

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 7, 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 Anthony Estes 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	
Tamara Liberty Smith	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
Rory Gamble	Yes	
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- IV. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 7, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 29, 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.**
  - A. Resolution – Police Commissioner Shirley Burch (Posthumously)
  - B. Election of Board of Police Commissioners Officer – Vice Chairperson

**RESOLUTION HONORING POLICE COMMISSIONER  
SHIRLEY A. BURCH (POSTHUMOUSLY)**

- WHEREAS** Shirley Burch has etched a lasting mark on the City of Detroit, its residents, and its institutions during decades of civic leadership and community service, including most recently as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners; and
- WHEREAS** Police Commissioner Burch was elected by the residents of District 3 in northeast Detroit. As part of the City's official swearing in ceremony in January 2018, Commissioner Burch had the distinct honor of taking the oath of office from civil rights legend and U.S. District Court Judge Damon Keith; and
- WHEREAS** During her term, Commissioner Burch has been committed to serving the community and upholding civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department. As a Police Commissioner, she engaged in many police-community activities and public safety outreach programs. Her vision and leadership helped launch the successful "Love Where You Live" campaign, which included billboards and posters placed at churches, stores, police precincts and numerous other locations – and provided inspiration of other cities to adopt such slogans. Her evident

pride in the City of Detroit and the Police Department led her to honor the public service of Derrick Sanders, who died while serving on the Board. Though they had never met, Commissioner Burch took on the heart-felt mission to create and name a walking path in his honor at a local park; and

**WHEREAS,** Commissioner Burch is the founder of Communities United for Progress, and continues to be a forceful leader for uplifting and improving her community and all of Detroit. While Police Commissioner Burch completed her four-year term at the end of 2021, her contributions to civilian oversight, the Board of Police Commissioners, the Detroit Police Department, and the greater community will endure;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, awards this resolution in recognition of dedicated and diligent service by Police Commissioner Shirley Burch. Her dedication and commitment to civilian oversight, the City of Detroit, and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you, Commissioner Shirley A. Burch for a job well done.

B. Election Results:  
Vice-Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners 2024.

Commissioner Tamara Liberty Smith Elect: Four (4) Votes

Commissioner Smith, Commissioner Woods, Chairperson Pressley, Commissioner Gamble

**Chairperson Pressley** after the investigations have been released last week. There's been a lot of consternation and conversation around the efficiency and effectiveness of this Board, but I think that it has focused our efforts on what is indeed important, and that is again to regain the trust of our constituents to ensure that all citizen complaints are appropriately and effectively investigated. We have not lost sight of this effort. You'll find in the agenda today that we're moving forward with great haste to make sure that we're hiring investigators. To ensure that we're fully staffed. We know that our Chief Investigator is working diligently and fervently to ensure that we have a process that not only handles the backlog, but that keeps up with cases that are now currently being filed, and we also are working diligently to ensure that we're hiring a permanent board secretary. We're very focused on ensuring that we handle the business of the Board of Police Commissioners to the best degree that we can for the citizens of the city of Detroit. So let that be said, so that all of my commissioners know very clearly where our aim and direction is to ensure that all citizen complaints are investigated. That OCI is fully staffed and that we do our best effort in due diligence. In selecting a permanent Board secretary.

**VIII. 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 BURTON:** Last week I raised some questions regarding policies and other cities governing their use of the trace surveillance data and their policies. Does the department currently have that available for all commissioners?

**DEPUTY CHIEF BLISS:** Through the Chair, In order to accurately answer that question, what we'll have to do is we will have to contact those agencies and get their policies.

**COMMISSIONER BERNARD:** As a follow-up to Commissioner Burton's question. I think really one of the things that he's concerned about, and a number of us are concerned about are, how much litigation is there currently involving the police department? How many cases, for what? Who's handling those cases? And what's this? What is their status? Are they in trial? Are they in negotiation? And if they've, if all of that has been done then what was the payout? I mean? It's like a spreadsheet. The Board is entitled to that information for last year which is already complete. And if there's anything?

**IX. Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Valeria Berry, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Sharnita Williams, Former Commissioner Reginald Crawford, Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Agnes Hitchcock, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Melissa Turner, Black Justice, Ms. Victoria Shah, Rhuben X, Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, 124, Former Commissioner William Davis and Mr. Scotty Boman provided public comments.

**X. Presentation to the Board – BOPC Budget Report – Drew Fries, Fiscal Manager**

A. Drew Fries, Fiscal Manager provided an overview of the January 2024 BOPC Budget Actuals.

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

- A. 278-Specification Report Surveillance Van
- B. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 02242024-03012024

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

**Chief Investigator Warfield** provided an update on the Inspector General Report. On Thursday, February 29, 2024, we were informed that the Office of The Chief Investigator will receive 30 banker boxes of citizen complaint files from the Inspector General's office. Last year, in February of 2023, the Inspector General's office removed approximately 1,401 files from OCI. On this past Monday, March 3, 2024, Attorney Ty Greene, from the Office of the Inspector General, sent an email with an attached spreadsheet, identifying 705 closed cases out of the 1,401 files which were returned that lacked the expected or required documentation to render their cases closed out. Of the 705 closed files, approximately 280 files were identified as either empty shells, or contained only a copy of the CCR. To address these concerns and comply with the recommendations of the Inspector General's office. We are taking proactive steps. I've met with the OCI leadership team to strategize on how to proceed with the 705 cases which needs investigating. Our new investigators, overseen by Senior Investigator Jessica Hunter will begin promptly, and they already have actually started reviewing, contacting and processing these files for them to comply with our standards, operating procedures. We are committed to making significant progress in addressing these cases and meeting our obligations based on the recommendations provided by the Inspector General's office. The Office of the Inspector General will monitor and report out on our progress in 3 months. I just want to let this commission know that although we're still under staff. We need those people that it has not stopped the diligent work that our investigators and our administrative staff continue to do day in and day out investigating the cases. So we're still doing the job and remaining focus.

**XII. Announcements.**

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

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.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by 9th Precinct, location forthcoming.

**Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for March 2024**

Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Tuesday, March 26, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

All Committee Meeting are held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

**XIII. New Business.**

- A. Citizen Complaint Committee Report Commissioner Banks provided key updates from the committee meeting held February 27, 2024.

**Commissioner Banks** motioned, "to accept the Office of the Chief Investigators' new automated investigator reporting along with the Timeliness, Initiative Report." The motion was approved.

B. Personnel & Training Committee Report Commissioner Carter provided key updates from the committee meeting held March 6, 2024.

**Commissioner Moore** motioned, “that the Board of Commissioners draft a letter to US Attorney Dawn Ison to investigate the death of Daryl Vance.” The motion passed.

YES = 7

NO = 0

MOTION: PASSED

Yes: Chairperson Pressley, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Bernard, Banks, Burton, Moore, Gamble

**Commissioner Banks** motioned, “that every Commissioner that retires from this point on receives a resolution, a badge and cake.” The motion failed.

YES = 2

NO = 4

MOTION: FAILED

Yes: Commissioners Bernard, Banks

No: Chairperson Pressley, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Moore, Gamble

**Commissioner Banks** motioned, “that the two Commissioners listed in the OIG Report cannot serve in any leadership position until this term ends January 1, 2026.” The motion passed.

#### XIV. Adjournment.

**Chairperson Pressley** adjourned the meeting at 5:17 p.m.