

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 28, 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 Jeffrey Morris 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	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	Yes	
Rev. QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- V. **Chairperson Holley** called for any additions to the Agenda for Thursday, April 28, 2022. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- VI. **Chairperson Holley** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for April 21, 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) **DPD OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTING INCIDENT – APRIL 22, 2022:** Yesterday, the Board had the opportunity to attend the Department's Debriefing regarding the recent DPD Officer-Involved Shooting at Schoolcraft and Outer Drive at the BP Gas Station. The Michigan State Police is leading this investigation and the investigation is still pending. With the rest of the community, we will follow the State's investigation and any information state police share with the public. As the Board, we will have updates from the Department as it evaluates the facts, actions, and circumstances against DPD policy, procedures, and the law. The Department remains transparent and accountable in these and other important matters. This type of engagement between both the Department and the Board will help ensure that we learn important lessons to either prevent, deter police misconduct and/or acknowledge appropriate police action and also determine whether the officer's actions were legitimate and appropriate under the circumstances while maintaining transparency with the community. We thank Chief White and the Department for their work and collective efforts.
- (2) **RECENT POLICE-INVOLVED SHOOTING INCIDENT IN GRAND RAPIDS:** Last week, we shared our prayers, condolences, and support to the Grand Rapids community, the family of Patrick Lyoya, and the Grand Rapids Police Accountability Board regarding the recent police-involved fatal shooting encounter of Mr. Lyoya. This week, we have learned the offending officer's name in that case. Again, as members of a civilian oversight body, we share the ongoing concerns about excessive force and the fatal use of force by police officers against people who

are unarmed, and who disproportionately are people of color. We continue to denounce unnecessary and excessive use of fatal force, and we grieve each time someone else is added to this unnecessary list of victims. Therefore, we are asking the Department to discuss what lessons we can learn from the recent Grand Rapids Police fatal encounter. It is also important today that we hear reminders about DPD's required policies and procedures in a similar circumstance for everyone's awareness.

- (3) **TODAY'S AGENDA:** Regarding today's Agenda, the Department will also share other vital crime updates and critical incidents for our awareness. Today, we have presentations on the Department's ShotSpotter and Facial Recognition Technology Systems.
- (4) **REPORTS FROM OCI, DISCIPLINARY, RISK MANAGEMENT, AND UPDATES ON UNION CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS:** As a reminder, the Board receives routine reports from the Office of the Chief Investigator, Disciplinary Administration, the New Risk Management Unit, and we just recently met with the Mayor regarding union contract negotiations. The Board receives weekly reports from the Office of the Chief Investigator, our Investigative Division, detailing the total number caseload, cases over the allotted timeframe for closure, and other incoming cases for the week. In the near future, we will begin approving those reports each week acknowledging our receipt and awareness of the status of the OCI total Caseload. Regarding Disciplinary Administration, we have recently met with the Chief's Office and provided a request in writing to receive Quarterly Reports and Updates regarding Disciplinary Administration caseload status and those cases that have been reversed/changed (either due to arbitration decisions, Department policies, or otherwise). Those reports are forthcoming. The Department's Risk Management Unit is a new unit and we are therefore working with the Department to determine regular reporting mechanisms for the Board's awareness regarding those DPD Members who are identified as having early warning behavioral indicators and signs of at-risk. By policy, the Department, OCI, the Civil Rights Unit, and Professional Standards Bureau are all required to meet on a quarterly basis to exchange information regarding alleged officer misconduct and to exchange information on an immediate basis, regarding members, precincts, platoons, and operations that may reflect patterns and trends of police misconduct or risk-related events. Those reports are forthcoming given the unit's recent inception. Since the new Risk Management Unit's inception during the last quarter of 2021, we have received at least four (4) reports/presentations, and we are now in the implementation stage. DPD Union Contract Negotiations are still underway. As previously shared, the Board provided recommendations regarding the union contracts mirroring City Charter mandates involving the Board's disciplinary authority, notifications to the Board regarding selection of arbitrators, and arbitration decisions and also aligning the union contract with 21st Century Policing and Oversight Best Practices regarding investigations among other recommendations.
- (5) **OCI NEW INVESTIGATIVE STAFF MEMBERS:** Today, we welcome our newest additions to our staff: Investigator Pamela King, Investigator Ralph Kinney, and Investigator Nicole McKee. The investigators will be assigned to our Investigative Division, Office of the Chief Investigator, investigating alleged police misconduct complaints. We are glad to have you join our team and we look forward to working with you towards ensuring transparency and accountability within the DPD. Today, the new staff members will take their oath of office. At this time, would Investigators King, Kinney, and McKee and Interim Chief Investigator Akbar, please come forward while I administer the Oath of Office.

IX. Resolution.

Commissioner Holt read the resolution honoring Corporal Richard Townsel (Retirement).

RESOLUTION HONORING CORPORAL RICHARD TOWNSEL

WHEREAS Richard Townsel was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on November 15, 1999. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Townsel began his career at the First Precinct Patrol Operations Section; and

WHEREAS He dutifully served the First Precinct Patrol Operations Section, Thirteenth Precinct Patrol Operations Section, Central District, Technical Services, and Fleet Management. Officer Townsel displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments. On October 18, 2018, he earned promotion to the rank of Corporal and continued to serve at Fleet Management until his retirement; and

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

WHEREAS Corporal Townsel has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 22 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.

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 Richard Townsel's more than 22 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 Richard Townsel.

Commissioner Holt 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 Richard Townsel's more than 22 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."

X. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:
Chief James E. White reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; COVID-19 impacts; and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD Crime Reports for more information and also posted to the Board's webpage.

XI. Presentations to the Board – Facial Recognition & ShotSpotter Technology Systems – Captain Anthony O'Rourke, Crime Intelligence Unit

A. Facial Recognition & ShotSpotter Technology Systems – Captain Anthony O'Rourke, Crime Intelligence Unit provided a summary of the ShotSpotter Gunshot Detection Technology and the Facial Recognition Technology Programs. The presentation included description of both technology programs, policy and contract provisions, data and statistics regarding Part I Violent Crimes and year-to-date comparisons using the technology systems, emphasis on DPD policy maintaining strict civil liberty protections, other key updates. The Board also submitted the following inquiries for DPD Response among other inquiries:

- (1) Please explain both ShotSpotter and Facial Recognition Technology project systems and the objectives for both of these initiatives.
- (2) Please provide the budget for both the ShotSpotter and the Facial Recognition Technology Program.
- (3) How does ShotSpotter and the Facial Recognition Technology fall within the new outcome budgeting appropriations in DPD's FY 23 Budget for monitoring and tracking purposes?
- (4) Are these initiatives/programs staffed by DPD personnel only or does DoIT (Department of Information Technology) provide support?
- (5) Since technology deployment to date, have there been any policy violations of either the ShotSpotter and/or Facial Recognition Technology, either procedurally, constitutionally, or otherwise?
- (6) How does the Department audit and monitor the systems for any violations or misuse of the systems? For example, does the Department require requesting units/members to complete an initial application with certain mandates prior to granting the Facial Recognition Technology composite?
- (7) Has the Department denied any Facial Recognition Requests since the policy was initially implemented? If so, what are some of the reasons for denying the requests?

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

1. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 4/18/22 – 4/24/22
2. DPD ShotSpotter Report 4/18/22 – 4/24/22
3. Project Green Light Report 4/25/22
4. Staff Reports

XIII. Unfinished Business.

XIV. New Business.

Motion: Commissioner Burton moved “to amend the current policy to give citizens an additional minute to speak during public comments.” The motion is lost for want of a second.

XV. Announcements

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, May 12, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at WCCC District - Eastern Campus, Cooper Room, 5901 Conner St., Detroit, MI 48213.

Monthly Committee Meetings' Schedule for May 2022 – Every 2nd Wednesday

Budget Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
Personnel & Training Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:00 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 4:30 p.m.

All Committee Meetings will take place in the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters

XVI. Oral Communications/Public Comments.

Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Joy, Mr. Scotty Boman, and Ms. Brenda Hill offered public comments.

XVII. Adjournment.

Chairperson Holley adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.