

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 29, 2022 – 3:00 PM**  
**Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226**

- I. **Chairperson Bryan Ferguson called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Lei Sean Curtis-Duncan provided the invocation.
- III. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Holt	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		Excused
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

IV. **Chairperson Ferguson** called to approve the Agenda for Thursday, September 29, 2022. The motion was accepted and adopted.

V. **Chairperson Ferguson** called for any corrections to the Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2022.

**(1) Motion:** **Commissioner Bernard** moved to “amend the minutes by striking the commentary following the Board’s Approval of the Resolution Affirming Board’s Support of a Harassment-Free Workplace Environment.”

**Yes Votes:** Commissioners Bernard and Moore

**No Votes:** Chairperson Ferguson, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Holley, Pressley, Banks, Bell, and Carter

**Motion Result:** Failed

**(2) Motion:** **Commissioner Pressley** moved to adopt the Meeting Minutes for September 22, 2022.

**Yes Votes:** Chairperson Ferguson, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Holley, Pressley, Banks, Bell, and Carter

**No Votes:** Commissioners Bernard and Moore

**Motion Result:** Adopted

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

VII. **Chair’s Report.** **Chairperson Ferguson** reported on the following information: “Thank you for attending today’s Board Meeting. Today, we have several action items on the agenda that require a BOPC vote, including and not limited to acknowledging the life and legacy of Sergeant Robert Walter Clement. We look forward to honoring his service and

dedication to the Department and to this community. His family is also here, so we look forward to presenting this tribute to his family. We also have other business items including the BOPC hire, DPD Appointments, and other business matters to complete. This week, we received a legal opinion from Corporation Counsel discussing one of the items. As a reminder, to discuss any personnel matter requires a Closed Session under the Open Meetings Act (OMA). Thank you for your cooperation.

**PRESENTATIONS:** Additionally, today, we have two presentations: one from the Detectives Bureau and the Civil Rights Presentation, which we moved to this week to ensure that we were able to attend Chief White's Town Hall Summit last week. We look forward to those presentations and the updates the Department will share as part of its ongoing measures to provide transparency and accountability to the BOPC and the community.

**CHIEF OF POLICE TOWN HALL SUMMIT:** Last week, we attended Chief White's Town Hall Summit where law enforcement, judicial, and the community at large discussed strategies and methods towards reducing gun violence in our community. Chief, the Town Hall was excellent with meaningful, substantive presentations and discussions to better inform the community on the measures that DPD has taken to reduce and deter crime and the effective technology leveraged to make a difference. The auditorium was packed with an excellent turnout from the community, and we are sure that this is the start of a continuing initiative toward ensuring greater community education, engagement, and partnership toward reducing and deterring crime here in the City and enhancing police-community relations. Chief, we look forward to your update on that Town Hall, as well as other measures regarding crime trends, and any other information of interest to the Board and the community.

Regarding ShotSpotter Technology Policy, the Board looks forward to receiving the Department's proposed updated policy for review and approval as part of our continuing efforts to ensure the policy is in line with best practices and constitutional protections for the community. Thank you for your time. We at the Board continue to work with the Department to enhance data reporting on non-criminal citizen complaints outcomes and outputs and other key law enforcement data collection measures. We look forward to sharing more updates/findings with the community from the Board and Department as part of our joint commitment to transparency and accountability."

- A. Motion to hire Ms. Candace Hayes as the Board of Police Commissioners Administration Assistant. The motion was adopted.
- B. Motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Commander - Captain Ryan Connor. The motion was adopted.

Motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Captain - Lieutenant Matthew Fulgenzi. The motion was adopted.

Motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Captain - Lieutenant James R. Coles, Jr. The motion was adopted.

**VIII. Resolution.**

Commissioner Moore read the resolution honoring Retired Sergeant Walter Robert Clement (Posthumously).

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
RETIRED SERGEANT WALTER ROBERT CLEMENT  
POSTHUMOUSLY**

**WHEREAS,** Walter R. Clement was a graduate of Mumford High School. He was a true athlete from the neighborhood who ran track and swam. After attending Ferris State University on a track scholarship, Walter returned to Detroit with a commitment to public service. He was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 24, 1977. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Clement began his career at the Second Precinct; and

**WHEREAS,** Officer Clement dutifully served the Second Precinct, Third Precinct, Fourteenth Precinct, Special Response Team, Detroit Metropolitan Academy, Thirteenth Precinct, First Precinct, and Sex Crimes Unit. After displaying tremendous knowledge and leadership skills, Officer Clement was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on March 20, 1998. His assignments included the Eleventh Precinct, Eighth Precinct, and Management Services Bureau. Sergeant Clement served the Detroit Police Department for 35 years, before moving to New Mexico. On Monday, September 19, 2022, Retired Sergeant Walter Robert Clement passed away from Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis, or ALS; and

**WHEREAS,** During his law enforcement career, Retired Sergeant Clement was the deserving recipient of many recognitions, including Department Citation, Wound Award, two Perfect Attendance Awards, four Chief's Merits Awards, All Star Baseball Award, Super Bowl XL Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

**WHEREAS,** His legacy of public service endures. He was a strong opponent of marijuana in the beginning. Towards the end of his life, he radically changed his view and supported decriminalization of marijuana and expungements of existing convictions for "the crime of cannabis" as fundamental to justice.

**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 posthumously in recognition of Retired Sergeant Walter Clement for his dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you Retired Sergeant Walter Robert Clement for a job well done.

**Commissioner Moore** 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 posthumously in recognition of Retired Sergeant Walter Clement for his dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of 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 of Police 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.

In light of Chief White's recent Town Hall Summit and the diverse panelists who participated, **Commissioner Pressley** requested information on whether progress has been made between each layer of the criminal justice system regarding deterring and supervising individuals released on tether and bond. **Commissioner Carter** asked if the Department had reviewed and evaluated data relating to violent crime and carjacking to determine patterns and trends. **Commissioner Holley** requested the Board assist the Department with its quarterly Town Hall Summits. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD Crime Reports for more information, which is also posted to the Board's webpage.

- X. Oral Communications / Public Comments.**

Ms. Victoria Shah, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Sharon Pannell, Mr. Scotty Boman, (534), and Former Commissioner William Davis offered public comments.

Motion: In accordance with BOPC Bylaws Article XI Conduct of Meetings, Vice-Chairperson Holt moved that "Commissioner Burton is asked to refrain from disrupting the remainder of the meeting or else he will be muted or asked to leave the meeting." The motion failed.

The Board requested the Department and BOPC Staff to also follow up with citizen, Ms. Starr Carter, regarding her concerns involving a DPD Detective and provide a report to the BOPC.

- XI. Presentations to the Board – Civil Rights – Lieutenant Tara Campbell  
Detective Bureau – Commander Michael McGinnis**

- A. Civil Rights – Lieutenant Tara Campbell, Civil Rights,** provided a summary of activities regarding the audits and inspections the DPD's Audit Team has conducted involving body-worn cameras regarding the use of force and conducted energy weapons. The audits' findings helps to ensure compliance with DPD policy and laws, identify patterns and trends, and improve DPD operations among other key objectives. For 2021 and 2022, the BWC Compliance Rate was as follows: Body-Worn Camera Compliance Rate: In 2021, 9,756 events captured versus in 2022 5,136 events captured, reflecting a 98.5% compliance rate in 2021 versus a 99% compliance rate in 2022; 96% introduction rate in 2021 versus 98.5% in 2022; 95% synchronization compliance rate in 2021 versus 94.3% in 2022; and 96% overall compliance rate in 2021 versus 97.3% in

2022. In connection with the BWC audit, **Commissioner Burton** requested data about any inconsistencies between the camera and the audio. **Commissioner Bernard** requested information regarding how many cases are currently being litigated by DPD for civil rights violations, as well as the total number of cases, and how much those cases have settled for. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD Crime Reports for more information, which is also posted to the Board's webpage.

- B. Detective Bureau – Commander Michael McGinnis, Major Crime**, provided a summary of activities for the Organized Crime Division including and not limited to Drag Racing Statistics. The summary also included an outlining of investigative units within the Major Crimes including Homicide, Fatal Squad, Missing Persons, Arson, Headquarter Surveillance, Sex Crimes, Domestic Violence, Child Abuse, and Victim Assistance Program. To include in the Department's Annual Report for the Board and community awareness, **Commissioner Pressley** requested the Department's closure rate for homicides and stolen vehicles, with a rationale explaining how long the cases remain open before closing. Bernard asked how many cold cases there were. **Commissioner Bernard** asked how many cold cases there were. **Commissioner Burton** requested clarification regarding the differences in the Department's and the Michigan State Police's (MSP) homicide data. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD PowerPoint Presentation for more information, which is also posted to the Board's webpage.

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

1. Corporation Counsel Legal Opinion BOPC Hiring Practices 9/23/22
2. Letter from Chief James E. White Re: Graduation Ceremony for Class 2022-G, at Greater Grace Church, 23500 W. Seven Mile Detroit, MI 48235, Friday, October 7, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.
3. Weekly DPD Facial Recognition Technology Report 9/19/22 – 9/25/22
4. DPD ShotSpotter Report 9/19/22 – 9/25/22
5. Project Green Light Report 9/26/22
6. Staff Reports – Staff Update also included report/presentation update regarding WSU Accountability Taskforce & BOPC Collaborative Report – Use of Force and Civilian Reporting: An Independent Assessment of Data Compilation and Reporting by the Detroit Police Department and Board of Police Commissioners for greater Public Accountability and Transparency

## **XIII. New Business.**

A. Unanimous consent was obtained for the BOPC Leadership Team to further discuss the matter relating to Ms. Victoria Shah's 20-minute presentation given the Board's upcoming schedule of conducting interviews, hosting the WSU and BOPC Collaborative Report Presentation, and other BOPC priorities.

## **XIV. Announcements.**

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

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, October 6, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

**Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 6:30 p.m., at Detroit Edison Public School Academy, 1903 Wilkins St., Detroit, MI 48207.

### **Monthly Committee Meetings' Schedule for October 2022 – Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday**

Budget Committee Meeting	Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:00 p.m.
Personnel & Training Committee Meeting	Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, October 12, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

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

**XV. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Ferguson** adjourned the meeting at 6:11 p.m.

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