



Board of Police Commissioners

Accountability through Civilian Oversight

Board of Police Commissioners Public Comments during July 14, 2022 Meeting

Sixteen members of the public spoke during the public comments portion of the meeting. See transcript of the meeting posted on the Board's website, for a complete report of each speaker's remarks.

The Board of Police determined that the remarks made by the other speakers did not require a response in addition to that provided in the meeting.

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Mr. Antoine Hayes his urge that the BOPC exercise of authority to independent audit and verified department for reporting citizen complaints. He also wants the BOPC to make known those public potential candidates in merits upon hiring and internal promotions are based.

No action needed.

Mr. Warfield briefly touches upon his time working at the 10th Precinct as a police explorer, working over 40 years, also as a commissioner on this Board. The former commissioners that he worked with would not have allowed certain things to linger or be transparent. He mentioned that the towing rules should be rewrote so that African American towers can be on the same playing field as he them to get the same towing permits.

No action needed

Mr. Davis stated that more attention should be given to citizen complaints, because there was a 13% increase since last February. He also stated that there should be more people in the Office of Chief investigators and the Board office. The focus should be to analyze what is going on in Civilian oversight.

No action needed

Ms. Joy congratulating the anniversary of the BOPC, saying this has been the greatest, communities of Detroit and Michigan, she wants to increase the police accountability to residents and help the Board advocate with government. She believes that the government should give the public more confidence in the Board and that it will improves resident and police relations.

No action needed

Ms. Johnson wants the police department data to be analyzed by an independently body and this Board. She further talks about the citizen oversight for the citizens for Detroit and that she tends to keep on attending the meetings.

No action needed

Ms. Shaw spoke about the presentation she has for the board and trying to confirm a date. She mentioned data analysis and law enforcement oversight, and the usage of tax dollars, police conduct and misconduct disparities in treatment, and monitoring the impacts of advancing law enforcement technologies.

No action needed

Reverend Turner talks about the oversight on what they need to do to improve and how to manage, he believes that we should speak up and speak out and to represent the Board and to represent the staff.

No action needed

Ms. Johnson starts off by talking about her being a part of the Grand River Community Block Club and how she's been living her since 1969, she further goes on to address that Police Department data needs to be analyzed independently by the Board.

No action needed

Mr. Stan Turner II stated that the decreasing in crime is good to hear. He said that that Board is designed to provide civilian oversight of the Police Department and checks and balances are necessary.

No action needed

Ms. Watts touches on some key words from her former boss, Charles Anderson say that "this not sexy work, this not easy work" so continues on by talking about the Fullerton corridor visionaries project as she plans to keep Fullerton clean and safe.

No action needed

Ms. George talked about gun violence as today's generation kids now have access to fire arms is dangerous, she also points out school bullying and that's there's much more violence in schools today and she wants a legislation for guns.

No action needed

Ms. Morris addresses towing fees and cost saying that the cost is too much, thanked the 10th Precinct for resolving her situation. She stated that if a citizen is victimized, they should not be charged twice, and this need to be looked into.

No action needed

Ms. Broughton touches on how people pay there towing charges with cash, that cannot be investigated. She spoke about the 800 plus citizen complaints and the timeframe in which they should be completed.

No action needed

Minister Eric Blount stated that after 48 years the Board has fallen into disarray. He asked if someone could explain why police officers misconduct is not the dominant focus of discussion at these meeting.
No action needed

Mr. Bowman speaks about the BOPC needs to aggressively fill the positions for chief investigator and board secretary. He thinks some members of this board is trying to keep the interims in these positions.
No action needed

Ms. Thomas stats he has issues with the charter compliance when it comes to oversight of the Detroit Police Department. Data analysis should not be based on they say, there should be some oversight. There needs to be some external independent analysis.
No action needed