

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 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.** Chaplain Mary Autrey 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		
	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Holt		Excused
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- IV. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 23, 2023. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 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. **Resolution.**

Commissioner Bernard read the resolution honoring Lieutenant Fredrick "Fred" C. Bowens (Posthumously).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
LIEUTENANT FREDRICK "FRED" C. BOWENS
POSTHUMOUSLY**

WHEREAS Fredrick C. Bowens was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 8, 1989. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Bowens began his career at the Sixth Precinct Patrol Operations Section; and

WHEREAS Officer Bowens dutifully served the Sixth Precinct, and the Training Academy. Officer Bowens displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills and was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on August 7, 1996. Sergeant Bowens was reassigned to the Sixth Precinct, and Tactical Services Section. On May 4, 2001 Sergeant Bowens was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. His assignments included being reassigned to Tactical Services Section, Mounted, Southwestern District, Police Reserve Section, Northeastern District, Tactical Mobile, Twelfth Precinct, Northeastern District, Eleventh Precinct, and Detainee Detention Center. On Monday, March 13, 2023, Lieutenant Fredrick C. Bowens, badge 0296, passed away; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Lieutenant Bowens was the deserving recipient of a Chief's Unit Award, Departmental Citation Award, two (2) Lifesaving Citation Awards, the Aretha Franklin Funeral Recognition Award, both Consent Judgement Awards, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Bowens passionately served the Detroit Police Department, and the citizens of Detroit for 34 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He was highly respected by his peers 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 posthumously in recognition of Lieutenant Fredrick C. Bowens' 34 years of 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 Lieutenant Fredrick C. Bowens for a job well done.

Commissioner Bernard moved the 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 Lieutenant Fredrick C. Bowens' 34 years of 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:** **Assistant Chief David LeValley** 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: **Commissioner Pressley** mentioned as a reminder his request several meetings ago to receive data of the closure rate of cases in DPD. **AC LeValley** stated DPD will provide the commissioner with the report. **Commissioner Holley** inquired about a fund available to a family of a homicide victim that could help bury that person, especially if the victim is under 18 years of age. **AC LeValley** mentioned that he will follow-up. Commissioner Bernard mentioned the Victim Crime Act fund which is managed by the prosecutor's office entitles every victim of crime some compensation support. **Commissioner Bernard** discussed a report on crime and young men and not having a father in the home, a group from New York is addressing this huge problem through mentoring. Do we have any direct programs to assist young males? **AC LeValley** mentioned that the 9th Precinct runs a mentoring program for young males. **Chairperson Ferguson** asked how close DPD is to acquiring non-lethal weapons. Also as the weather starts to get warm will DPD get a handle on drifting and drag racing; will that include mini bikes and dirt bikes? **AC LeValley** mentioned they have some of the equipment that the department is currently testing.

- X. Oral Communications / Public Comments.**

Ms. Fredia Butler, Mr. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Brenda Hill, D4 CAC Member Scotty Boman and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

Commissioner Burton moved "that the Board of Police Commissioners post the Chief Investigator position." There was no second to the motion.

- XI. Report from Board Secretary Victoria Shah / Communication (Submitted to BOPC as incoming information).**

1. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Detroit Police Basic Recruit Class 2023-B Graduation Ceremony on Friday, March 24, 2023 at Greater Grace Church
2. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Change in Duty Status to Administrative Leave Without Pay, But With Medical Benefits for NPO Mark Robbins, Badge 3622, Assigned to Traffic Enforcement
3. Letter from National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) Re: 2023 Annual Symposium

4. DPD Policy for BOPC Review 102.8 Department Internet Usage
5. DPD Policy for BOPC Review 202.5 Court Appearances
6. DPD Policy for BOPC Review 203.7 Vice and Narcotics
7. DPD Policy for BOPC Review 203.10 Child Abuse and Safe Delivery of Newborns
8. DPD Policy for BOPC Review 304.5 Training
9. DPD Policy for BOPC Review 307.5 Facial Recognition

Board Secretary Victoria Shah said, as mentioned in the incoming correspondence, the Board received six policies for review in addition to our two policies currently in the review process with Board. A recap of the policy review process for a reminder to the Board and the public. We are reviewing this process for ways to increase input from the community to enhance the Board's overall input on policies. The administration team is launching a Community Contact Collection Campaign to prepare BOPC to increase our community engagement. However, we need the commissioners and the public's help to gather more contact information for block clubs, community organizations, activists and grassroots organizations, especially those who are focused on policing as well as faith based groups. The campaign will start at next week meeting, March 30, 2023. During the meetings we will be collecting this information from the public, so our participants from the community can fill out paper forms. Also the Zoom Chat will be open and meeting participants can send messages to the panelists and hosts with information regarding community groups and we will accept emails at bopc@detroitmi.gov. There will also be a Goggle form that will be posted in the chat that participants can submit contact information. Update on staffing at OCI, there are 14 Investigators, including our senior investigators currently on staff. Based on our database yesterday we have 485 cases that are open. 295 cases are aged over 90 days, and the other 190 have not aged over 90 days. On March 20, 2023 the 2023/24 Budget proposal for DPD and BOPC was presented before City Council and they have voted to move those items to executive session. There has been feedback at BOPC and City Council meetings that the recordings for the BOPC meetings and minutes cannot be found on the website. For information and the benefit of the community, I will provide the best way to find the videos. On the BOPC main page scroll down to BOPC Meetings – Links to Recent Zoom Video. On the BOPC main page at the top, on the right there is a yellow box for the menu, click on it, select Events, click on a date you are searching, in the Government drop down box, select Board of Police Commissioners, click the green apply box, scroll down and select the meeting that you want, scroll down and the list of documents are available.

XII. Announcements.

Board Secretary Victoria Shah announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 30, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, April 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at King David Missionary Baptist Church, 18001 Sunset, Detroit, MI 48234.

Monthly Committee Meetings Schedule for April 2023

Budget Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 2:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 3:30 p.m.
Personnel & Training Committee Meeting	Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 2:30 p.m.

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

XIII. Unfinished Business.

Commissioner Banks inquired about last week that the Personnel & Training Committee would look into additional time during oral communication for Ms. Maddox, requesting the status.

XIV. New Business.

Chairperson Ferguson motioned “to go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a) the BOPC Chairperson request the Board to consider disciplinary action for OCI Police Commissioner, Supervisor Investigator and BOPC Executive Manager Policy.”

VOTE: YES = 0 NO = 9 MOTION: FAILED

Yes:

No: Chairperson Ferguson, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Bernard, Burton, Carter, Hernandez, Holley, Pressley

XV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 4:17 p.m.