

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 30, 2024 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226

- I. **Chairperson QuanTez Pressley called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain Leslie Walker provided the invocation.
- III. **Report from Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**
 - A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 05182024_052472024
 - B. DPOA Grievance Re: OCI Investigations

IV. Announcements.

Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, June 13, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 7th Precinct to be held at Detroit Edison Public School Academy Auditorium, 1903 Wilkins St., Detroit, MI 48207.

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule for June 2024

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| Personnel & Training Committee Meeting | Tuesday, June 4, 2024 @ 4:00 p.m. |
| Policy Committee Meeting | Tuesday, June 11, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. |
| Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting | Tuesday, June 18, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. |
| Policy Committee Meeting | Tuesday, June 25, 2024 @ 5:00 p.m. |

All Committee Meetings take place in the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters

V. 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 |
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| QuanTez Pressley, Chairperson | Yes | |
| Tamara Liberty Smith, Vice Chairperson | Yes | |
| Linda D. Bernard, Esq. | Yes | |
| Cedric Banks | Yes | |
| Willie E. Bell | Yes | |
| Willie E. Burton | Yes | |
| Lisa Carter | | Excused |
| Ricardo Moore | Yes | |
| Jesus Hernandez | Yes | |
| Darryl Woods | Yes | |
| Quorum (Yes) | 9 | |

- VI. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, May 30, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- VII. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 23, 2024. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- VIII. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

IX. BOPC Officers' Report.

Chairperson Pressley expressed to the public there will be three closed sessions today, that will require entering and exiting the meeting a number of times, and thanked everyone for their cooperation.

X. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Franklin Hayes reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

Commissioner Hernandez inquired regarding the officer that is currently critically injured, in which the vehicle struck the scout car. What were the circumstance of that accident? Curious to know if policy was followed, if the lights were on, etc. It was broad daylight at 2:27 p.m. and would like a through unpacking of that incident. In addition, I continue to see underage kids on ATVs. There are responsibility factors to how those are used and where those are used, similarly to how we ticket bystanders whenever there's drag racing. Is there a similar approach in regards to accountability of parents? What are we doing to address and keep parents accountable when kids are essentially being kids irresponsibly?

Deputy Chief Hayes stated he would gather the information concerning the accident and provide it exponentially. Speaking to ATVs, we have a strategy to address that both from utilizing our air support as well as the tips that we receive through Rewards TV. We will hold the parents accountable and parental responsibility is always triage.

Commissioner Woods questioned are we focus on making sure BWC footage in officer-involved shootings is being released? Can you find out exactly when the Board will be offered the opportunity to see that film as well?

Deputy Chief Hayes indicated Chief White's commitment to transparency, within 45 days of an officer-involved shooting it will be released to the community.

Commissioner Bernard what is the policy on pursuing a person and shooting them when they are not shooting at you, when they are retreating?

Commissioner Moore asked what is going on at the 2nd Precinct. It seems like they do not have continuity and leadership. They have changed leadership so many times in the past couple years. The community is solid, but it seems like that command staff keeps changing and I am just curious as to why?

Deputy Chief Hayes indicated one of the most constant things in the Detroit Police Department is change. Based on the needs of the city, there was some skill set, of some talent that was recognized at the 2nd Precinct that the department needed in another place. We have identified a captain we believe will certainly fit in with the 2nd Precinct. Our commitment to this body and to the community is that we will have an open house anytime there is a leadership change. We will provide this Board or this body with the date of the new captain that will be assigned to the 2nd Precinct.

Commissioner Moore inquired what the process for abandoned vehicles is.

Deputy Chief Hayes there is a robust plan to address blight in our city. It is being handled by multiple city agencies. For vehicles that are abandoned on public streets and in public right of ways, that could be an alley. That is being handled by municipal parking. For those that are on private property, on lots, in driveways, on fields that is being handled by the Detroit Police Department. There are also other instance where we lean on GSD or DPW to assist.

Commissioner Moore There was Wayne State Police and some activity with Detroit Police dealing with an encampment. What activities did DPD play with Wayne State and removing the encampment? What unit from DPD? Was it Mobile Field Force? Was it Special Response Team?

Deputy Chief Hayes DPD was requested to be present. We were present during the actions taken by Wayne State Police. They made the decision. I believe Chief Holt and the President have given a statement out to their reasoning as to why they broke up or removed the encampment from the university grounds. DPD took no action in removing anyone, taking down any of the tents. We were there, and we certainly do have a MOU with Wayne State. But as it relates to any law enforcement agency, if they are calling for police assistance, we will certainly honor the request. There was no need for us to engage, and we did not engage. Again, it was Wayne State that made that decision, and they took all the action. I do not know the composition of who was deployed there, but our metropolitan Division answered the call to Wayne State Police.

Commissioner Banks inquired is there a decrease in crime, and what is the percentage?

Deputy Chief Hayes shared violent crime being down across the city. Last year record low homicide and we are certainly on that same cadence this year. In my presentation earlier today, our total Part One violent crime is down in double digits. We are at 11% total violent crime with 23% reductions in homicide, 22% reductions in non-fatal shootings, 29% reduction in robberies, 58% reductions and carjacking.

Commissioner Burton had some concerns about District 5. A few different things, residents of Lafayette Park talks about people are camping out in the park. Needles and syringes are in the park near trees where people are walking their dogs. This is what residents in Lafayette Park are bringing to my attention. Also at McDougall and Larned, there's wiring hanging in the center, I actually have some pictures of that in my phone that I will like to share for the department to get someone to look into. Also, another concern is Wayne State, which is also part of the 5th District. Given the Vice President of Wayne State University, visited the encampment and denied filling unsafe, and what specific safety threats justified the violent suppression of the encampment protests by DPD and the Wayne State Police Department.

Chairperson Pressley At our last community meeting one of the residents of Detroit shared that the data that we share is not easily digestible. When we provide the percentages, it isn't calculating in their mind what that actually means. And so, just as a matter of recommendation, it might be better to just give the total number of the decrease, so as opposed to saying decrease by 11%, saying this was less than whatever that number might be so that our residents are better understanding the report. Because again, it was suggested to us that the percentages are a bit confusing to our citizens. My question is regarding the pop up block parties. When DPD engages these block parties is DPD's intentions to shut them down or to keep them safe?

Deputy Chief Hayes It is two-fold and it depends. If a block party has gone through the proper protocols, then we would work with them to certainly keep it safe. If a block party asked for Evolv, we will bring them out. If they need traffic control devices, as it relates to barricades to make sure, if they are out in the street. Again, everything has been signed off on the neighbors in the neighborhood. We will certainly help. But for the others, where we're getting calls for loud music. When the streets are blocked, people can't get home, gunfire in the air, music working outside what the provision is for amplified devices. Then at that point where it is becoming a nuisance, then we would go to shut down. It is a case by case scenario. Those that have applied to have that we will certainly help and do our efforts to make it safe, but when it has spilled over and become a problem event we will move to shut it down.

Commissioner Bernard my question relates to the people who we arrest. And of course they're in the Detroit Detention Center. When is the jail opening? Are we closing the Detention Center? Or what are we doing? I thought the actually jail was supposed to be open already. All of our people are still going to the Detention Center. What is the plan? If you do not mind sharing with our community and the Board.

Deputy Chief Hays I do not have the timeline, as it relates to the jail. The new jail versus the old in the Sheriff's office. That is Wayne County, so I don't know where they are in the pipeline, or in the project of transitioning from the new jail to the old jail. I do not have that information.

Commissioner Bernard Are we going to continue with our Detention Center?

Deputy Chief Hayes As you know, with the Consent Judgment, DPD is not in the business of housing prisoners. So we currently have a partnership with the State, which is the DDC. I am not sure if we are working to a partnership, possibly with Wayne County. We are still in the exploratory phases. So we are seeing what's in the best interest. Is it with our current partnership with the State? Or is it possibly with the county? That is still in conversations right now. So when a resolute plan is devised. We will certainly update this body on that.

Commissioner Burton Our office still has officers that are not wearing BWC, so what does your office plan to do to ensure that officers are wearing BWC and keeping them on. BWC are there to not only to protect residents and keep them safe, but it's also there to protect officer as well and keep them safe. What is your office looking to do differently, because we do have policies in place?

Deputy Chief Hayes That is a policy that we have extreme accountability on. So once we find out a member is not wearing a BWC, there is swift, progressive corrective action that is taken. It is not optional. For those that do not adhere to the rules and regulations of this agency again, through discipline or corrective action.

XI. Oral Communication / Public Comments.

Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Rella Landfair, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, 534, and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

XII. Unfinished Business.

A. Policy Committee.

Policy Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard presented two policy recommendations from the committee meeting held May 14, 2024.

“By recommendation of the Policy Committee that the Board approved 307.5 Facial Recognition Policy.” The motion passed.

“By recommendation of the Policy Committee that the Board approved 203.11 Eyewitness Identification and Lineups Policy.” The motion passed.

XIII. New Business.

A. Special Personnel & Training Memorandum.

Special Personnel & Training Committee Chairperson Woods provided key updates from the committee meeting held May 24, 2024.

“By recommendation of the Special Personnel and Training Committee that the Board accept Mr. Dorian Tyus as the Executive Manager of Policy contingent upon background checks and negotiations. The motion passed.

B. Citizen Complaints Committee Memorandum.

Citizen Complaints Committee Chairperson Banks provided key updates from the committee meeting held May 21, 2024.

C. Commissioner Moore moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section (8a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15268(a) the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Jared Shaw, Badge 3091, assigned to Eleventh Precinct.” (Time 4:52 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (5:23 p.m.)

Commissioner Hernandez moved that “the Board accept the Department’s request for the Board to place on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits Police Officer Jared Shaw, Badge 3091, assigned to the Eleventh Precinct.” The motion passed.

YES: 6

NO: 2

MOTION: PASSED

YES: Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Moore, Hernandez, Woods

NO: Chairperson Pressley, Commissioner Bernard

D. Commissioner Hernandez moved that “the Board accept the Department’s request for the Board to place on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits Police Officer Liana Shaw, Badge 3342, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct.” The motion passed.

YES: 7

NO: 1

MOTION: PASSED

YES: Chairperson Pressley, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Moore, Hernandez, Woods

NO: Commissioner Bernard

- E. **Commissioner Hernandez** moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section (8a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15268(a) the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Lieutenant Brandon Cole, Badge L-280, assigned to the Metro Division.” (Time 5:29 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (6:35 p.m.)

Commissioner Hernandez moved that “the Board accept the Department’s request for the Board to place on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits Lieutenant Brandon Cole, Badge L-280, assigned to the Metro Division.” The motion passed.

YES: 6

NO: 2

MOTION: PASSED

YES: Chairperson Pressley, Commissioners Bell, Burton, Moore, Hernandez, Woods

NO: Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioner Bernard

XIV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Pressley adjourned the meeting at 6:38 p.m.