

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 6, 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 Stanley Mobley provided the invocation.
- III. **Report from Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**
 - A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 05252024_05312024

IV. Announcements.

Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown announced the following:

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.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, July 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 6th Precinct to be held at the Citadel of Praise, 20290 Lyndon St., Detroit, MI 48223.

Monthly Committee Meeting Schedule for June 2024

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. Oral Communication / Public Comments.

Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Angela Cope, Mr. Scotty Boman, Former Commissioner William Davis, One of Thee Coldest, Dr. Gordon, Caller with the last three numbers 973, and Marguerite Maddox provided public comments.

VI. 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.		Excused
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

VII. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of the amended Agenda to move New Business directly after the BOPC Officers' Report for Thursday, June 6, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.

VIII. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 30, 2024. The minutes were adopted. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 30, 2024 for Police Officer Jared Shaw. The minutes were adopted. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 30, 2024 for Police Officer Liana Shaw. The minutes were adopted. Chairperson Pressley requested the approval of Closed Session Minutes for May 30, 2024 for Lieutenant Brandon Cole. The minutes were adopted.

IX. Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.

X. BOPC Officers' Report.

Chairperson Pressley expressed to the public that the elections for Board leadership occurs in the month of June. There are a few more meeting left with my leading the Board as Chair. I remind my colleagues so that we might solidify who the Board leadership will be moving forward into the 2024-2025 Police Commissioner year.

XI. New Business.

A. Personnel & Training Committee Report. **Chairperson Hernandez** provided an overview of the committee meeting held June 4, 2024. The discussion focused on finalizing enhancements to the Secretary to the Board job summary, and posting the position June 10, 2024 for a two-week period.

XII. Community Impact Report.

Office of the Chief Investigator - Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield stated as it relates to the number of investigations and allegations that have been received into our office, I do want to alert you that we are outpacing last year's numbers. Last year was a record year for us, and we're on a course right now to surpass that number by quite some margin. Chief Investigator Warfield provided detail information on the overall inventory of 2,031 cases at the end of May, of those 442 are within 90 days, 1,589 of them are considered backlog. Listing the breakdown by YTD Cases received 771, YTD Allegations received 1,838. The vast majority of allegations, 70% fall in demeanor, procedure and service. Some of our new investigators, who are doing an outstanding, excellent job investigating the backlog cases that came back to us from the Office of the Inspector General. Certainly, we take our hats off to all of our Investigators in our office.

XIII. 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.

Commissioner Woods This Body has been working to get a chance to see the BCW footage of these officer-involved shootings. Where are we at with that? It has been four (4) within a week and a half, as it relates to these officer-involved shootings it is vitally important that we have an opportunity to see the footage.

Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart stated the Chief is committed to the 45-day critical incident debrief, but I will take your concerns to him.

Chairperson Pressley I think I asked the Chief about it last week, and he suggested there wasn't a change. But again, there had been a debriefing schedule for Commissioners prior to the community being shared those videos. I don't know if that's a change with DPD. Whether or not we still will be having those debriefings with the Commission, but that clarity would be helpful.

It has been a very violent week it seemed like a lot of the incidents have been around block parties and the like. It is just now really starting to get warmer and so it is concerning. Is there any kind of strategy or policy changes or recommendations that DPD is having to communicate with the community around block parties? Any kind of extra restrictions being made to ensure that this does not become a trend for the summer.

Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart express we are working with the law department to try and find some legal language around ordinances with regard to block parties. If you get your block party permits, you have your sign off with your neighbors to ensuring the safety of those parties, whether it's barricades, and whatever we can do when they make notification. The issue is those neighborhoods and those parties that are we are not notified of, and we pull up, or we get the numerous 911 calls from the neighbors with regard to so many people on the block, the loud music, the trespassing on their particular property. Those are the ones that cause concerns that we are trying to address.

Commander Michael Parish provided a statement regarding the Body Worn Camera (BWC) usage from the Chief. Recently some concern has been expressed over the usage rate of BWC. Chief White brought BWC to Detroit Police Department. There is not a more zealous advocate for their use than Chief Police James White. He was also the producer of the Department's BWC policy, and he has ensured that the policy remains updated. When he came back from the Office of Civil Rights there was a comprehensive audit of BWC footage, and that was to ensure that our BWC

were working, and that the officers were using them. From that audit, he realized and identified deficiencies, which led to him purchasing through the procurement office a whole new generation of BWC. Moreover, the number of BWC that we carry today far exceeds, what we had. Every officer, including myself, including executive staff, have been issued BWC's. If you saw me at the NFL Draft, you would have noticed that I was donning a BWC, even as a commanding officer in the Detroit Police Department. In light of this recent concern, Chief White wanted to assure the Board that there will be an audit on BWC usage similar to the one before. So that we can identify more than and beyond simply a few instances where officers have not been found wearing them, and to get a more holistic view of our compliance rate. From our perspective, the officers are overwhelmingly wearing them complying with our policy.

Chairperson Pressley Thank you for that, and I think that part of the audit, or it's something that can be considered is the ambiguity around the definition of a significant encounters with citizens. What we are seeing in some of the cases that we are receiving is not necessarily that the officer isn't wearing their BWC, but they are not being turned on at times where we feel they should be capturing their engagement with citizens. I think that the ambiguity around what is a significant citizen encounter has been an issue of trying to determine whether or not it was appropriate or inappropriate for that officer not to have their BWC on. And so, if that can be a part of what is being analyzed, that would also be helpful.

Presentations to the Board – A. BOPC Budget Actuals – Drew Fries, Executive Manager – Fiscal

A. BOPC Budget Actuals – Drew Fries, Executive Manager – Fiscal provided 2023 Fiscal Year Budget Actuals for April. Discussed the status of vacant positions and pay standardization for the BOPC.

XIV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Pressley adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m. due to the lack of a quorum.