

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 27, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226

- I. **Chairperson Bryan Ferguson called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Noel Hall 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** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, April 27, 2023. **Commissioner Burton** motioned “to amend the Agenda to provide citizens an additional 30 seconds if needed during Oral Communications”. The motion to amend the Agenda failed. The Agenda was accepted and adopted as presented.
- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested that approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 20, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted with corrections to the Secretary Report.
- VI. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives**
- VII. **Chair Report: Chairperson Ferguson** reported on BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.
- VIII. **Resolution.**

Commissioner Moore read the resolution honoring Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator Walda Mobley (Retirement).

**RESOLUTION HONORING
SENIOR EMERGENCY SERVICES DEPLOYMENT OPERATOR WALDA MOBLEY**

WHEREAS Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator (SESDO) Walda Mobley, assigned to Communications Section, began her career with the Detroit Police Department. She was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on September 26, 1977, as an Police Officer where she was assigned to Training Section; and

WHEREAS She dutifully served the Sixteenth Precinct, Fourteenth Precinct, Felony Prevention Division, Major Crimes and Homicide. Officer Mobley displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in her assignments. On March 21, 1997, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. Sergeant Mobley assignments included Homicide Section, Headquarters Bureau, Major Crimes Division, Assistant Chief of Police Office, Mobile Support Section, and Chief of Police Office, where she served until her retirement; and

WHEREAS With a continued yearning for public service, SESDO Mobley returned to the Detroit Police Department as an Emergency Services Deployment Operator on May 11, 2015. On October 17, 2022 she was promoted to

Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator. During her career, SESDO Mobley received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator Mobley has served the Detroit Police Department with great dedication for a total of 34 years. Her commitment and integrity have been assets to the Detroit Police Department where she 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, award this resolution to Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator Mobley for her combined 34 years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

We salute and congratulate you, Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator Walda Mobley.

Commissioner Moore 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, award this resolution to Senior Emergency Services Deployment Operator Mobley for her combined 34 years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued success.

Critical Incident Debriefing – San Juan and McNichols March 31, 2023.

Commissioner Pressley stated the Board of Police Commissioners were invited to the Chief of Police Conference Room relative to a critical incident debriefing for an incident that occurred on San Juan and McNichols on March 31, 2023. We share this information for the benefit of the public, we were provided visual aids that included PowerPoint presentation, still photos, though no video was offered to give us an explanation on what occurred in the Officer-Involved Shooting. This is BOPC’s understanding based from what was verbally communicated by DPD leadership. A suspect removed merchandise from a store, brandish a weapon at the store manager. 911 was called. DPD responded to the area, the suspect fires multiple rounds at vehicle while officers are still inside. The officers get out and exchange fire and chase on foot. Michigan State Police Canine Unit locates suspect hiding in a shed. Medical aid was rendered to the suspect struck in the lower leg. EMS transported suspect in custody to local hospital. A handgun was recovered. DPD Preliminary Administrative Review anticipates no violations by the officers. But for the sake of the public, BOPC commits to the following next steps; a monitor for any citizen complaints filed in relation to this incident; to request an official report from the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office regarding warrant decision; to share more information, including visual aids to the public as BOPC receives them. We also welcome any additional questions from the public that we might be able to follow up on this incident.

Commissioner Holley stated adding debriefing report from the Commissioner provides transparency of oversight from the Board and appreciates it. Commissioner Holley commends the transparency from the Detroit Police Department and the proactiveness of the Board Secretary.

Commissioner Bernard stated she arrived 15 minutes after the Debriefing started and was denied entry to the briefing. DPD staff member informed me he would debrief me later that never happened. In general, I do not think it is appropriate that a board member is denied entry into a meeting that involves the department that the Board is invited to attend.

- IX. 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.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Commissioner Ferguson** commended Chief White on his report. **Commissioner Pressley** inquired on the data for the Part 1 Crimes, is the distinction between the numbers a result of the population on the east side versus west side? Or would you point to something else fueling those numbers? I saw on the news there is some collaboration on the One Detroit Initiative. Just wanted to get a sense

of what you are hoping comes out of it? **Chief White** stated that crime is sometimes driven by certain gang or groups. He mention that everyone that is a part of the initiative is working toward having a safe community. **Commissioner Holley** asked what's going on in Chicago with young people downtown and so forth. Is there any indication or anything you can say to the community in regards to those kind of things taking place in Chicago which gives me concerns? **Chief White** stated the department need to continue to be proactive. **Commissioner Bernard** noted the LPR contact is \$5 million. I did not know the LPR technology captures the license plate, and the people in the car. What are we doing with that information? Also why are people getting tickets for no registration, no insurance, when you already know what they have when you come up to the window? **Chief White** stated the LPR's are on some of the vehicles and they are stationary. **Vice Chairperson Holt** spoke about Crisis Intervention Training, community engagement activities and youth participating in the many activities that the City of Detroit has posted on their website. **Chief White** stated we have to get the youths excited about coming downtown because there are other things to do. **Commissioner Carter** requested an updated list of Command Officers. **Chief White** stated he will provide that to her.

X. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Lynett Sluis, Ms. Brenda Hill, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, and Former Commissioner William Davis offered public comments.

Commissioner Holley expressed his concern about the time we are here each week, and will evaluate the citizen inquiry of the three items the city has, yet the citizens are not getting their money for. I am always concerned when the citizens say we are corrupt. I have been in the city over 50 years, as a pastor, and coming to the end of the year. For someone to use the word corruption. It is hard to sit here and take it. People have the right to say what they want to say. We have a good city. Yes, we have some problems, but nothing like other cities. We have some good people in the city who really do all they can. It is the citizens; it is not just the police department that really keep this thing together. There are many communities in this city doing everything small and large trying to make a difference.

Chairperson Ferguson Let me clear up a few things you call us corrupt, that is not right. We are working on OCI providing reports. We are putting things in place to enhance the Board; we hired a Chief Investigator and Investigators. We will have the Chief Investigator or a different Investigators present before the Board. Greenlight, ShotSpotter, speed humps try to take that away from the Eighth Precinct or District 1. At first, the community did not want it, but now they welcome it. We do not have speeding cars coming down the streets.

XI. Presentation to the Board – Homicide Task Force – Captain Donna McCord and Sergeant Todd Eby, Homicide

- A. Homicide Task Force – Captain Donna McCord and Sergeant Todd Eby, Homicide** provided a summary of investigations, data and initiatives within the (HTF). See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD PowerPoint Presentation for more information, which are also posted to the Board's webpage.

Commissioner Bernard asked how many people are on the Homicide Task Force. How many are DPD? How many are State Police or Federal Agents? Captain McCord stated there five members from DPD, five from MSP, FBI, and ATF. **Commissioner Moore** inquired who is in charge knowing that there are four entities. **Captain McCord** stated it is a group effort with a memorandum of understanding (MOU). **Commissioner Holley** inquired on the closure rate of cases? **Captain McCord** stated she will get that information through the Chief's office. **Commissioner Carter** asked are there instances which Homicide Task Force handle cases outside the city of Detroit. **Captain McCord** stated the department jurisdiction is in the City of Detroit. **Commissioner Bernard** asked how many homicide cases are open. **Captain McCord** stated she will get that information through the Chief's office.

XII. Report from Board Secretary Victoria Shah / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information.

1. Attendance Memorandum from the Chairperson
2. Surveillance Technology Specification Report – License Plate Readers (LPRs)
3. CIOGS Ordinance 2021-7
4. Board of Police Commissioners' Recommendations for 2022 Police Union Contract Negotiations
5. Labor Relations Response Letter: Union Contracts
6. Change in Duty Status for PO Brianna Cabano, Badge 2806, and PO Dayna Sears, Badge 4171
7. Police Surveillance Flyer, Police Surveillance Flyer with Map
8. Citizen Complaints Presentation

Board Secretary Victoria Shah noted the Public Hearing Thursday, May 11, 2023 at our community meeting to get feedback from the community on expansion of DPD Surveillance. Specifically, License Plate Readers. I would like to thank Ms. Blossom for preparing the flyers. These flyers are for the public benefit, they be distributed via GovDelivery, BOPC website, Facebook and our media partners, as well as posters will be published in the public libraries. We do look forward to the engagement of the public on May 11. In regards to open positions, the Attorney and Legal Assistant documentation is being drafted to appeal Corporation Counsel's decision. For Investigators, we have five appointed candidates that are starting Monday, May 1. The extended posting for additional Investigators came down April 22, 2023, and I am waiting for candidate information from Mr. Tipton. The Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield is also starting on Monday, May 1. We still have the Executive Manager-Fiscal position posted on the city website until tomorrow. So if you know of a candidate that will serve the residents of Detroit well in fiscal responsibility and transparency, please have them apply. Our committee updates in March, Chairperson Ferguson announced that committee meetings no longer would be scheduled on a monthly basis but will instead be scheduled on an ad hoc basis by each committee chair at a date and time that works for the committee members. Committee Chair's please give the BOPC Admin Team at least two business days' notice for scheduling a meeting. So, that we can properly announce to the public pursuant to the Open Meetings Act. There are several matters the Board may want to consider by committee for Budget, Personnel and Training, Citizen Complaint and Policy. Citizen Complaints updates recent improvements/initiatives Supervisors continue coaching investigators on inventory management strategies to drive more consistent production while maintaining thorough investigations. Five new Investigators and new Chief Investigator are scheduled to start onboarding on May 1. Two Administrative Team Admins were cross trained on April 21 and April 24, 2023. Case assignment and closure work are caught up. Letters are still behind, as one OCI Admin is still out of the office and cross training on that function has not occurred.

XIII. Announcements.

Board Secretary Victoria Shah announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser Road, Detroit, MI 48219.

XIV. Unfinished Business.

XV. New Business.

XVI. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.