

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 23, 2023 – 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.** Deputy Chief Chaplain Cory Chavis 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 | | |
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| | In Attendance | Not-In Attendance |
| Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson | Yes | |
| Annie Holt | Yes | |
| Linda D. Bernard, Esq. | | Excused |
| Cedric Banks | Yes | |
| Willie E. Bell | Yes | |
| Willie E. Burton | Yes | |
| Lisa Carter | Yes | |
| Ricardo Moore | | Excused |
| Jesus Hernandez | Yes | |
| Rev. Jim Holley, PhD. | Yes | |
| QuanTez Pressley | | Excused |
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| Quorum (Yes) | 8 | |

- IV. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 23, 2023. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 16, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives.**
- VII. **Chair's Report.** **Chairperson Ferguson** reported on BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.
- VIII. **Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:** **Chief James E. White and Deputy Chief Kari Sloan** 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.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Vice Chairperson** stated "last week Assistant Chief LeValley indicated there would be follow-up report concerning subsidizing some expenses of the Chaplain Corp." Commissioner Holley followed up to ask if the Chaplin Corp can have an expense account. **Chief James E. White** stated he will take a deep dive to see where and how the department can assist the Chaplain Corp.

- IX. **Chair's Report.** **Chairperson Ferguson** had additional remarks.

Chairperson Ferguson discussed a call from Ms. Rosita Brockington, City of Detroit Human Resources regarding a labor complaint that was filed against the TASS Workers and they will be notified that their services will no longer be needed. **Ms. Rosita Brockington** addressed the Board on this matter as requested and deferred all questions to Attorney Saxby. **Commissioner Hernandez** expressed in an effort to continue and move the hiring process forward, once the total need is established in writing the Personnel and Training Committee can ensure bringing on quality investigators.

Commission Holley motioned “that Chairperson Ferguson prepare a letter to the Personnel and Training and Budget Committee regarding the hiring of Investigators.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Hernandez, Holley
No: Commissioner Burton

X. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Robert Carmack, Ms. Michelle George, Minister Eric Blount, Mr. James Ford, Ms. Brenda Hill, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Darlene Turner and Mr. George Hunter provided public comments.

XI. Report on Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

1. FOIA Request for February 2, 2023 BOPC meeting package.

XII. Announcements.

Mr. Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, March 9, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at Historic Second Baptist Church, 441 Monroe St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Monthly Committee Meetings Schedule for March 2023 – Every 2nd Wednesday

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| Budget Committee Meeting | Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. |
| Personnel & Training Committee Meeting | Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. |
| Policy Committee Meeting | Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. |
| Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting | Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. |

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

XIII. Unfinished Business.

XIV. New Business.

Commissioner Hernandez reported from the Personnel & Training Committee the hiring timeline for the Secretary to the Board and the Chief Investigator positions.

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners provide an offer letter to Ms. Victoria Shah for the position of Board Secretary for the salary of \$115,000 pending further negotiations.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Hernandez, Holley
No: Commissioner Burton

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioner provide an offer letter to Mr. Jerome Warfield for the position of Chief Investigator for the salary of \$105,000 pending further negotiations.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 2 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Hernandez, Holley
No: Commissioners Burton, Carter

Vice Chairperson Holt reported from the Budget Committee to hire permanent employees to manage the backlog, and there were several questions on the DPD Budget for the department.

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners accept DPD Budget for FY2024.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 7 NO = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Carter, Hernandez, Holley
No: Commissioner Burton

XV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 4:25 p.m.