

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 14, 2023 – 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Considine Recreation Center, 8904 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48202**

- I. **Vice Chairperson Holley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Chaplain Angelina Collins 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		Excused
Rev. Jim Holley, PhD.	Yes	
Tamara Liberty Smith	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Rory Gamble	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

**Gwen Vining** provided greetings and welcomed the Board and provided an overview of several programs at the recreation center, which house two Adult Drop In centers, a tenant that helps children with autism and learning disabilities and much more.

- IV. **Vice Chairperson Holley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, December 14, 2023. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Vice Chairperson Holley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for December 7, 2023, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VI. **Vice Chairperson Holley** requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 7, 2023, Administrative Leave without Pay, but with Medical Benefits regarding Police Officer Darrell Partlow, Badge 1535, assigned to Abandon Vehicle Taskforce. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Vice Chairperson Holley** requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for December 7, 2023, Administrative Leave without Pay, but with Medical Benefits regarding Police Officer Jon Talbert, Badge 560, assigned out to Fleet Management from Major Violators. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VIII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

**Commissioner Carter** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the 2024 BOPC Calendar by precinct model.” The motion passed.

**IX. Chair’s Report.**

**A. Resolution.**

**Commissioner Burton** read the Community Recognition Resolution honoring Dr. Willie Lee White II.

**RESOLUTION HONORING  
DR. WILLIE LEE WHITE II**

**WHEREAS** Dr. Willie Lee White II has dedicated his lifelong career to educating the youth within his community. He had a yearning to serve the community and wanted to do so at a deeper level. Many of the issues faced by students are rooted in trauma sensitive triggers that are societal. To that end, Dr. White espouses his personal experiences that are relatable to his student population that facilitate and allows him to service them distinctively. The students' perform community outreach activities that include assisting Gleaners and other nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. Willie Lee White II graduated from Eastern Michigan University with degrees in Health Administration (BS) and Public Administration (MPA) respectively. Additionally, Dr. White, a King-Chavez-Parks Fellow, graduated from Wayne State University with a Doctorate in Educational Research and Evaluation; and

**WHEREAS** His career in education commenced as a substitute teacher with the Detroit Public Schools. He received teacher certification in political science, social science, and health education while teaching at Detroit Public Schools' Cass Technical High School. During his tenure at Cass Technical High School many of his students were among the highest achievers of the State of Michigan (Social Studies) MEAP examination. Eventually, he was promoted to Department Head of Social Studies at Detroit Henry Ford High School where he was instrumental in developing programs that increased the school's Social Studies MEAP scores for four consecutive years; and

**WHEREAS** Dr. White become Assistant Principal at Detroit Martin Luther King Jr., Senior High School. Dr. White's duties at King involved establishing community partnerships, analysis and implementation of multiple policies; aligning curriculum with mandates, and leading the athletic department. Dr. White accepted a position in the Southfield Public School district as an Assistant Principal. In Southfield he headed the crisis intervention team, budgeting, security, and pupil population divisions at Lathrup High School. Dr. White's presence at Lathrup High School facilitated a sharp decline in suspensions and substantially aided an increase in parental involvement. Within two years Dr. White was appointed principal at Saginaw High School with a mission of implementing the district's academic turnaround goal of increasing student achievement through collaboration with all stakeholders in a transparent and accountable process. Saginaw High Schools' Data indicated a Safe Harbor AYP with a 12% increase in MEAP and MME increases in - Math (3%); Reading (4%); Science (8%); and Social Studies (4%). Dr. White was also principal at River Rouge High School. In a span of three months, suspensions were down 73% and enrollment increased 15% from the prior year. The percentage of students that met the NWEA projection growth in Math were: Grade 9 - 54%; Grade 10-56%; and Grade 11- 54%. The prior year the scores were 37%, 32%, and 53% respectively for Grades 9-11 (950 students). Currently, Dr. White is the principal of Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men where in his first year the National SAT scores increased from an overall mean score of 772 (2016-2017) to 842 (2017-2018). In fact, during Dr. White's tenure, Douglass' graduation rate has increased from 58% to 80% and ranking amongst DPSCD high schools has increased from 18<sup>th</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup>.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Dr. Willie White. His display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

**Commissioner Burton** moved the adoption of a resolution, which was adopted as follows: "Resolved That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Dr. Willie White. His display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit."

- B. Ayanna Morales Certificate of Appreciation**  
**Commissioner Burton** read the Certificate of Appreciation presented to Ayanna Morales.
- C. Qiana M. Davis Certificate of Appreciation**  
**Commissioner Burton** read the Certificate of Appreciation for Qiana M. Davis.

## X. Community Impact Report

**Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Office of the Chief Investigator Office** reported on investigations during the month of November. 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 OCI to assist in improving the quality of law enforcement services by instilling citizen confidence in the integrity of the Detroit Police Department. For the month of November as relates to the open cases we have 1,436 open cases in our office. Our cases that are between 0 and 90 days have decreased to 424. Our aged cases are 1,012 which has went up slightly. When we look at those cases that are closed versus those cases are submitted, and the actual staffing that we have on our investigative team. And we have our supervisors who led their teams and the thing that we see here in the month of November we only had 12 Investigators inside of OCI with three Supervisors and still we were able to close and or submit 78 cases.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Commissioner Bernard:** If in fact, the Body Cameras and Dash Cameras and so forth are cut off. There needs to be some sort of sanction for that. I know that the Board voted that some time ago that if, in fact, an officer turned off their Body Camera, Dash Camera before the conclusion of the incident. Then the incident would automatically be sustained in favor of the citizen. I just like you to report back on that. Not now, but at our future meeting regarding what's happening with that resolution that was passed by the Board. **Vice Chairperson Holley:** I know this is near my last meeting in terms of being a Commissioner. But I really like to think that if you could think about it the first of the year, to have some type of plan on how you are going to get these complaints down. Just a plan where your people can come together, and just see what we can do to get these complaints little bit better or even better, what you're already doing. The other thing I would be concerned about as well. If we get complaints from the citizens. Then what are we doing to get the complaints to the police officers? And then are we measuring that? As to where we, whether we have, is success in the concerns that citizens have regards to demeanor. **Commissioner Bernard:** When the Board has created a policy that says that video cams and dash cams should remain on throughout the entire encounter. If that does not occur, then there should be some sanction with respect to that. If I walk into an operating room, and I have not washed my hands. Put on my gloves, that's the problem. So we have to deal with each issue in just that manner. The policy means something, it has to have teeth. And if I can violate it and go into the operating room without washing my hands without putting on my gloves, then I will do that. So that's why we have to be very strict in terms of adherence to this policy in my view. **Commissioner Banks:** We got to keep in mind, that OCI is seven Investigators short.

## XI. Chief of Police Report.

**Deputy Chief Franklin Hayes** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

- A. **Commissioner Hernandez** motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Commander – Captain Jevon Johnson. The motion was adopted.
- B. **Commissioner Bernard** motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Commander – Captain Lawrence Purifoy. The motion was adopted.
- C. **Commissioner Bernard** motion to approve Chief James E. White's Recommendation for Appointment to the Rank of Captain – Lieutenant Nathan Duda. The motion was adopted.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD: **Commissioner Gamble** Inquired regarding the fatal shooting was that weapon illegal? Was the weapon was unregistered, stolen, or what was the status of the weapon.

## XII. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. James Ford, Mr. Ronald Foster, Mr. Blair Anderson, D4 CAC Member Scotty Boman, Rhuben X, Professor Rae Baker, and former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

## XIII. Presentation to the Board – 3rd Precinct Police Community Relations Council – Leslie Malcolmson

### **3rd Precinct Commander Michael Chambers and Captain Conway Petty**

- A. **Leslie Malcolmson, 3rd Precinct Police Community Relations Council** provided an overview of the 3rd Precinct and the 3rd Precinct Police Community Relations Council.
- B. **3rd Precinct Commander Michael Chambers and Captain Conway Petty** reported on reduction on crime trends. We actively pursue our known offenders, focusing on individuals utilizing guns. We also partner with our neighboring precincts. We boarder the Fourth, Tenth and Seventh Precincts, as well as Highland Park and Hamtramck, and we partner with specialized units like CATS, which is our Commercial Auto Theft Unit. Narcotics, Gang Intel and metro units regularly come into our precinct to assist with different activities that we have to address Crime, or, if we have protests, different events, parades everything else. So we have, from around the city different units coming in to help. Our NPO's also go into the schools regularly. They do the anti-bullying, conflict resolution, stranger danger and gun safety tips.

#### **XIV. Report from Board Secretary Victoria Shah / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

- A. CI Safety Protocol Proposal\_12072023
- B. Memorandum - OIG 23 0006 INV\_12072023
- C. Memorandum\_Fingerprinting\_12.07.2023
- D. Coalition Inquiry\_11.16.2023
- E. Coalition Inquiry\_12.7.2023
- F. CIOGS Ordinance
- G. Parl Opin on ending and reinstating FINAL
- H. A Disappointing Policing Change - The New York Times\_12.14.2023
- I. 2024 Calendar\_DRAFT\_OptionA\_Districts
- J. 2024 Calendar\_DRAFT\_OptionB\_Precincts

**Board Secretary Shah** reported the incoming correspondences are outlined in your agenda. One memorandum with recommendations on implementing processes to respond to the OIG Report 23-0006-INV Unauthorized Use of Signature. That memorandum provides some recommendations on processes to address the OIG's recommendations. The other correspondence, relates to the public increase from Assistant Professor Rae Baker and Attorney Ramis Wadood regarding DPD's procurement of Mobile Fingerprinting Devices and the Community Input over Government Surveillance or CIOGS ordinance. As a reminder the City of Detroit shuts down for the holidays from Friday, December 22 to through Monday, January 1, 2024, with few exceptions, and as also as a reminder, the BOPC and OCI Offices will be closed on Friday, December 22, 2023 and Monday, December 25, 2023, on December 26 through December 28, 2023 the BOPC Office will be closed. However, I will be available to support remotely via email or phone. If there are any urgent matters, and the Office of the Chief Investigator will be open the December 26 through December 28 or regular hours of operation. Both offices will be closed on December 29, and January 1. The Staff's Morale Committee, Chief Investigator and I will be hosting a holiday brunch for the BOPC Admin and OCI Staff on Monday, December 18, 2023, at 9 am. at the OCI Office. Commissioners, you're welcome to stop by to enjoy the festivities as well with the staff to close out the year. On Tuesday this week you received an email with packets supporting 3 DPD Applicant Appeals. Those are scheduled for next week December 21, 2023.

#### **XV. Announcements.**

**Board Secretary Shah** announced the following:

**Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, December 21, 2023, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

**Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 12th Precinct at Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Road, Detroit, MI 48235.

**Policy Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, December 19, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

**XVI. New Business.**

**A. Personnel & Training Committee Report.**

**Commissioner Carter** by direction of the Personnel and Training Committee, I move to make a contingent offer to the appointment of Administrative Special Services Staff Exempt II Analyst with a final offer salary of \$72,694 to Mary Barber pending background check. The motion passed.

**B. Citizen Complaints Committee Report**

**Commissioner Banks** On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Citizen Complaints Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on November 28, 2023:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Cedric Banks, BOPC Vice Chair Jim Holley, Commissioner Tamara Liberty Smith also sat in as a guest Commissioner. At the 10/24/2023 Citizen Complaints Committee meeting there were several outstanding questions to finalize the new proposed SOP for handling Citizen Complaint Appeals.

**Commissioner Banks** by direction of the Citizen Complaint Committee, I move to adopt the Formal Resolution Process of OCI Citizen’s Complaint Appeals Standard Operating Procedures. The motion passed.

VOTE: YES = 8 NO = 0 MOTION: PASSED

Yes: Vice Chairperson Holley, Commissioners Smith, Banks, Bell, Burton, Carter, Hernandez, Gamble

**Commissioner Bell** motioned that “the Board of Police Commissioners appointment of Victoria Shah end effective December 15, 2023.” The motion failed.

VOTE: YES = 2 NO = 6 MOTION: FAILED

Yes: Commissioners Bell, Carter

No: Vice Chairperson Holley, Commissioners Smith, Banks, Burton, Hernandez, Gamble

**XVII. Adjournment.**

**Vice Chairperson Holley** adjourned the meeting at 8:48 p.m.