

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 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.** Commander Chaplain LR Walker provided the invocation.
- III. **Oral Communications / Public Comments.**
 Ms. Michelle George, Mr. Mervin Wolff, Mr. Ramis Wadood, Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Bob Carmack, Ms. Brenda Hill, Mr. Scotty Boman, Motor City Roo, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Sharnita Williams, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, Ms. Tamara Smith, Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill and Mr. Peter Blackmer provided public comments.
- IV. **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.		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	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, May 18, 2023. The Agenda was amended to move Item XIV - Oral Communications up. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- VI. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 11, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives**
- VIII. **Chair Report: Chairperson Ferguson** reported on missing persons, congratulated the Detroit Public Safety Foundation "Women In Blue" awardees', BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.
- 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 Burton** asked how many license plate readers are currently on scout cars with DPD? How many incidents where residents indicate they are being profiled because of an officer in a scout car and license plate readers? **Chief White** stated there's no correlation between profiling and the license plate reader. He mentioned that he will provide the number of scout cars that are equipped with LPR's at a later date. **Commissioner Hernandez** indicated that he received several inquiries on immigration, first could you reiterate DPD's overall stance on immigration. When it comes to data, availability and access from immigration agencies, will that be the case with license plate readers? Also discussed having a bilingual forum in the 4th Precinct to cover a variety of topics. **Chief White** stated DPD does not do immigration enforcement.

LPR will not be used for immigration. **Commissioner Bell** discussed supervised control, City Charter, CIOGS, and the Board involvement. **Chief White** stated that the past Board secretary was part of the CIOGS conversations. **Commissioner Banks** asked what are the positives and negatives of the license plate readers. **Chief White** stated he doesn't see anything negative, the positive take away is that it helps to identify people who has committed a crime. **Commissioner Pressley** inquired for the sake of the public, one of the challenges is the retention of the data received from these license plate readers, and there is a desire to have them to be quickly eliminated, if they are of no incident or investigation, but it's my understanding that it's needed to be at least 30 days. I just want to give you the opportunity to communicate to us. Why? Another concern is who sees the data? Can you explain how the data sharing agreement works, how other agencies are able to receive the data, and what are the circumstances that the data is shared? **Chief White** stated other law enforce agencies are notified if DPD is looking for a vehicle that is associated with a crime. That agency will the run the license plate to see if it has been through a LPR in their city. **Commissioner Carter** inquired do you have data on crimes that have been solved as a result of using license plate readers? **Chief White** stated he can provide that information in a couple of weeks. **Vice Chairperson Holt** inquired how it is alleged that the CIOGS was challenged in the courts. A citizen called during one of our committee meeting and stated that CIOGS has no teeth to it. **Chief White** stated there are several steps to CIOGS before any approval can be made. **Commissioner Holley** inquired on the concerns about retention of the license plate reader data? **Chief White** stated DPD is committed to the 30-90 day retention.

Commissioner Pressley moved "that the Board of Police Commissioners suspend the rules so that we might handle Unfinished Business now." The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 8 NO = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Annie Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Carter, Hernandez, Holley, Pressley

No: Commissioner Burton

Commissioner Pressley moved "that the Board of Police Commissioners support the Chief's recommendation for the expansion of the license plate readers." The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 8 NO = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Annie Holt, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Carter, Hernandez, Holley, Pressley

No: Commissioner Burton

X. Chief Investigator Report– Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Office of the Chief Investigator.

A. New Hires Presentation on the process of training the new hires who started on May 1, 2023. Our new hires have been trained by Acting Supervising Investigator Lisonya Sloan, who wrote the training curriculum. She also act with several of our Senior Investigators who participated as well. Supervising Investigator Ainsley Cromwell, Senior Investigator Elgin Murphy, Senior Investigator Jessica Hunter, Senior Investigator Adela River, Senior Investigator Hajnal Hiller, Senior Investigator Stewart and Senior Investigator Gianna Coulter all of them had a part in making sure that they share their experience as we were training the new investigators. They received information on filing citizen complainant, BOPC and OCI History and Mission, OCI SOP, gathering relevant evidence, and much more for them to do the job that they do.

B. Citizen Complaint Report on cases that are received in OCI, 547 cases received in 2023 YTD, 337 of the 2023 cases are still open.

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

1. Manual Directive 101.12 Data Sharing
2. Correspondence from City Council Re: Review of Contracts and Purchasing Files 3/7/2023
3. LPR Auto Theft Strategy
4. WDET 101.9 FM Article “Detroit police request more vehicle surveillance with 100 automated license plate readers” 5/12/2023
5. Fox 2 Detroit Article “I am tired of being surveilled”: Detroit’s plan to add more license plate readers draws backlash 5/16/2023
6. WXYZ Article “Detroit residents speak out against adding more license plate readers throughout the city” 5/16/2023
7. Outlier Media Article “Residents don’t trust police with license plate surveillance” 5/16/2023
8. ACLU License Plate Readers
9. MOU between the Michigan State Police and the Homicide Unit
10. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Detroit Police Basic Recruit Class 2023-D Graduation Ceremony held Friday, May 26, 2023 at WCCCD, Northwest Campus, 8200 W. Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48219
11. Updated License Plate Reader Specification Report
12. License Plate Reader Public Hearing Recap

Board Secretary Shah reported we did get confirmation from City Council that they did not approve the Budget proposal that the Board approved. Instead City Council, approved the Mayor's proposed budget, and that will have several impacts to the staff including being budgeted for 13 instead of 15 investigators starting the next fiscal year, which starts July 1. This will have an impact on citizen complaints, obviously as well as the backlog. I will work with the Chief Investigator on what we need to do to work within those constraints. In regards to committee meetings Personnel and Training has two applicant appeals outstanding. These have been outstanding since December and January. For Citizen Complaints a draft of revisions to the SOP was sent over to Commissioner Banks, and we are working to schedule a committee meeting so that can be reviewed in regards to citizen complaint appeal process. Lastly, for our Policy Committee we still have 10 policies outstanding.

XII. Announcements.

Board Secretary Victoria Shah announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., at Scott Memorial UMC, 15361 Plymouth Rd., Detroit, MI 48227.

XIII. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 5:16 p.m.