

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 8, 2024 – 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Solomon’s Temple Church, 2341 East Seven Mile, Detroit, Michigan 48234**

- I. **Chairperson QuanTez Pressley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Pastor Bishop Henry Davenport 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	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Tamara Liberty Smith		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rory Gamble	Yes	
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

- IV. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 8, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 1, 2024, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for February 1, 2024, Police Officer Serge Laville, the minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for February 1, 2024, Police Officer Joshua Goodman, the minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for February 1, 2024, Police Officer Briana Cabano, the minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for February 1, 2024, Police Officer Dayna Sears, 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.
- VIII. **Resolutions / Certificates**
  - A. Commissioner Banks presented certificates to NPO’s of the Eleventh Precinct. Sergeant Charles Spruce, NPO Danyell Robinson, NPO Douglas Nichols, NPO Eric Hill, NPO Marcia Williams, NPO Rana Asakrieh, Pastor Wayne McQueen, Police Community Relations Council President Kim Jackson-Eaton.
  - B. Commissioner Banks presented resolutions to following individuals Fredrick Botten, Ryland Hill Jr., Rickey & Cassandra Williams, Carolyn Williamson Green, Oliver Leon Wilson Johnson

**Resolution Honoring  
Fredrick Botten**

**WHEREAS** Mr. Fredrick Botten is a former associate pastor of Lifeline Christian Center Ministries, where he served under the leadership of Bishop Anthony Claxton. During his tenure there, Mr. Botten began doing evangelism at Lifeline. Mr. Botten and his wife, Laquana Botten, had a desire to go beyond the four walls of the ministry with an outreach program. Recognizing the need present in the Metro Detroit area and having a passion and desire to help the citizens of Detroit, they began going into impoverished neighborhoods and providing care packages to citizens with items including blankets, toiletries, and food; and

**WHEREAS** God gave Mr. Botten the vision for the 501c3 nonprofit organization *Encouragement Corner Outreach*. The organization's declaration and guiding philosophy is "Wherever you are, God's Love will find you!" Mr. Botten firmly stands on and walks in that declaration. Mr. Botten serves as the CEO of *Encouragement Corner Outreach*. Through his organization, Mr. Botten encourages and empowers others by applying the word of God for everyday living. Together with his wife and a wonderful staff whom he thanks God for, *Encouragement Corner Outreach* also has a Sisterhood mission and a senior program. There is also a podcast entitled "*Tha Next Level Up.*"; and

**WHEREAS** Encouragement Corner Outreach is making preparations for the next Annual Backpack Giveaway held every August. During the giveaways, the organization blesses a few hundred families with prayer, backpacks filled with age-appropriate school supplies for the children, food and entertainment, including games for the younger children. Additionally, several full-sized brand-new bikes have been raffled off for the community. The organization hopes to bless the community, families, and children even more this year.

**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 Mr. Fredrick Botten. His display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

**Resolution Honoring  
Ryland G. Hill, Jr.**

**WHEREAS** Ryland G. Hill Jr. is a native of the state of Michigan and a 100% Service-Connected Navy Veteran who has served the Kingdom of God in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ for over 37 years. He accepted his call to preach and teach the Gospel according to the book of Mark 16:15. Mr. Hill was baptized with fire and ordained as a minister by God with the assistance of Bishop Green Overseer at United Outreach Church of Oakland California in the year of our Lord 2007; and

**WHEREAS** Elder Ryland Hill is the husband of Melemea Joyce Hill (Deacon Eddie Lee Lynch Sr.'s daughter). Together they are blessed with 6 children and 6 grandchildren; and

**WHEREAS** Elder Hill has led thousands of souls into the Kingdom of God all over the world. Furthermore, he is a published author and a seasoned spiritual recovery coach who has helped men and women to transform their lives by testifying about how he overcame all of life's greatest challenges in his recent new motivational guidebook called "*Perception Buster*". Elder Hill's greatest passion is to help others to discover their purpose in life that would ultimately lead them toward a life of abundance and fulfillment.

**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 Mr. Ryland G. Hill, Jr. His display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

**Resolution Honoring  
Rickey and Cassandra Williams**

- WHEREAS** Born Rickey Dale Williams in 1963, he's the youngest of 5 brothers and 1 sister. A native to Oklahoma City, Oklahoma and raised in Durant, Mississippi, the phrase that best describes R.D. Williams is, "*Oklahoma born, Mississippi raised, but now living in Detroit, Michigan.*" He comes from a rich ministry heritage and is a 5<sup>th</sup> generation preacher. R.D. Williams served his country for 16 years and is retired from the US Army Reserves, serving in Operation Desert Storm and is highly decorated; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. R.D. Williams has been a born again Christian since 1975, a rededicated saint since 2001, licensed as a Baptist preacher in 1995, Licensed and Ordained as an Elder in 1999 and pastored the original Chain Breakers Deliverance Church in Duncanville, Texas from 2005-2008. R.D. Williams then moved to Detroit, Michigan and married his wife Dr. Cassandra Williams, became a licensed and ordained Bishop in 2008 and founded Chain Breakers Deliverance Church - Michigan. He and his wife both received their doctorate degree in 2010 from the Christian Association of Churches and Ministries in Eastpointe, Michigan under Bishop Earl Lacy; and
- WHEREAS** Dr. Cassandra Williams became a licensed and ordained Pastor in 2008. She is also 2<sup>nd</sup> Presiding Prelate of their Church Fellowship Ministry and 2<sup>nd</sup> Chair CEO of The Chain Breakers Deliverance Church Network; Cassandra Williams is a unique and gifted leader in The Body of Christ. She eloquently dissects the scripture to give both the spiritual and practical reflections into modern Christian living. With the healing and deliverance ministry that God has given her as a prophetess and minister, she transforms the lives of those she touches; and
- WHEREAS** Apostle R.D. and Apostle-Elect Cassandra Williams have been ministering together since 2010 and since 2020 are the senior pastors of Chain Breakers Deliverance Church International. Their unique style breaks the chains of the enemy and self-destructive behavior through revelation, liberation, and transformation. This sets the believer on not only a path of freedom and maturity, but a much deeper understanding of what true prosperity and growth really are.

**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 Apostle R.D. and Apostle-Elect Cassandra Williams. Their display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

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**Resolution Honoring  
Carolyn Williamson Green**

- WHEREAS** Mrs. Carolyn Williamson Green was born on April 21, 1944. She was raised as the second youngest of six children into a huge family whose foundation has always been rooted in the love of God. Her nurturing spirit began at a very young age. Once she turned eleven, she was deemed a neighborhood babysitter and was known as an aid and caterer to the senior citizens of her community. Mrs. Green attended well known educational institutions in the city of Detroit such as Davidson Elementary, Cleveland Junior High School, the High School of Commerce, which was the business school connected by the Victory Memorial Arch to the historic Cass Technical High School. She finished her schooling at Highland Park College. Once she completed her education, she worked for General Motors as a troubleshooter until her retirement in 1997. However, her work was not finished and thus began her true life's mission of dedicated service; and
- WHEREAS** Post-retirement she focused more on her community service and co-founded the well-known Detroit organization *Community United for Progress* whose mission was to give the children of the city opportunities to reach their greatest potential and to create a bond between the city's youth and the senior citizens. Mrs. Green has been a long-time member of her neighborhood watch group. She has been a volunteer for the Detroit Police Department for over fifty years and has been a leading member at her church home Peace Baptist Church. She previously acted as President of

their Missionary Society, she's currently one of the leaders for their senior citizens program, head of their kitchen ministry, their after-care ministry and is a long-time warrior for their intercessory prayer group. Her love for service throughout her lifetime opened a beautiful opportunity for her to give back to her own lineage and roots when she began assisting and taking care of her cousin the late mother of the Civil Rights Movement Rosa Parks. Her love for her cousin furthered her purpose of caring for all people of the world; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Green's relation and connection to her elder cousin opened a world of social justice and civil rights activism into her own life's mission. She has starred in several documentaries such as the Academy Award nominated, *Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks (2002)*. *My life with Rosie: A Bond between Cousins (2017)*, a documentary exploring a deeper look into the relationship she had with her cousin and how she continues to preserve the integrity of Mrs. Park's legacy, *My Life with Rosie* is also an Amazon best-selling children's book. She was most recently seen on the streaming app Peacock in *The Rebellious Life of Mrs. Rosa Parks (2022)*, which was featured at the Tribeca Film Festival. She was also asked to be the familial advisor and consultant on the 2002 biopic, *The Rosa Parks Story*, starring Angela Bassett, Peter Francis James, and the late Cicely Tyson; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Green's nurturing spirit for her community and her continued fight for social justice and civil rights has won her many awards, such as the City of Detroit's lifetime of service award, the Wayne County lifetime of service award and she was even awarded by the city of Los Angeles for her involvement in the Civil Rights Movement. In 2018 she was awarded a Humanitarian award of honors from Detroit's Trinity Film Festival for her continued acts of service and persistence to continuing the fight for justice and civil equity amongst all people. Mrs. Green has loved and raised many children, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and community children in her lifetime. She continues to fight for equity, equality and encourages everyone to know that with the love of God, anyone can make a change in this world.

**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 Mrs. Carolyn Williamson Green. Her display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

**Resolution Honoring  
Oliver Leon Wilson**

**WHEREAS** Oliver Leon Wilson was born March 7, 1952 to Edward and Mildred Wilson. Mr. Wilson comes from a large family where he is one of nine children, having four brothers and four sisters. After graduating from Central High School in 1971, Mr. Wilson enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1973. After serving for three years, Mr. Wilson was honorably discharged in 1976 with a rank of Spec 4 and began working for the U.S. Postal Service; and

**WHEREAS** During his career with the U.S. Postal Service, Mr. Wilson served as union steward for the National Association of Letter Carriers from 1985-2015. Additionally, he served as a representative for Employee Involvement/Quality of Work Life (EI/QWL) as well as a safety advocate. In 2015, Mr. Wilson was awarded the 1 Million Mile Safe Driver Award. After a long and successful career, Mr. Wilson retired in 2016; and

**WHEREAS** Mr. Wilson is active within his community, as an advocate and activist, serving on several block clubs and community groups. This includes M.O.R.S. Community Block Club, North Central Block Club, Conant Gardens, Community United for Progress (CUP), and Farwell Community Group. Additionally, he is the former president of Detroit National Action Network (2012-2014). From 1997-2017, Mr. Wilson served as vice president on the Farwell Recreation Advisory Council and has currently served as president since 2017. Mr. Wilson has been instrumental in petitioning for a new gymnasium for Farwell Recreation and is pleased to announce that the new gym is coming in spring 2024. Mr. Wilson has also been a participant of "WE Care Day" for 35 years; and

**WHEREAS** As an avid sports enthusiast, Mr. Wilson enjoys running, basketball, table tennis, softball, pitching horseshoes, and bowling. Spending time with his family is of great importance to Mr. Wilson, who is

the father to two children, one son and one daughter, a grandfather to seven grandchildren and a great grandfather to four great grandchildren.

**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 Mr. Oliver Leon Wilson. His display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

**IX. Chief of Police and the Eleventh Precinct Report.**

**Deputy Chief Arnold Williams** 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 MOORE:** I noticed maybe a little bit outside of your purview, as it relates to ARPA funds, however heated sidewalks came to my attention that could be utilized for a senior citizen buildings and police and fire stations. Especially for senior citizens when wintertime comes a lot of senior citizens have mobility issues.

**COMMISSIONER GAMBLE:** Commended the 11th Precinct on efforts to continue to keep the numbers down. Good job.

**COMMISSIONER WOOD:** I would have liked to have seen something even more robust for African American History month coming from the Department, maybe engaging with some of the students here in the City of Detroit.

**11th Precinct – Commander Rebecca McKay.** Commander Rebecca McKay reported out on the 11th Precinct criminal statistics and overall summary within the precinct.

The following inquiries require responses from the BOPC and/or DPD:

**COMMISSIONER BANKS:** What type of role, percentage is ShotSpotter's decreasing crime in the 11th Precinct.

**Commander McKay:** Stated that she will get that information and report back.

**COMMISSIONER BERNARD:** Asked about the use of surveillance technology in the precinct. Do you have license plate readers? How many Green Light business do you have? What are your plans regarding technology?

**Commander McKay:** Stated they do have LPR's in scout cars. She mentioned there are 63 Green Light Business.

**COMMISSIONER MOORE:** Inquired how do you measure crime going up or going down?

**Commander McKay:** Stated they focus on the hotspots and use the strategy that they have in place.

**COMMISSIONER GAMBLE:** Inquired in your confiscation of weapons, what type are the most seen small caliber, large caliber, assault weapons?

**Commander McKay:** Stated they have confiscated 2 Glocks with switches, and 17 hand guns.

**COMMISSIONER BANKS:** Inquired how effective has license plate readers?

**Commander McKay:** Stated they are very helpful to the investigation team.

**COMMISSIONER BURTON:** Asked are you familiar with the Michael William case out of Chicago pertaining to ShotSpotter? Are you familiar with Savon Simmons case out of Rochester, New York also pertaining to ShotSpotter?

**Commander McKay:** Stated she is not familiar with these cases.

**COMMISSIONER WOODS:** Inquired what is your retention rate as it relates to Green Light?

**Commander McKay:** Stated as of today the number is still 63.

**X. Presentation to the Board – 11th Precinct Police Community Relations Council – Ms. Kim Jackson-Eaton**

A. Ms. Kim Jackson-Eaton provided an overview of the 11th Precinct Police Community Relations Council. The 11th Precinct Police Community Relations Council meet every second Tuesday, at 6 p.m. at the precinct or via Zoom.

**XI. Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Megan Douglass, Mr. Dain Evans, Ms. Victoria Shah, Mr. Rhuben X, Professor Rae Baker, and Ms. Tawana Petty provided public comments.

**XII. Report from Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

- A. Civil Rights Department SOP 02\_07\_2024
- B. Missing Person 02\_07\_2024
- C. Civil Rights Body Worn Camera SOP 02\_07\_2024
- D. Monthly BOPC Force Report
- E. Monthly BOPC Arrest Report
- F. Monthly BOPC Internal Affairs Report
- G. OCI WeeklyInventoryReport\_01202024\_02022024ALWOP Consideration Sears 01\_25\_24

**Acting Board Secretary Brown** provided an overview of the incoming correspondence and several updates for the Board.

**XIII. Announcements.**

**Board Acting Secretary Brown** announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 10th Precinct at Dexter Avenue Baptist Community Center, 3350 W. Davison St., Detroit, MI 48238.

**Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for February 2024**

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| Personnel & Training Committee Meeting | Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. |
| Budget Committee Meeting               | Wednesday, February 14, 2024 at 5:30 p.m. |
| Policy Committee Meeting               | Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.   |
| Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting   | Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.   |

All Committee Meeting are held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

**XIV. New Business.**

A. Policy Committee Report Commissioner Bernard provided key updates from the committee meeting held February 6, 2024.

**Commissioner Burton** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners name the Board of Police Commissioners Conference Room after the late Ron Scott.” The motion was approved.

**XV. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Pressley** adjourned the meeting at 8:26 p.m.