrol Officers. She was assigned to the Twelfth Precinct, where she served until her retirement; and

WHEREAS During her law enforcement career, Corporal Quinn-Abdullah was the deserving recipient of a Departmental Citation, Perfect Attendance Award, both Consent Judgment Awards, Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

WHEREAS Corporal Quinn-Abdullah has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for almost 23 years. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication have been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, 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 Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah's years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Corporal Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah.

Commissioner Hernandez moved adoption of a resolution, which 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 Nicholle Quinn-Abdullah's years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards."

Commissioner Carter read the resolution honoring Former Police Commissioner and Civil Rights Warrior Roy Levy Williams (Posthumously).

**RESOLUTION HONORING FORMER POLICE COMMISSIONER AND
CIVIL RIGHTS WARRIOR ROY LEVY WILLIAMS**

WHEREAS Roy Levy Williams has a storied history in civil rights that began in the Detroit area, spanned two terms as a Police Commissioner, soared to international heights as he worked for social justice and civil rights for all people; and earned him many recognitions, including the Urban League's Distinguished Warrior honor; and

WHEREAS His impressive record includes pivotal roles during great moments of change, where he worked across political spectrums to create opportunities, or to take advantage of opportunities, to uplift communities and people. Those roles included serving as Special Assistant for Urban Affairs to Governor William Milliken, Public Affairs Executive for Chrysler Corporation, and Vice President of the Highland Park Chamber of Commerce. His tenure as Chair of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority from 1984-2000 showcased his passion for livable communities and affordable housing - which had shaped his studies at Wayne State University and the University of Manchester in England - and made him a global force in planning and development; and

WHEREAS The civil rights arena benefited most from his prodigious talents. In 1978, he began six years as Detroit Urban League President. In 1984, he joined the national board of the NAACP. As an esteemed Trustee and Board Member for four decades, he helped steer the NAACP into the modern era, contributed to countless civil rights issues, and advanced social justice in America; and

WHEREAS

Police reform and civilian oversight of law enforcement held great interest for this civil rights warrior, who was so respected that Mayor Coleman A. Young appointed him to the Board twice. Even with the demands of his many endeavors, Police Commissioner Williams dedicated himself to improving public safety and making the Police Department reflective of the community and its values. He was known to share wisdom and criticism as he served from 1981-86 and from 1989-1994. The Board's framework of community-led police oversight has long benefited from Police Commissioner Williams, whose passing is deeply mourned by Detroit and the civil rights community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the people of the great City of Detroit, salutes the lifelong contributions and public service of former Police Commissioner Roy Levy Williams. The Board awards this resolution posthumously as a permanent testament of the gratitude for the lasting influence and achievements of this irreplaceable civil rights warrior.

Commissioner Carter moved adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: "*Resolved*, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the people of the great City of Detroit, salutes the lifelong contributions and public service of former Police Commissioner Roy Levy Williams. The Board awards this resolution posthumously as a permanent testament of the gratitude for the lasting influence and achievements of this irreplaceable civil rights warrior."

X. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:

Deputy Chief DeShaune Sims representing Chief James E. White reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community. *See the attached Meeting Transcripts* and DPD Crime Reports for more information posted to the Board's webpage.

XI. Presentations to the Board – Use of Force Quarter #4 – Captain Dietrich Lever

A. Use of Force Quarter #4 – Captain Dietrich Lever provided a summary of statistical data for the Department's Use of Force Report Year to Date – January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2021. The policy establishes guidelines and limitations for the Detroit Police Department (DPD) concerning the appropriate and acceptable use of deadly and less lethal force and also identifies the improper use of authority and / or excessive or unjustified use of force and the associating penalties. This presentation is based on the Board's request to receive quarterly and annual updates on the Department's Use of Force. We thank the Department for sharing the report this week, and we look forward to learning more about the details of the report and receiving responses to our inquiries. In August of 2020, the Board approved immediate reforms for the Department's Use of Force Policy amid national outcry and global protests stemming from the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police. At that time, the policy was under revision and the Board and the Department worked to ensure the revised policy was in consistent with safe, fair, and 21st Century Public Safety measures. The Board worked with the Department in just two (2) months to ensure that the policy banned chokeholds and other carotid techniques, required a de-escalation continuum and a minimal reliance on force, and required the duty to intervene when observing use of force by law enforcement among other key requirements. The policy also required the Department to submit a quarterly report to the Board detailing the Department's use of force to further evaluate patterns and trends in this area. The Reports will also be posted on line and available to the public. *See the attached Meeting Transcripts* and DPD Crime Reports for more information posted to the Board's webpage.

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

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 2/7/22 – 2/13/22
2. DPD ShotSpotter Report 2/7/22 – 2/13/22
3. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Executive Appointment to the Rank of Commander - Captain Stacy Alvarado

4. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Executive Appointment to the Rank of Captain – Lieutenant Laurie Carter
5. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Executive Appointment to the Rank of Captain – Lieutenant William Sims
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8. Police Towing Addendum 2
9. Police Towing Attachment A
10. Towing Hardship Waiver
11. Staff Reports

XIII. Unfinished Business:

Commissioner Bell “moved to censor Commissioner Burton for ongoing misconduct and violation of the Board’s bylaw Article XI.”

VOTE: Yes = 3 No = 6 Motion: ADOPTED

XIV. Announcements.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 24, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, March 10, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at WCCC District - Downtown Campus, Hayden Room, 1001 West Fort St., Detroit, MI 48226

XV. Oral Communications/Public Comments.

Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Lory Parks, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Joy, Ms. Frances Whithers, and Mr. Scotty Boman offered public comments.

XVI. New Business

Motion: Commissioner Hernandez moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a).

- (1) Regarding Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Ryan Carver, Badge 3920, Assigned to the Ninth Precinct.
- (2) Regarding Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Jessica Jones, Badge S-789, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center. (2/3 roll call vote)” (Time: 5:35 p.m.). The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice Chairperson Ferguson, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Moore.

XVII. Motion to Reconvene the Public Meeting.

Motion: Commissioner Bernard moved to “Reconvene the Public Meeting” (6:28 p.m.) The motion was adopted.

- (1) **Commissioner Bell** moved that the Board support Chief of Police James White’s recommendation to place Police Officer Ryan Carver, Badge 3920, assigned to the Ninth Precinct on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits. The motion was adopted.

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 1 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Ferguson, Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Moore.

No: Commissioner Bernard.

(2) Motion: Chief of Police James White's recommendation to place Sergeant Jessica Jones, Badge S-789, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center on Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits.

A. MAIN MOTION: Commissioner Bell "moved that the Board of Police Commissioners postpone the Chief of Police James White's recommendation to place Sergeant Jessica Jones, Badge S-789, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center on Administrative Leave without Pay but with Medical Benefits for three (3) weeks."

B. AMENDMENT MOTION: Commissioner Burton moved to strike out the words "three (3) weeks" and insert "30 days."

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Ferguson, Commissioner Bernard, Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Moore.

C. MAIN MOTION WITH THE APPROVED AMENDMENT: Commissioner Burton "moved that the Board of Police Commissioners postpone Chief of Police James White's recommendation to place Sergeant Jessica Jones, Badge S-789, assigned to the Detroit Detention Center on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for 30 days."

VOTE Yes = 8 No = 1 Motion: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Holley, Vice-Chairperson Ferguson, Commissioner Banks, Commissioner Bell, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Carter, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Moore.

No: Commissioner Bernard

XVIII. Adjournment.

Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m.