

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 29, 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 not declared.

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	Attend	Not-Attend
Bryan Ferguson, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Holt		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.		Excused
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (No)	5	

- IV. **Oral Communications / Public Comments.**
 Ms. Sharnita Williams, Mr. James Ford, Former Commissioner William Davis, Lieutenant Mark Young, Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Robert Carmack, Mr. Scotty Boman, Black Jesus, Mr. Michael Goch and Ms. Marguerite Maddox provided public comments.

- V. **Report from Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI).**
 Chief Investigator Warfield reported on OCI mission, Body Worn Camera policy on the state level and within DPD as well as the number of cases at OCI. The mission of the Office of the Chief Investigator is to fairly, effectively, and objectively receive, investigate, and make recommendations regarding complaints concerning the Detroit Police Department and its personnel. It is the goal of the OCI to assist in improving the quality of law enforcement services by instilling citizen confidence in the integrity of DPD. The State of Michigan Law which covers the topics on BWC are the Law Enforcement Body-Worn Camera Privacy – Public Act 85 of 2017, Freedom Of Information Act – Act 442 of 1976, and Crime Victim’s Rights Act outline and establish procedures, exemptions/disclosures, and privacy requirements regarding Body-Worn Camera Footage. Some main objectives of the DPD Body-Worn Camera policy that is currently in place is to establish guidelines and procedures governing the use of Body-Worn Camera Systems by department members and to establish guidelines regarding the preservation of digital media created by the equipment. The City of Detroit is one of the few large municipalities in the nation where we get that BWC footage as soon as it is available, which is within a 24-hour period. We get it the very next day when it is uploaded to the system. It is an invaluable tool for us as we do our investigations. OCI total cases are 706, the backlog cases have decreased to 245 cases and we are making progress. The number of cases we are receiving this summer is unprecedented. We received 35-40 cases just this week.

- VI. **Report from Board Secretary / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information.**

- 1. Take Home Vehicle Report
- 2. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White Re: Status Report on Recent Promotions
- 3. Agenda Recommendation Memorandum

4. City of Detroit FY2023-2024 Adopted Budget and FYP-DPD Position
5. City of Detroit Funds Available Report
6. BOPC Recommendations for Local 212 Union Contract June 2023
7. Citizen Complaints Committee Memorandum 6/27/23
8. Flexible Work Schedule Policy
9. 2022 Annual Report Project Plan
10. BOPC Status on Recent Promotions 6/29/23
11. DPD Risk Management Presentation

Board Secretary Victoria Shah reported BOPC staff is reviewing a report Shielded from Justice, Police Brutality and Accountability in the United States, it can be found on the Human Rights Watch website Hrw.org and will provide a summary of key insights for the Board to consider, and the furtherance of transparency and accountability. In regards to the Promoted Officer Evaluation Report, the Chief's Office provided performance updates for DPD members promoted to Lieutenant and Sergeant on March 2, 2023. Update on Outstanding Report request the Take Home Vehicle Report provides DPD rationale for issuing vehicles in the take home capacity to selected DPD members. In addition reports requested that are still outstanding, include Citizen Complaint outcomes, Internal Affairs Reporting, Reporting Missing Persons, DPD Case closures, DPD members suspended with pay.

Lastly, a memorandum listing recommendation to make changes to the meeting agenda and content. The intentions of these changes are to align the Board of Police Commissioners Charter mandated responsibility to maintain supervisory control and oversight of the Police Department. Address repeated feedback from the public and Commissioners that the Board's focus should be on identifying and addressing police misconduct and citizen complaints. To create an atmosphere that draws in focuses on the input and contributions of the community. To make the best use of commissioners and the public's time by following a meeting structure that complies with the OMA is efficient and includes an agenda items that further oversight, transparency and education for the public. Under consideration to explore the feasibility of hosting more Board meetings in community venues instead of DPD venues. Returning to approving resolutions for community members who have shown that they are doing work related to oversight, public safety and or community police relations. In addition, we will look to have presentations from the community, including the Community Relations Presidents from the precincts and other community groups on topics related to oversight, public safety and community police relations.

Commissioner Bernard congratulated the Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield on his report. Commented on staffing additional investigators and Body-Worn Camera footage. Congratulated Board Secretary Victoria Shah on her initiative providing Human Right Watch excerpts of material to the Board. It gives a comprehensive picture on a nationwide basis that is applicable to every major city in the country and commented on Take Home Vehicle Report.

VII. Adjournment.

Chairperson Ferguson adjourned the meeting at 3:51 p.m.