



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Linda Bernard, Esq., Chairperson Policy Committee
DATE: June 25, 2024
RE: Policy Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Policy Committee, please see the key updates from the committee meeting held on June 25, 2024:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard, Commissioner Darryl Woods, Commissioner Willie Burton

Community/Committee Attendees: Acting Secretary Robert Brown, Deputy Chief Hayes - Crime Strategies Bureau, Jasmin Taylor – Administrative Assistant, Molly Moening – Wayne Law Graduate, Professor Rebecca Robichaud – Wayne State Law School, Attorney Julie Hurwitz – President, Goodman Hurwitz & James, P.C., Victoria Camille – District 7 Grandriver Community Block Club President, Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability, Shea Howell - Coalition for Police Transparency and Accountability

- **Draft Policy - Legal Observers:** In reference to Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib letter to the Board of Police regarding mistreatment of legal observers by DPD. Shea Howell shared concerns about the BOPC's support for the role of support personnel during demonstrations and the lack of a clear policy articulating DPD's responsibility concerning the First Amendment. Shea and Victoria shared with the committee examples of other cities that have detailed policies supporting legal observers' rights. DC Franklin Hayes discussed the challenges of distinguishing between legal observers who are observing and those who are protesting. He also emphasized a commitment to working together on policy creation and enhancing the transparency and accountability of DPD. The discussion of the challenges continued with Attorney Julie Hurwitz joining in. In conclusion, during the June 20, 2024 board meeting. Commissioner Bernard stated that the policy committee would bring a response back to the board within 14 days regarding the letter from Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib. Shea, Victoria and Attorney Hurwitz agreed to assist in the drafting of the policy on legal observers.
- **278 – Specification Report Surveillance Van:** Postponed for review and discussion until July 9, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

- **201.1 Patrol:** Postponed for review and discussion until July 9, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.
- **304.5 Training:** Postponed for review and discussion until July 9, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.
- **403.5 Drug and Alcohol Abuse by Department Personnel Policy:** Postponed for review and discussion until July 9, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting.

The next Policy Committee meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2024 at 5pm.

Sincerely,

Atty. Linda D. Bernard, J.D.L.L.M,
Commissioner, District 2
Chairperson, BOPC Policy Committee