

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 18, 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.** Deputy Chief Chaplain Ron Franklin provided the invocation.
- III. **Announcements.**

Acting Board Secretary Robert Brown announced the following:

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 25, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the Eighth Precinct in the Eighth Precinct Auditorium, 21555 W. McNichols Rd., Detroit MI 48219.

Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for April 2024

Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting	Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.
Policy Committee Meeting	Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 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	
Tamara Liberty Smith	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rory Gamble		Excused
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

- V. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the amended Agenda for Thursday, April 18, 2024 to move Unfinished Business and New Business directly after the Chief of Police Report. The amended Agenda was accepted and adopted.
- VI. **Chairperson Pressley** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 11, 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. BOPC Towing Responses – Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallet
 - B. Facial Recognition and Eyewitness Policy

IX. Oral Communications / Public Comments.

Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Marguerite Maddox Scarlett, former commissioner William Davis, and Professor Rae Baker provided public comments.

X. Chair's Report.

Vice Chairperson Smith read the Resolution Calling For A Ceasefire In Gaza And Immediate Release Of All Hostages.

**BY BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS CHAIRPERSON QUANTEZ PRESSLEY
RESOLUTION CALLING FOR A CEASEFIRE IN GAZA AND IMMEDIATE RELEASE OF ALL HOSTAGES**

WHEREAS, On October 7, 2023, Hamas launched an unprecedented attack against Israel, taking over 200 hostages and resulting in the deaths of 1,200 Israelis; and

WHEREAS, The Cabinet of Israel subsequently formally declared war against Hamas, and the Israeli Defense minister ordered a "complete siege" on Gaza¹; and

WHEREAS, Since the war began, Gaza has endured punishment and been largely cut off from humanitarian aid and thousands of people have been killed and more than one million have been displaced²; and

WHEREAS, Due to an imminent threat of famine, the United Nations Security Council, referring to the conflict as a "catastrophic humanitarian situation," has called for the immediate lifting of all barriers to the delivery of humanitarian aid³; and

WHEREAS, As of April 5, 2024, the war against Hamas has destroyed much of the civilian infrastructure within Gaza, including hospitals, and resulted in the deaths of over 32,000 people and more than 75,000 have been injured, with at least two-thirds of the casualties being women and children⁴; and

WHEREAS, The current war between Israel and Hamas marks the most significant escalation in decades, and continued escalation could result in a larger regional conflict with devastating consequences; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Police Commissioners believes all sovereign nations in pursuit of self-defense must comply with international humanitarian law regardless of geographic context; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Police Commissioners agrees that no human should be deprived of water, food, healthcare and medical supplies, energy (e.g. fuel and electricity), and other basic needs, and decries the deprivation thereof; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Police Commissioners condemns all acts of violence aimed at Israeli and Palestinian civilians, and mourns the loss of all civilian lives and hostages; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Police Commissioners is gravely concerned and recognizes that a lasting resolution can only be achieved by peaceful means and diplomacy; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, The Board of Police Commissioners calls for an immediate, durable, and sustained ceasefire to protect and save human lives, which allows for humanitarian aid and the unhindered provision of goods to civilians throughout Gaza which are indispensable to their survival as required by international humanitarian law; NOW, BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, As part of the ceasefire, the Board of Police Commissioners calls for the unconditional release of all civilians who are being illegally held hostage, demanding their safety, well-being, and humane treatment in compliance with international law.

¹<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/world/israeli-defense-minister-orders-complete-siege-on-gaza-after-hamas-surprise-attack>

² <https://www.un.org/en/situation-in-occupied-palestine-and-israel>

³https://press.un.org/en/2024/sc15658.doc.htm?_gl=1*lc91t5*_ga*MTQ2NiY1OTcyNS4xNzEyODY4NTQ2*_ga_TK9BQL5X7Z*MTcxMjg2ODU0NS4xLjAuMTcxMjg2ODU0NS4wLjAuMA

⁴ <https://www.unocha.org/news/ocha-tells-security-council-six-month-devastating-war-gaza-must-end>

Commissioner Woods motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt this resolution into our archives.” The motion was adopted.

XI. Chief of Police Report.

Assistant Chief Charles Fitzgerald reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

XII. Unfinished Business.

A. Special Personnel and Training Committee Report Commissioner Woods provided key updates from the committee meeting held April 1, 2024. Seven Executive Administrative Assistant II (Legal) candidates were invited to interview for the position, two candidates were interviewed.

“By direction of the Special Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended to offer Artemisia Joshua the position of Executive Administrative Assistant II (Legal) with the recommended salary offer of \$65,000 pending further negotiation and background checks.” The motion passes.

B. Personnel & Training Committee Report Commissioner Hernandez provided key updates from the committee meeting held April 3, 2024. Police HR Director Katrina Patillo provided seven candidates resume’ for the Secretary to the Board of Police Commissioners position to the committee. The top three candidates, Candidates 1, 2 and 7 have been selected for interviews for the position publicly on May 2, 2024.

“By the direction of the Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended to move the top three candidates, Candidate 1, 2, and 7 for public interviews on May 2, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. before the Full Board at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters in the Skylar Room.” The motion passes.

C. Policy Committee Report Commissioner Bernard provided key updates from the committee meeting held April 2, 2024.

XIII. New Business.

A. Citizen Complaints Committee Report Commissioner Banks provided key updates from the committee meeting held March 26, 2024.

B. **Commissioner Woods** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15268(a) to consider request for the Board to consider personnel matters.” (Time 4:07 p.m.). The motion passes.

Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time 4:46 p.m.)

Commissioner Carter motioned “To Authorize Labor Relations to negotiate a reasonable salary pending final approval from the Board of considering personnel matters.” The motion passes.

XIV. Adjournment.

Chairperson Pressley adjourned the meeting at 5:10 p.m.