

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 11, 2023 – 6:30 PM
Location: Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser, Detroit, Michigan 48219

- I. **Chairperson Bryan Ferguson called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain LR Walker 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		Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- IV. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, May 11, 2023. The Agenda was amended to remove Item VII, Chief Investigator Report. The motion was accepted and adopted.

Commissioner Burton motion “that the Board of Police Commissioners give the citizens more time to speak during public comments from two minutes to three minutes.” Motion failed for lack of second.

Commissioner Burton motion “that the Board of Police Commissioners give the citizens an additional 30 seconds for public comments.” Motion failed for lack of second.

- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.

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

- VII. **Chair Report: Chairperson Ferguson** reported on missing persons, BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community. The BOPC has scheduled today’s Public Hearing to obtain the community feedback on the expansion of License Plate Readers.

Commissioner Moore motion “that the Board of Police Commissioners accept Chief of Police James E. White’s recommendation for Executive Appointment of Captain Aric Tosqui to the rank of Commander.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 1 ABSTAIN = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Annie Holt, Commissioners Carter, Hernandez, Holley, Moore
 No: Commissioner Banks
 Abstain: Commissioner Burton

Commissioner Holley motion “that the Board of Police Commissioners accept Chief of Police James E. White’s recommendation for pay increase for Director Katrina Patillo.” The motion was adopted.

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 2 ABSTAIN = 1 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Annie Holt, Commissioners Banks, Carter, Hernandez, Holley
No: Commissioners Burton, Moore
Abstain: Commissioner Bernard

VIII. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police’s Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information: Deputy Chief DeShaune Sims 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 Banks** asked about the panel discussion taking place on Saturday. **Deputy Chief Sims** stated she doesn’t have the information, but will make sure he get it before Saturday. **Commissioner Moore** asked questions regarding the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) are they centralized or does each unit keep their own MOU? **Deputy Chief Sims** stated that the department that is engaged generally has a copy, and it is stored at a central location. **Commissioner Burton** inquired when it comes to home burglar alarms, how many false alerts have you received year to date and last year? How many alerts does DPD attend to and how many are false? **Deputy Chief Sims** stated she doesn’t have the information, but will get it to the secretary. **Commissioner Holley** inquired about the homicide statistics how many were with legal guns and how many were with illegal guns. He also discuss sentencing of crime with guns and consequences. **Deputy Chief Sims** stated she doesn’t have the information, but will get it to the secretary. **Vice Chairperson Holt** asked how much publicity has been done alerting the public on the 2nd Annual Team Mental Wellness Summit event. **Deputy Chief Sims** stated they have put the information out for the public. **Chairperson Ferguson** asked what happens to mini bikes when they are towed away. **Deputy Chief Sims** stated once they are confiscated they are destroyed, because they are illegal.

IX. Public Hearing – License Plate Readers (LPR)

- A. DPD Presentation by Deputy Chief Franklin Hayes** presented on DPD proposal to increase the capacity for 100 more LPRs to combat stolen vehicles in the city of Detroit. DPD current operate 83 LPR that are fixed we placed them in locations vehicles were targeted or reported stolen, in locations that we were recovering vehicles that may have been stripped of wheels, or missing parts. There are roughly four cameras at an intersection to get all four angles or point of view, so that would give us about 25 different intersections to utilize. This technology is independent of race, creed, and sexual orientation, the technology is for a vehicle that has only been reported being involved in a crime or another serious matter. If the vehicle is stolen, carjacked, used in a homicide or the vehicle is involved in an endangered person, such as an amber alert once these vehicles drive past one of the LPRs at that point would we get an alert in the Real Time Crime Center. Technology is very important in the city, Council President Sheffield was instrumental in the creation of the Community Input Over Government Surveillance (CIOGS) Ordinance which governs technology and its usage. Although this technology predates the CIOGS Ordinance, it is very important to remain transparent and follow the CIOGS Ordinance path.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Commissioner Burton** indicated the specification report states the database will be open to over 2,000 private firms and agencies is that correct? What second and third party would have access to this information? How many LPRs are currently used and operated in the city of Detroit? **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated he need to see the source that the commissioner is referencing. **Commissioner Holley** stated there are currently 83 LPRs, and DPD is asking for additional LPR’s, my concern is you already have them. **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated yes, sir. **Commissioner Banks** discussed vehicle theft statistics and inquired where are the hotspots are in the city of Detroit? What kind of cars are they taking? **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated the vehicles that are being stolen are Chevy, Dodges, Fords and Kias. **Commissioner Moore** inquired for clarification what year did LPRs start? **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated it started in 2017. **Commissioner Bernard** expressed significant concerns with the technology and BOPC needs to speak with organizations or individuals that are looking at the constitutionally of these things, how they operate in real life and other cities. The LPRs also has civil liberties infringements. **Vice Chairperson Holt** express CIOGS Ordinance if DPD is found to be negligent in the use of this technology. How would you address that allegation? **Deputy Chief Hayes** stated the department strictly adheres to DPD policies.

B. BOPC Presentation by Board Secretary Victoria Shah presented on LPRs indicated they were first procured by the City of Detroit in 2017, prior to the CIOGS ordinance. The BOPC is hosting this public hearing to get the community's feedback on the expansion of LPR surveillance technology. Your feedback will influence the decision the Board makes regarding the LPR Specification Report.

C. Public Hearing Comments.

Ms. Gabrielle Dresner, Mr. Scotty Boman, Mr. Meeko Williams, Ms. Bobbi Johnson, Mr. Trystan Taylor, Ms. Christine Sauv , Ms. Tawana Petty, Mr. Abdul Nasser Rad, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, and Mr. Alejandro Navarrete provided public hearing comments.

X. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Ms. Sharnita Williams, Mr. Scotty Boman, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Michelle George, Ms. Bernice Smith, Former Commissioner William Davis, Mr. Meeko Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Sarah Torres, Ms. Brenda Hill, Ms. Yvonne Jones, and Ms. Jacinda Cason provided public comments.

XI. Presentations to the Board – Human Resources' Report – Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel Eighth Precinct – Commander Vernal Newson and Captain Brian Bowser

A. Human Resources' Report – Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel provided a summary of activities and statistical data during the month of April 2023. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD HR Report for more information, which are also posted to the Board's webpage.

EMPLOYEE CATEGORY	POSITIONS FILLED	VACANCIES	TOTAL POSITIONS
SWORN	2434	212	2646
CIVILIANS	650	148	798
TOTALS	3084	360	3444

SWORN RECRUITING (7/1/2022 – 4/30/2023)						
TOTAL # APPLICANTS	# IN PROCESS	WITHDREW	ARCHIVED	TEMPORARILY DISQUALIFIED	DISQUALIFIED PERMANENTLY	# AWAITING MCOLES
3276	59	262	1921	439	454	194

NEW HIRES	
Sworn	36
Civilian	27
Police Assistants	0
Total New Hires	63

MCOLES					PHYSICAL AGILITY EXAM					WD	NS		
SCHEDULED	APPEARED	PASSED	FAILED	RESCHEDULED	WD	NS	SCHEDULED	APPEARED	PASS	FAILED	RESCHEDULED	WD	NS
154	101	68	33	2	0	51	135-	81	54	27	12	3	39

DETROIT RESIDENCY INFORMATION (as of April 30, 2023)			
	SWORN	CIVILIAN	POLICE ASSISTANTS
Detroit	553	433	15
Non-Detroit	1843	217	23

ATTRITION April 30, 2023									
SWORN	CIVILIAN			POLICE ASSISTANTS			TOTAL		
14	11			0			25		
LEAVES OF ABSENCE / RESTRICTED DUTY									
Employee Category	FMLA Continuous	FMLA Intermittent	PPL	Medical Leave	Military	General Leave	Restricted	Disabled	Sick

Sworn	13	71	10	0	1	0	157	19	16
Civilian	8	75	0	5	5	0	10	1	2

SWORN PERSONNEL SUSPENSIONS					
Police Officer	Corporal	Detective	Sergeant	Lieutenant	Total
15	1	0	1	0	17

TOTAL SEPARATIONS
14

DROP PROGRAM (DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN)
TOTAL
535

Commissioner Moore requested clarification on the meaning of force retirement? What is the turnaround time for the investigations of the individuals returning back to DPD? **Director Patillo** stated you have to get approval from the Chief of Police to continue in the drop program. Due to the new contract. The turnaround time could be a couple of weeks. **Commissioner Bernard** asked what is Live Scan? **Director Patillo** stated LiveScan is used for finger printing, as part of the background check.

- A. **Eighth Precinct – Commander Vernal Newson and Captain Brian Bowser** did not give their report because there was no quorum during this part of the meeting.

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

1. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Recommendation for Executive Appointment of Captain Aric Tosqui to the Rank of Commander
2. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: BOPC Request for Reports of the Disciplinary Outcomes for OCI Sustained Cases (April 2023)
3. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Recommendation of Pay Increase for Director Katrina Patillo
4. Stop Shot Spotter Coalition Presentation
5. LPR BOPC Presentation

XIII. Announcements.

Board Secretary Victoria Shah announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, May 18, 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.

XIV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.