

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 13, 2023 – 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Laborers’ Local 1191, 2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48208**

- I. **Chairperson Quantez Pressley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Deputy Chief Michael Dexter 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
QuanTez Pressley, Chairperson	Yes	
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
Bryan Ferguson		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Annie Holt		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	8	

- IV. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, July 13, 2023. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for July 6, 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, and Community Leaders.**
- VII. **Ceremonial Installation of Officers: Honorable Chief Judge William McConico, 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, State of Michigan.** **Chairperson Pressley** thanked Chief Judge William McConico, 36<sup>th</sup> District Court, State of Michigan, his wife Aisha and his parents for their unconditional support. It is a special moment because this opportunity opens up a window of reflection that the responsibility that we have on this Board is something that Detroit has uniquely prepared me for. I reflect on my first duty as a civic participant nearly 20 years ago, when I was elected as the president of the Citywide Student Council for the Detroit Public School District. As a result, I was the first student ever appointed to serve on the Detroit Board of Education at the age of 17 years old. Knowing what Detroit has given to me, it is an honor to serve in giving back to Detroit. Recognizing the challenges that lie ahead, but because of those challenges and the unique skills that this city has provided me. I approach this assignment with great humility, great soberness, and with great focus.

**VIII. Chair’s Report. Chairperson Pressley**  
 To my colleagues we have a work to do. The community is relying upon us to reestablish a sense of credibility and integrity. We as a Board are well aware of the reports regarding Mr. Ferguson and we have accepted Mr. Ferguson’s resignation. Agreeing with the sentiment that this Board does not need to be distracted handling our role, which is overseeing police misconduct. We hope to demonstrate our focus of the business of this Board by doing just that. Today, we have a public hearing to get the community feedback on the Gunshot Detection System policy and Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations policy.

**Commissioner Bell** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners accept the resignation of Bryan Ferguson”. The motion was adopted.

**A. Resolution.**

**Commissioner Bernard** read the Community Recognition Resolution honoring Zyronica Smith and Zymelia Smith.

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
ZYRONICA SMITH AND ZYMELIA SMITH**

WHEREAS, Sisters Zyronica Smith and Zymelia Smith are native Detroiters with a strong commitment to family, neighbors, and community. Their parents instilled in them and their siblings a sense of both uniqueness through their distinctive names and selflessness through their values for neighborhood pride and community service; and

WHEREAS, Zyronica and Zymelia Zyronica and Zymelia regularly volunteer together as a dynamic duo and have led or participated in organizations with causes aligned with the mission of the Board of Police Commissioners. They have been dedicated members of the Webb Street Association. For decades, these sisters have worked on numerous clean up and beautification projects with block clubs, Motor City Makeover, Arise Detroit, and other groups; and

WHEREAS, Past and present Police Commissioners have known the Smith Sisters through their participation in the Detroit Citizens Police Academy and its Alumni Association, and especially through their contributions in the Tenth Precinct, where the Smith family has lived for over 60 years. Zyronica and Zymelia have been steadfast supporters of the Tenth Precinct and its Police Community Relations Council, donating time, money, and other resources to National Night Out, Halloween Trunk or Treat, officer recognitions, and other special activities. With both retired, this dynamic duo continue to exemplify civic leadership and inspire the next generation of leaders, which includes a niece who is carrying on the family tradition of community service and now heads the Webb Street Association.

THEREFORE BE IT  
RESOLVED, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, salutes and sincerely thanks Zyronica Smith and Zymelia Smith for their participation and contributions to improving police-community relations, public safety, and the quality of life in the Tenth Precinct and across our great City of Detroit.

**Vice Chairperson Holley** moved the adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: “Resolved “That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, salutes and sincerely thanks Zyronica Smith and Zymelia Smith for their participation and contributions to improving police-community relations, public safety, and the quality of life in the Tenth Precinct and across our great City of Detroit.

**IX. Community Impact Report.**

- A. Board Secretary Shah provided the BOPC Presentation** for the Public Hearing on Directive 308-6 Gunshot Detection System and Directive 205.11 Officer-Involved Shooting Investigation. A brief description of the policy was provided **307.8 Gunshot Detection System:** “A gunshot detection system is “technology that detects outdoor audible gunfire within a particular coverage area using acoustic sensors capable of pinpointing the accurate location of a gunfire event. **205.11 Officer-Involved Shooting Investigations:** “The purpose of this policy is to establish responsibilities and duties concerning the investigation of officer-involved shootings (OIS) and other types of deadly force incidents, as well as other critical incidents based on the totality of the circumstances.” The Board is soliciting public and Commissioner feedback and preparing edits. See the attached Meeting Transcripts posted to the Board’s webpage.
- B. Public Hearing Comments.** Minister Eric Blount and Lieutenant Mark Young, Former Commissioner William Davis, Professor Rae Baker, 124 provided public hearing comments.
- C. Commissioners Public Hearing Comments.** Commissioner Bernard requested Professor Baker to email comments. My comments concerning technology, I agree with what the caller said, there should be a cost benefit. I do not think \$7.5 Million for microphones that you put in trees is an appropriate use for the resources that we have with the city in terms of combating crime. Vice Chairperson Holley mentioned the law department has indicated much of the video that has not been viewed is under investigation due to the lawsuit. Commissioner Burton we had a lot of members of the community who came out and gave their concerns about techno racism better known as ShotSpotter Technology. We heard from the ACLU Stop ShotSpotter Coalition, we heard from former Deputy Mayor

Anthony Adams, we heard from ACLU Attorney Bill Mayer and so many prominent leaders in the city, along with community activists, and Neighborhood Associations plugged in September 8<sup>th</sup> and said they did not want this technology. So as the Chair of the Policy Committee we invited ShotSpotter Coalition along the ACLU to give a presentation and we still have a lot of members coming to the Board and they don't want expansion. I do have concerns about civil liberties, people constitutional rights can be potentially violated. Therefore, we must shut it down. Commissioner Banks expressed condolence to the family of community activist Brenda Hill.

**X. Chief of Police & 10th Precinct Report:**

**Deputy Chief Mark Bliss** introduced the 10th Precinct Command Staff, Commander Eric Tosqui and Captain Brandon Lewis. Commander Tosqui provided a summary report on overall crime within the 10th Precinct and activities and operations.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Commissioner Banks** asked ShotSpotter has 97% accuracy locating where shots are coming. What type of conviction in court and what type of indictment does ShotSpotter bring? When shots are being fired in the atmosphere how long will it take, how many minutes does it take for DPD to pick up the shots and be at the scene and location? **Commander Tosqui** stated he does not have that data and the arrival time to a location depends on how far a responding unit is coming from. **Chairperson Pressley** asked as we focus on oversight and police misconduct, relative to other precincts, what would you say the 10th Precinct is to the amount of officers who have citizen complaints or are on suspension? **Commander Tosqui** stated he does not have that data, but the 10<sup>th</sup> precinct does have a couple of officers that are being investigated for non-department related issues.

**XI. Oral Communications / Public Comments.**

Ms. Bernice Smith, Lieutenant Mark Young, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Charnita Williams, Black Jesus, 124, Former Commissioner William Davis, and Antoinette provided public comments.

**XII. Presentation to the Board – Community Relations President 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Alvin Stokes, Community Relations President.**

**A. Community Relations President 10<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Alvin Stokes, Community Relations President** discussed the history of the Civil Rebellion and that the 10th Precinct was in the heart of it. Home to 12th and Clairmount, site of the police raid that sparked the 1967 rebellion against widespread police racism and brutality. First president was Manilla Harris, I am going to be serving as President for close to 20 years if not more and it's been an honor and a privilege to serve the citizens of the 10th Precinct. We look to engage all our citizens with the help of NPO's who attend community relations events they inform them about us. I tell everybody it is important to know your officers at your precinct, because when you call 911, those are the officers who are taking your calls or responding. If you are not involved with your community relations group get involved. See the attached Meeting Transcripts posted to the Board's webpage.

**XIII. Report from Board Secretary / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

1. Letter of Resignation Commissioner Ferguson 07132023
2. Public Hearing BOPC Presentation 07132023
3. Outstanding DPD Request 07132023
4. Correspondence from State of Michigan Department of Attorney General Re: Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) Attorney Representation 6/26/2023
5. Memorandum to Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel Re: Board of Police Commissioner Attorney Representation
6. We the People of Michigan Action Fund – Six Issues with ShotSpotter August 2022

**Board Secretary Shah** addressed the document 14 Outstanding Requests for data which is intended to increase transparency and accountability. The staff will continue to follow these up with the department in order to keep the Commissioners and the public informed.

**XIV. Announcements.**

**Board Secretary Shah** announced the following:

**Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, Detroit, MI 48226.

**Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m., the 5th Precinct will host at WCCCD Eastern Campus – Cooper Room, 5901 Connor, Detroit, MI 48213.

**XV. New Business.**

**XVI. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Pressley** adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

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