

Civilian Oversight Citizen Focus Group

Summary of Proposed Changes
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Improve public trust

- 1) All Police Commissioners Should be chosen by election with vacancies being filled by the next runner up, or by the remaining commissioners. Two elected at large. Seven elected from non-at-large districts. Must *not* have been DPD officer (Sections 3-105, 3-107, 3-109, 3-111, 7-802 would be amended for this purpose).
- 2) Add the phrase “serve” to the description of the duties of the Police Department (Section 7-801).
- 3) Set each commissioner’s term to 4 years, not 5. (Section 7-802)
- 4) Add a third staff category: Member Staff. Each board member shall have a part-time staff member to help the member address constituent concerns, and assist the member in the performance of his or her duties. (Section 7-804)
- 5) Have qualified citizens shadow the commissioners for one year. (Section 7-804)
- 6) Require police officers to live in Detroit as a condition of employment. (Section 7-812)

Promoting thorough, fair investigations

- 1) Modify, Ethical Standards of Conduct to include Police Commissioners by applying it to *all* public servants. (ARTICLE 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS. Sec. 2-106.1)
- 2) Each commissioner shall have a budget and a dedicated office space (room or cubicle) in which to meet with constituents and securely store documents. The office space shall be equipped with a networked computer. They shall also have a secure monitored meeting room with secured cabinets. Compensation for expenses resulting from meetings would be required. (7-802)
- 3) Complaints must be resolved (and the outcome reported to the complainant) within 30 days. (Section 7-808)
- 4) Permit the BOPC to establish policies, rules and regulations without Mayoral consent. (Section 7-803)
- 5) Require a shorter reporting time by the Chief Investigator, or have the Chief Investigator report the need for time-sensitive subpoena at the next board meeting. *This is essential since videos are often deleted after a short cycle of time.* (Section 7-808)
- 6) All police shootings, and any allegation of police use of force (beyond the existence of an arrest), shall be investigated by the Board of Police Commissioners. (7-803 & 7-808).
- 7) All city-possessed video and body-cam video shall be made accessible to the Board of Police Commissioners by the subsequent meeting (within 5 business days). Unedited copies of all video of police interactions shall be provided to the Board, simultaneous to receipt by the Detroit Police Department. These videos shall be catalogued and stored in a secure location only available to the Board. (Section 7-808)

Increase transparency

- 1) The Chief of Police shall hold no other office. (7-805)
- 2) Have the Board of Police Commissioners choose the Police Chief. (Section 7-805)
- 3) Require that commissioners make minutes of all committee meetings and closed sessions available to all other commissioners and that all minutes be made available to the general public. Identifying and personal information may be redacted unless the involved person approves the release of the information. (section 7-803)