

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 15, 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.** Chaplain Mohammed Ali provided the invocation.
- III. **Announcements.**

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

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 22, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 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

Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday, February 20, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m.

Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting February 27, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. All Committee Meeting are held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

**IV. 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		Excused
Tamara Liberty Smith	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rory Gamble	Yes	
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the amended Agenda for Thursday, February 15, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- VI. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 8, 2024, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
- VIII. **Chair's Report.** You may recall there was an individual, the Board brought on under TASS Analyst position, but now will be the Civilian Oversight Analyst.

**Commissioner Gamble** motioned, "that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the position amendment to remove

the TASS Analyst position and to add the Civilian Oversight Analyst position". The motion passed.

**Commissioner Smith** read the resolution honoring Citywide and 12th Precinct Police/Community Relations Leader Mrs. Ruth Barton.

**Resolution for Citywide and 12th Precinct Police/Community Relations Leader Ruth Barton**

Whereas, Ruth and Richard Barton always loved calling Detroit home and became active in the community to improve the quality of life for everyone. They were among the millions of City residents and stakeholders who sought lasting reforms to the Police Department following the 1967 civil rebellion against police racism and brutality. Ruth Barton grew even more determined for positive change after a Michigan Chronicle article stated the "bridge between the police and the black community is a gap that threatens the (City's) peace." She committed her time and energy to building a better bridge to close the gap; and

Whereas, Mrs. Barton joined others in advocating for civilian oversight, police "mini" stations in neighborhood centers, and a process for residents to meet regularly with commanders at local precincts. Her work helped establish the organization known today as the Citywide Police/Community Relations Council. She also helped launch a local council in her community, an area served today by the 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct. Along with other activists and advocates, she helped ensure the citywide and precinct councils established meetings and activities for open dialogue and engagement between police officers and the communities they served; and

Whereas, Police Commissioners since 1974 often worked with or heard from Mrs. Barton about police actions or community safety. A librarian by profession, she always made herself available as a resource for accurate and important information. Both she and her husband enjoyed long careers at the Detroit Public Library while raising their son Edward. After retiring in 1991, Mrs. Barton continued to contribute to the library, and won awards for her dedicated volunteer service. However, she spent even more time tirelessly supporting police-community relations and mentoring new community leaders during her decades-long retirement. Her numerous civic contributions, including her leadership in the 12<sup>th</sup> Precinct and in police-community relations, will be celebrated Saturday, February 17, 2024 in honor of her 98<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Therefore, be it Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the great City of Detroit, salutes Ruth Barton for her pioneering contributions in bridging the gap between Detroit police and residents. Our City is forever indebted to her for helping to organize the Citywide Police/Community Relations Council and the precinct councils that still serve as vital groups for police officers and the community to work together for positive changes in community policing, neighborhood safety, and the Detroit Police Department.

**Commissioner Gamble** motioned, "that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt this resolution into our archives. The motion was adopted.

**Commissioner Woods** reported out on the new legislation concerning Safe Storage Laws, we want to spread awareness that this law is now enacted. Especially to the community to help protect children and innocent people from being killed from not properly handling guns, and to keep them safely stored. This new law was put in place on the state level to protect the lives of innocent children.

**IX. Community Impact Report.**

Chief Investigator Warfield provided an update as it relates to OCI efforts to move forward the backlog cases. We need the public's input. In an effort to increase the timely conclusion of investigations currently open at the Office of the Chief Investigator, we are in the process of developing an internal project called the Timeliness Initiative. Through this comprehensive initiative and process, OCI will review investigations 12 months and older to determine if an alternate approach warranted in order to expedite the closure of certain investigations. At the conclusion of this initiative, OCI expects the timely resolution of investigations related to newer complaints, as well as improved outcomes from aged complaints which are adversely impacted by the length of the investigation. By conducting timely investigations, OCI will fulfill the core tenant of accountability and timeliness, both internally and externally. In an effort to comprehensively review aging, pending investigations. OCI will identify a group of dedicated staff to conduct a review of all current investigations 12 months or older. OCI seeks permission to implement a strategy to close the backlog cases

which would mirror the timeliness of the backlog OCI cases during the consent decree. The specific allegation of these backlog cases will be thoroughly investigated. If any misconduct is identified, officers will be called for Garrity interviews and the case will be forwarded through the disciplinary process. Please note cases that are beyond 366 days will not generate any disciplinary actions on behalf of the Department. According to Union contracts, however, egregious violations will be forwarded to the command for informal counseling. February 27, 2024, at 5 PM, during the Citizen Complaint Committee hearing at Public Safety Headquarters. The leadership team at OCI will explain in great detail to the public the rationale for the backlog, the need to implement this new strategy and to present our Beta test findings. The Office of the Chief Investigator invites the public to attend this meeting in person or through zoom, to weigh in and give their input. OCI at this current day we're still under staff, and we cannot resolve the backlog case doing the exact same thing that we have been doing so. This opportunity affords us the ability to move these cases forward in aggressive but an appropriate way, so that Citizens Complaints are addressed in a thorough manner.

**X. Chief of Police Report.**

**Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart** 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:** Great report. I have a question specifically to the 13-year-old girl that you mentioned Na'Ziyah Harris. It seems that there might be, especially on social media, and the public perception that there was a delay in initiating that search.

**DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART:** Detroit Public Schools Police has been investigating the case the entire month. The case has not went without investigation. Sometime last week they reached out for our assistance at the Cyber Crimes Unit. They also reached out to the Chief, he was brief regarding the case, and at that point, we took lead on the investigation.

**COMMISSIONER GAMBLE:** I have received inquiries from last week meeting regarding a device called a switch. I was wondering if you could elaborate and kind of explain it little broader.

**DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART:** If you are talking about a Glock switch that goes on a firearm. It is a little device that allows a semiautomatic handgun to convert into a fully automatic handgun. Switches are an illegal device. It has Federal oversight, so anyone caught with a switch on their Glock in the course of an investigation will be charged federally.

**COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ:** Mentioned recently there was some funding that was approved for 20 Bola Wrap devices. For the public sake, let us know where those are going to be deployed.

**DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART:** The funding is for 20 additional Bola device. We deploy them to our crisis intervention team members. So we asked for an additional 20 to deploy one at every precinct and some of the ancillary units.

**COMMISSIONER SMITH:** Inquired are we doing any more search parties for the 13 year old. I know the information is just new to DPD and not much information was given, any plans of any search parties or canvassing a different area?

**COMMANDER IAN SERVERY:** We are taking a very deep dive into the investigation following up on information and looking for new sources of information. Once those additional areas are identified we will definitely be back out searching again. **Commissioner Woods** I will encourage my clergy friends to get involved in some of these searches and terms with their congregations. I know it's at least 2 reverend's in the house today. Let's make sure that we spread among the clergy throughout this entire city, we have a 13 year old that is missing. It is all of our problem, even my fellow commissioners, whenever you can. I know time may not permit. I think as a community, we need to make sure we wrap our arms around these families and be a part of those searches and spread the word to be able to possibly get information to the people.

**CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY:** Inquired regarding the Crime Report and sexual assaults, is there a breakdown of crimes that fall under sexual assaults or is it just a general category?

**DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART:** It is a general category but it encompasses several specific charges.

**CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY:** For the sake of the public, when you talk about things like homicides that is evident upon the scene. But when we talk about things like aggravated assault, are these calls for service that are captured in the data or these arrests that have been made around those incidences.

**DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART:** Those are all actual incidents.

**CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY:** My final question in this line of questioning has to do with domestic violence. There have been several conversations about its rise and again, just for the sake of the public domestic violence incidences are they captured under aggravated assaults?

**DEPUTY CHIEF STEWART:** They could be captured under aggravated assaults, or it could be even a non-fatal shooting. But typically speaking they're captured under aggravated assaults, or a regular assault, which is a misdemeanor.

**CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY:** Lastly, thank you for your kind words relative to the graduation. Again, I take it as an immense honor to represent this body to new officers coming into the police department, and for those citizens who've never experienced a DPD graduation, I encourage you to do so. It does increase your level of confidence in the officers that are on the streets.

**XI. Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Eric Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Pearl Martin, Mr. Duvell Martin, Ms. Ruby Ward, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Michelle George, Ms. Marguerite Maddox Scarlett, Ms. Victoria Shah, former Commissioner William Davis, Mr. Scotty Boman, Ms. Sharron Solomon, and Mr. Alvin Stokes provided public comments.

**XII. Presentations to the Board – A. Human Resources Bureau, Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel  
B. BOPC Budget Actuals – Drew Fries, Executive Manager - Fiscal**

**A. Human Resources' Report – Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel** provided a summary of activities and statistical data during the month of January 2023. See the attached Meeting Transcripts and DPD HR Report for more information, which are also posted to the Board's webpage.

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

**COMMISSIONER BERNARD:** The question I have relates to DDOT police force being incorporated into our police department. Where you are in that process and what sort of changes will occur for those police officers that are transit police now versus DPD.

**DIRECTOR PATILLO:** We would have to take a look at their qualifications. If they are not MCOLES certified and they are screened to come to DPD. It is my understanding that they would have to complete all the requirements that a new applicant would have to complete, so meaning, they would have to go to our Academy for 6 months and complete the MCOLES portions of that training.

**COMMISSIONER WOODS:** Inquired will the Board of Police Commissioners get any Grow Detroit Young Talent?

**DIRECTOR PATILLO:** There is a process where you have to submit a program plan, you have to be approved through the City, Detroit, and I believe that is something that the BOPC should have worked out with the City of Detroit or the City HR side. I can reach out to the city representatives to see if anything was submitted, and then I can come back to you.

**COMMISSIONER CARTER:** Expressed we have participated in the past it should be no problem.

**B. BOPC Budget Actuals – Drew Fries, Executive Manager - Fiscal.** Provided 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Actuals for December 2023. Confirm ACFO Nazarko will present the budget next Thursday, February 22, 2024. See the attached Meeting Transcripts for more information, which are also posted to the Board's webpage.

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

**A. 2024 YAP Schedule**

- B. ALWOP Consideration Criswell 02142024
- C. Citizen Email 02132024
- D. DPD Budget Detail Presentation to the BOPC Budget Committee 02142024
- E. DPD Budget Presentation FY2024
- F. DPD Graduation Class 2024-B 02122024
- G. DPD Salary Detail for BOPC – No Names
- H. FY 25 CC Agency Expenditure Analysis by Fund Comparison
- I. OCI Weekly Inventory Report\_02032024\_02092024
- J. Public Inquiry 02082024

**Acting Board Secretary Brown** provided an overview of the incoming communications, upcoming meeting presentation of the Budget by ACFO Nazarko, and an Administrative Leave without Pay Request next week.

**XIV. New Business.**

- A. Personnel & Training Committee Report Commissioner Hernandez provided key updates from the committee meeting held February 14, 2024. We have a high volume of 40 applicants for the eight Investigator positions, that is a priority item as well as I do believe we also have an administrative posting. There are outstanding vacancies that the committee is working on to fill with qualified candidates.

By the direction of the Personnel & Training Committee motioned, to retain the iAdvantage Group and blend the eligible candidates that replied to the position for the Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners posting in January 2024. The motion passed.

- B. Budget Committee Report Commissioner Carter provided key updates from the committee meeting held February 14, 2024. The Budget Committee received the DPD FY2024-2025 Proposed Budget from Mr. Nazarko for review.
- C. Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268 (f) Candidate Jerry Johnson for the Board to consider disqualified application appeal from DPD hiring process. The motion passed (Time 5:03 p.m.)

Reconvene the Public Meeting (Time 5:43 p.m.)

**XV. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Pressley** adjourned the meeting at 5:44 p.m.