

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2024 – 3 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 Mary Autrey provided the invocation.
- III. **Announcements.**

Board Acting Secretary Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by 9th Precinct, at Ford Resource and Engagement Center (FREC), 15491 Maddelein St., Detroit, MI 48205.

Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for March 2024

Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. All Committee Meetings 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	
Tamara Liberty Smith, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
Rory Gamble		Excused
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 21, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- VI. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 14, 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. **Report from Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**
 - A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 03092024-03152024

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

IX. Chair's Report.

- A. AC Charles Fitzgerald – two (2) year Contract. **Commissioner Woods** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the two year Contract for AC Charles Fitzgerald.” The motion passes.
- B. AC Eric Ewing – two (2) year Contract. **Commissioner Woods** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the two year Contract for AC Eric Ewing.” The motion passes.

X. Chief of Police Report.

Chief of Police James E. White reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

- A. DPD Promotion to the Rank of Captain. **Commissioner Woods** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the Chief’s recommendation to promote Lieutenant Jason Adams to the rank of Captain.” The motion passes.
- B. DPD Promotions to the Rank of Lieutenant. **Commissioner Woods** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the Chief’s recommendation to promote the named officers from the rank of Sergeant to Lieutenant.” The motion passes.

Sergeant John Stewart
Sergeant Nzinga Moore
Sergeant Delicia Anderson

Sergeant Beverly Wilson
Sergeant Joseph Machon
Sergeant Brandon Shortridge

- C. DPD Promotions to the Rank of Sergeant. **Commissioner Woods** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the Chief’s recommendation to promote the named officers from the ranks of either Detective, Corporal or Police Officer to the rank of Sergeant.” The motion passes.

Detective Joshua Davis
Police Officer Tad Lloyd
Police Officer Brittney Williams
Police Officer Matthew Ruiz
Corporal Scott Kolesar

Detective Brenda Hernandez
Police Officer Jennifer Carlson
Police Officer Lidya Ayar
Police Officer Samuel Anderson
Police Officer Eric Brown

YES = 6

NO = 1

MOTION = PASSES

- D. DPD Promotions to the Rank of Detective. **Commissioner Woods** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the Chief’s recommendation to promote the named Police Officers and Corporal to the rank of Detective.” The motion passes.

Police Officer Markala Moore
Police Officer Steven Kenny
Police Officer Dion Corbin
Police Officer Ryan Walden
Police Officer Benjamin Wischnewski
Police Officer Laronda Tyler
Police Officer David Wiggins

Police Officer Emily Soulliere
Police Officer Shelby Kersten
Police Officer Ali Bilal
Police Officer Wallace Richards
Corporal Jeffrey Cooper
Police Officer Treva Eaton
Police Officer Ned Gray

XI. Oral Communication / Public Comments: Ms. Rella Landfair, Ms. Rella May, Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Antoinette Ivery, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Marguerite Maddox Scarlett, Former Commissioner William Davis and CAC Scotty Boman provided public comments.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners receive a Missing Person’s Report from DPD, following the Chief’s meeting with the family mentioned earlier today, as well as general information on what’s happening around missing persons.” The motion passes.

XII. Presentation to the Board – Tow Rate Commission - Laura Goodspeed, Auditor General

A. Laura Goodspeed, Auditor General discussed the Board of Police Commissioners responsibilities relating to the city's towing activities and involvement with the 2024 Tow Rate Commission (TRC). Auditor General Laura Goodspeed introduced members from the Auditor General Office, Mark Lockridge, Deputy Auditor General, Kevin Nosotti, Chief Auditor, Ms. Vivian Slaughter, Audit Manager, Ms. Shannon Hicks, Auditor, and from the Legislative Policy Division Attorney Philip Keller. The last Tow Rate Commission was convened in 2012, representatives of the Detroit Towing Association appeared before City Council in 2022, requesting a rate change. Councilmember Santiago-Romero convened the 2024 Tow Rate Commission on January 22, 2024. Although you don't have direct responsibility for being involved in setting the rates you do have input into some of the costs that may affect the rates. It does not appear that an affirmative recommendation approving the new fee schedule is required by this body. Nonetheless, the Legislative Policy Division noted that traditionally, both the Board and the TRC have offered input on the fees prior to the adoption of a resolution by City Council.

XIII. New Business.

A. Personnel & Training Committee Report. DPD HR Katrina Director Patillo provided an update on the position for the Secretary of the Board. Commissioner Woods provided an update on behalf of the Special Personnel & Training Committee held March 18, 2024. Five Investigators were interviewed. For the Executive Administrative Assistant II (Legal) position, eight applicants have been selected for interviews.

Commissioner Woods

“By direction of the Special Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended to move forward to hire Stephanie Brown and Kyisha Jones for the Investigator position pending background checks.” The motion passes.

“By direction of the Special Personnel & Training Committee, we are requesting that the Investigator position be posted immediately.” The motion passes.

B. Policy Committee Report. Commissioner Bernard provided key updates from the Policy Committee from March 19, 2024.

On behalf of the Policy Committee, it recommends the Board approve the 203.11 Eyewitness Identification and Lineups Policy Directive 08.17.2023 DPD Submission. The motion passes.

Commissioner Burton motioned,

CEASEFIRE+ SURVEILLANCE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: the Detroit City Council has voted to call for an immediate, durable, and sustained ceasefire to protect and save human lives, including the release of all illegally held hostages;

WHEREAS: the domestic use of surveillance technologies is often inexorably linked to the use of those same technologies abroad to undermine human rights;

AND WHEREAS: the duty of police oversight encompasses a responsibility not only to ensure that our policies protect the safety and civil rights of Detroiters, but also to ensure that our policies promote an international respect for our universal and inalienable human rights;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED: that the Board of Police Commissioners echoes the Detroit City Council's call for an immediate, durable, and sustained ceasefire in Gaza and the release of all hostages;

AND BE IT

FURTHER RESOLVED:

that the Board of Police Commissioners calls on the city of Detroit to disinvest in any surveillance technology or service with financial ties to any international human rights violations.

YES = 2

NO = 5

MOTION = FAILS

Yes: Commissioners Bernard, Burton

No: Chairperson Pressley, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Banks, Carter, Woods

Commissioner Carter motion, "that the resolution be referred to the Board's Attorney for further research and development." The motion passed.

XIV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Pressley adjourned the meeting at 5:40 p.m.