



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Police Commissioners

**FROM:** Chairman Bryan Ferguson

**DATE:** April 26, 2023

**RE:** Commissioner Attendance

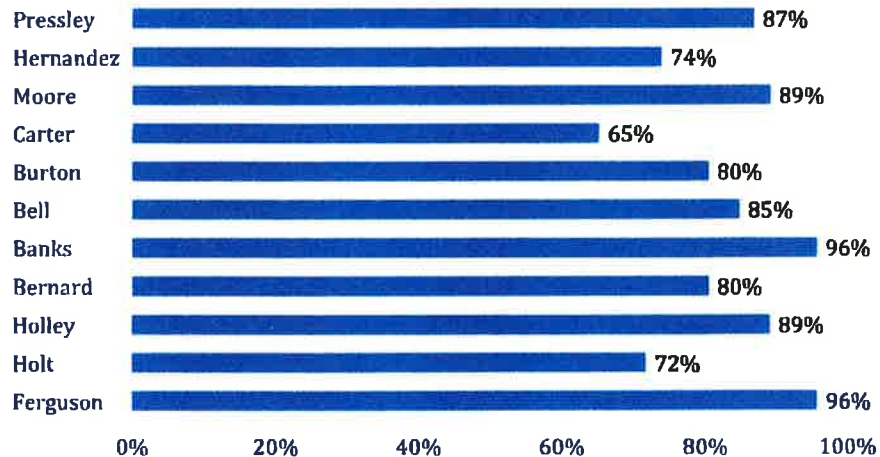
Dear Honorable Colleagues,

The Detroit City Charter mandates that "The Board shall meet at the call of its chairperson, but shall meet at least once each week and may recess during Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays." The BOPC ByLaws indicate that "Each Board member shall attend all Board meetings and all meetings of any committee on which such Board member serves. Requests to be excused from meetings shall be made prior to the meeting."

The Board's attendance metric highlights for 2022 are below.

- 50 meetings scheduled, 4 cancelled – 46 of scheduled meetings occurred (92%).
- Of the 46 meetings that occurred, 45 achieved and maintained quorum (98%).

### 2022 Meeting Attendance



For 2023, while we haven't cancelled any meetings, 2 out of our first 16 meetings of the year we have failed to achieve or maintain quorum.

The Board of Police Commissioners cannot conduct business without a quorum. In addition, each Commissioner's input and vote are important. While it is understood that these positions are volunteer, each of us accepted our election or appointment fully aware of the responsibility. Detroiters are counting on each of us to attend every meeting and represent their interests in oversight of the Detroit Police Department. In extenuating circumstances, if you are unable to attend a meeting, please call or email the BOPC office at (313) 596-1831 or [BOPC@detroitmi.gov](mailto:BOPC@detroitmi.gov) to request an excused absence in advance of the meeting. Otherwise, your attendance is expected by the public and your colleagues. Please be on time, and stay for the duration of the meeting.

Sincerely,

 4/25/2023

Bryan Ferguson, Chairman Board of Police Commissioners