

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 18, 2024 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226

- I. **Chairperson QuanTez Pressley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Deputy Chaplain James Powell 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	
Darryl Woods	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		Excused
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- IV. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the amended Agenda for Thursday, January 18, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 11, 2024, 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. **Chair's Report.** Chairperson Pressley reported on BOPC activities and provided updates, and reports for the Board and the community.

A. Resolution:

**RESOLUTION HONORING
MS. QIANA M. DAVIS**

WHEREAS Qiana M. Davis is an author, mental wellness champion, speaker, and podcast host with the gift of gab and the power to heal. Experiencing her grandmother's and mothers tragic deaths inspired her to help others heal and find their purpose in grief, loss, and trauma. Ms. Davis channeled her pain into the pages of her first book, a grief journal called I Remember Her, a healing tool for readers mourning a significant female figure in their lives in 2020. Two years later, she founded Emprove U as a wellness platform that focuses on how the intersection between mental, emotional, physical, and financial health affects overall well-being; and

WHEREAS It was at the height of the pandemic that Ms. Davis first noticed how certain underrepresented groups struggled most with their mental health yet lacked the focus and available resources afforded to other disparaged groups. It is because of these findings that Emprove U focuses primarily on three hubs: men, youth and entrepreneurs; and

WHEREAS

Through Emprove U, Ms. Davis kicked off the Men-Too Mental Health series, a roundtable for men's mental health issues in August 2022. The quarterly series pulls together men from different disciplines, age groups, educational levels and walks of life to discuss specific stressors and other affecting men's mental health today like stigma, incarceration and racism. The second installment of the series touched on how media influence and negative stereotypes affects men's mental health. The impact and need for the Men-Too Mental Health series has been unanimous as more support continues to pour in.

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 Ms. Davis' contributions and commitment to raising awareness on mental health and wellness. Her display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We Thank and Congratulate You.

VIII. Community Impact Report

Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield reported on Office of the Chief Investigator stats for December 2023.

IX. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Mark Bliss 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: Asked for the Deputy Chief to explain the gap in the number of call for services for the Mental Health runs.

DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. Mentioned that that Gap could mean numerous things.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Asked if the suspect was released from the hospital.

DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. That suspect he was released from the hospital is not facing any charges.

COMMISSIONER WOODS: Mentioned that Commissioner Smith and he went to the hospital, and they will keep the officer who was shot in their prayers.

COMMISSIONER BURTON: Asked how many runs have DPD been on in the last six months where someone actually needed help.

DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Through the Chair. Stated he can pull that data from communication, and will let the board office knows when he receives it.

X. Oral Communications / Public Comments.: Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Rhuben X, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

XI. Presentations to the Board: **HR Director Katrina Patillo** provided a summary of activities and statistical data during the month of December 2022. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD HR Report for more information, which are also posted to the Board's webpage.

Mr. Drew Fries, Fiscal Executive Manager provided 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Actuals for November 2023. He mentioned that he has requested DPD Budget for FY24-25, but has not received it from Agency CFO Mr. Nazarko.

COMMISSIONER CARTER: Made a motion to have DPD Budget given to the board office at the end of next week.

DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS: Mention that the Chief office will deliver it to the Board office by the end of next week.

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

- A. ALWOP Consideration Laville 01122024
- B. ALWOP Consideration Goodman 011624
- C. ALWOP Consideration Saelen 011624
- D. Letter from Unknown DPD Recruiting Staff
- E. E-mail from The Metro Detroit News
- F. OCI Weekly Inventory Report_12302023_01052024

XIII. Announcements.

Board Acting Secretary Brown announced the following:

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 11th Location Forthcoming

XIV. New Business.

- XV.** Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268(a) the Department's request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Antonio Currie, Badge 151, assigned to the Eleventh Precinct. (2/3 roll call vote required) (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote on A-majority vote required). The motion passed.

Commissioner Burton motioned, "that the Board of Police Commissioners unappoint the Executive Manager-Policy, Melanie White effective immediately. The motion passed.

Commissioner Burton motioned, "that the Board of Police Commissioners unappoint Senior Supervisor Lawrence Akbar effective immediately. The motion passed.

Commissioner Hernandez motioned, "that Director Katrina Patillo and Ms. Jonya Underwood support the clerical and administrative work for the Board of Police Commissioners to start the process in the procurement of a consulting firm to hire a new Board Secretary.

Commissioner Burton motioned to amend "that the Board of Police Commissioners add the Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield to assist the Personnel & Training Committee for clerical support in the procurement of a consulting firm to hire a new Board Secretary." The motion failed.

Commissioner Burton requested a legal opinion from the Board's Attorney because it may be conflict of interest for Director Patillo support in the procurement and search firm hiring process.

Commissioner Burton motioned that we postpone until next week. The motion was not seconded.

Main Motion, "that the Board of Police Commissioners assign Director Katrina Patillo and Ms. Jonya Underwood to assist the Personnel Committee in the clerical work to secure a consulting firm." The motion passed.

Commissioner Burton motioned to amended "that the Board of Police Commissioners add Mr. Robert Brown to the process with Director Katrina Patillo and Ms. Jonya Underwood. The motion failed.

Commissioner Burton motioned, "that Mr. Robert Brown be appointed Acting Board Secretary until a permanent Board Secretary has been selected." The motion passed.

XVI. Adjournment.

Chairperson Pressley adjourned the meeting at 5:42 p.m.