

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 15, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Location: 1301 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226

- I. **Chairperson Bryan Ferguson called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain Stanley Mobley 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.		Excused
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.		Excused
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	6	

- IV. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, June 15, 2023. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Ferguson** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for June 8, 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 BOPC and DPD activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.

Commissioner Moore motion "recommendation to appoint Lisonya Sloan to the Supervising Investigator position."

Commissioner Moore amended the previous motion "at a salary of \$80,000, pending further negotiations."

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 0 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners: Banks, Hernandez, Moore and Pressley

Main motion "to hire Acting Supervising Investigator Lisonya Sloan to Supervising Investigator at a salary of \$80,000, pending further negotiations."

VOTE: YES = 6 NO = 0 MOTION: ADOPTED

Yes: Chairperson Ferguson, Vice Chairperson Holt, Commissioners: Banks, Hernandez, Moore and Pressley

Commissioner Holt motion: recommendation to appoint Drew Fries as Executive Manager of Fiscal.
The motion was not second.

VIII. Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police's Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:
Deputy Chief Kari Sloan reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property; and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Commissioner Hernandez** inquired about an email request regarding a report indicating the number of officers during the calendar year/FY2022 to year to date, who have been suspended with pay and those who have been suspended without pay. If we can get an idea of the timeline of receiving the report? **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated she will get an update. **Commissioner Banks** asked how is the family of the fallen officer? **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated the family is doing well. **Commissioner Pressley** inquired for the public interest what is a hit and run? **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated when you are involved in a vehicle accident and you flee the scene, or when a vehicle hits a person and flee the scene. **Commissioner Moore** inquired for the edification of the public what is a daily detail? There were some concerns regarding officer deployment as it relates to downtown events. I know Taylor Swift had a nice police escort from Shinola, and its just kind of ironic that the officer was fighting for his life in the Sixth Precinct. The same community, that brought up those issues. I just find it interesting that it happened there. I hated that it happened. I prepared an email to the Chief and brought about my concerns not only for the citizens. So, I just want to read part of that email into the record. Our citizens deal with gunfire every day, all day, and it's viewed as normal by our city leaders. It's okay for violence to occur in the neighborhood. The minute violence occurs downtown, it's a priority, more of a priority than the neighborhoods. Both police officers assigned to the neighborhoods and citizens are in danger with the focus on resources going downtown. Where would the officer back up come from? Is there a minimum car-staffing plan for neighborhoods? And that is just my concern, the amount of attention going downtown as opposed to the neighborhoods. And what did that daily detail look like when that officer was fighting for his life? **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated it's a report that each officer fill out for each hour of their shift. **Vice Chairperson Holt** discussed the last time Chief White was here I mentioned that we are struggling in our neighborhood, with what we suspect is an illegal marijuana location. I was at a Neighborhood Association meeting and the citizens were absolutely irate because from their vantage point, the business is still in operation, but it's larger. So what is it we need to do as a community, when we make a statement via a Commissioner, as it relates to that kind of illegal operations? What are we supposed to expect to see happen to the comment that I shared with the Chief? **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated she will speak to Commissioner Holt after the meeting.

IX. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Brenda Hill, and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

X. Report from Board Secretary / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information.

1. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: BOPC Request for Reports of the Disciplinary Outcomes for OCI Sustained Cases (May 2023)
2. BOPC FTE Adopted Budget
3. BOPC FY2024 Detailed Budget FAR
4. Share Your Voice

Mr. Victoria Shah stated, "First we just like to give condolence to Commissioner Burton and his family. It has been mention several times today, As soon the Board office receives official word about any type of arrangements that information will be communicated to all the commissioners. The Public Hearing is scheduled for July 13, 2023 at the community meeting, the two policies are 307.8 Gunshot Detection System, also known as ShotSpotter or SoundThinking, and 205.11 Officer Involved-Shooting Investigations. The BOPC and OCI offices will be closed Monday, June 19, 2023 in observance of the Juneteenth holiday. Juneteenth, commemorates the emancipation of enslaved Africans in America. On June 19, 1865 enslaved Africans in Galveston, Texas, were finally informed that they were free. About two years after President Abraham Lincoln gave the Emancipation Proclamation. Imagine learning that you are free two years after you were. You can't leverage the power, you don't know that you have. This applies to civilian oversight as well. Let the Board and the community be knowledgeable, and fully leverage every power that the City Charter gives civilians and oversight of the police department. There are several outstanding report requests. License Plate Readers, the staff is waiting on the list of agencies that DPD has data sharing agreements. Discussions continue around how data can be provided to allow the Board Staff to conduct analysis on the number of reads versus number of hits. In regards to Citizen Complaint outcomes DPD has not agreed to provide the corresponding action taken on each sustained citizen complaint. Also in regards to Internal Affairs reporting DPD has not agreed to provide the request to

report of Internal Affairs Investigations and Force Investigations that was requested. Request for reporting around missing persons. Staff did meet with Commander Parish to get a better understanding around how missing persons data is collected by DPD, next we will schedule a presentation to the Board. There is an outstanding request regarding take home vehicles, requests on DPD cases and closure reports. The report Commissioner Hernandez mentioned earlier to respond on DPD members suspended with pay. The report request names, badges, infraction, start date of suspension with pay and date of suspension with pay and it will be helpful to understand what the next employment status of those individuals were following the suspension. Next are staffing updates we will complete the next steps for the appointment of the Supervising Investigator position. Effective June 12, 2023 Chief Investigator assigned Senior Investigator Elgin Murphy as Acting Supervising Investigator to ensure continuity leadership. The open GIS Analyst position job description is not appropriate for the scope of BOPC. So a budget amendment is needed to change that position to Data Analyst. There's also an additional Administrative Assistant position, a new position included in BOPC Budget for the new fiscal year, and that requisition has been submitted. In regards to committees; budget, disciplinary and towing have no matters at this time. The Personnel & Training Committee chair position is still open and three DPD Applicant Appeals are outstanding. Commissioner Banks is the chair of Citizen Complaints the next meeting is June 27, 2023 at 5 PM. The matter before that committee is the Citizen Complaint process and the standard operating procedures revision draft. The Policy Committee chaired by Commissioner Burton, no meeting is scheduled at this time. Several matters before that committee are the BOPC Bylaws, follow up meetings regarding outstanding concerns on License Plate Reader data and reporting, public hearing scheduled for policies 307.8 and 205.11 in addition there are eight more policies.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Vice Chairperson Holt** discussed the GIS position. **Commissioner Hernandez** follow-up discussion regarding jobs are classified by code, are we able to hire within the parameters of a family of jobs that are similar to that GIS position? **Vice Chairperson Holt** inquired what happened to our proposal to bring on board a person who could support Commissioners as it relates to being more visible in the community? Especially in light of the fact that sometimes, we have two community relations meetings at the same time on the same day. **Commissioner Moore** discussed the secretary's report and she mentioned that the department did not agree with this and didn't want to release that type of information. That brings me concern. It should bring this Board concern and I know it brings the community concern considering that there was just a Detroit News story saying that the Detroit Police Department is not a transparent police department. Which the last time I can remember, something being widespread, as it relates to the lack of transparency was with the rape kits. Which I look at institutional betrayal. I believe the police department can be a transparent organization. However, according to what I just hear today, it's not. I was taught that when you look at a standard of receiving information, that request should be legal, ethical, and moral. If it meets all three points there should be no reason why information shouldn't go forth. Now of course there should be parameters around that information, but it should be given because the human resources which operate with research and information are public funded. This is not a private institution. This is not a company that can operate in darkness. We should have a new start with being transparent, not only with our Board, with the citizens of our city.

XI. Announcements.

Ms. Victoria Shah announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 22, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., the Tenth Precinct will be hosting at Laborers' Local 1191, 2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48208.

XII. Unfinished Business.

XIII. New Business.

XIV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 4:29 p.m.

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