

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 14, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

Location: Dexter Avenue Baptist Church Community Center, 3350 W. Davison St., Detroit, Michigan 48238

I. Vice Chairperson Tamara Liberty Smith called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

II. Invocation. Pastor Richard White III provided the welcome and invocation.

III. Community Impact Report.

Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided an update on the Office of the Chief Investigator improvement plan. The mission of the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) is to fairly, effectively, and objectively receive, investigate, and make recommendations regarding complaints concerning the Detroit Police Department and its personnel. It is the goal of the OCI to assist in improving the quality of law enforcement services by instilling citizen confidence in the integrity of the Detroit Police Department. In the month of February, we had 121 complaints enter our office. Of those 121 complaints, they contain 280 allegations that needed to be investigated. In the month of February, we received 121 cases, and we closed 56 cases. We have received 319 cases just this year alone, and we have closed 116 cases. We also have incorporated 280 cases from the OIG report, in an effort to expedite those cases that we receive back from the Office of the Inspector General. As I said, last week, the OIG removed about 1,401 cases from our office we got those 1,401 cases back and 280 most cases we are immediately looking into, because those are the cases which were said to be closed without proper investigations. Letters are going out to all citizens of all of our backlog cases to let them know that your case is in process, and that we have not forgotten you, and we are going to investigate.

IV. Oral Communication / Public Comments: Ms. Victoria Shah, Ms. Bernice Smith, Professor Rae Baker, Ms. Betty Varner, D4 CAC Scotty Boman, Ms. Michelle George, Mr. Ronald Foster, Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill, Ms. Anam Shah, Diala, Black Bag Roo, Former Commissioner William Davis and O61 provided public comments.

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
QuanTez Pressley, Chairperson		Excused
Tamara Liberty Smith	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Rory Gamble		Excused
Darryl Woods	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	6	

VI. Vice Chairperson Smith requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 14, 2024 with the addition of New Business. The motion was accepted and adopted.

VII. Vice Chairperson Smith requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 7, 2024, with any corrections. 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. Chair's Report.

- A. Commissioner Bernard presented Certificates of Appreciation to NPO Charles Rodgers, NPO Donald Parker, NPO Nicole Sumpter, and NPO Robert Barber.
- B. Commissioner Bernard read the Resolution Honoring Patricia Carter.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
PATRICIA CARTER**

- WHEREAS,** Ms. Patricia Carter has been a resident of Detroit and is an active member of the Oakman Boulevard Community Association and;
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Carter is a member of the Tenth Precinct Police Community Relations Council and has served in numerous organizations, including the Trade Union Leadership Council (TULC), the 13th Democratic Congressional District, Keep Detroit Beautiful Task Force, and Focus: HOPE and;
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Carter demonstrates her broad spectrum of community advocacy and influence by sharing her knowledge and expertise regarding citizen’s rights as well as governmental policy. She makes it her business to keep the neighborhood informed while also holding community leaders and elected officials accountable.
- WHEREAS,** Ms. Carter has committed her life to service for decades, also as an oral historian who has donated artifacts, paraphernalia, and beautiful photos demonstrating years of community involvement and service to the City of Detroit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, acknowledges the generous giving spirit of Ms. Carter. Her commitment and years of dedication to supporting the community of the Tenth Precinct and improving the quality of life for all the citizens throughout the City of Detroit, merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Ms. Patricia Carter.

- C. Commissioner Bernard read the Resolution honoring Denise Lyles.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
DENISE LYLES**

- WHEREAS** Denise Lyles was born in Detroit, Michigan and when she was a child, her family relocated to East St. Louis, Illinois. She spent the majority of her childhood and early adulthood in East St. Louis, Illinois and attended Southern Illinois University. Family needs led Ms. Lyles to return to Detroit in 2012. Since returning to Detroit, her passion for her community has driven her to be active in several community groups and organizations. Ms. Lyles lives by the motto “don’t complain about a situation that you are not willing to roll up your sleeves and try to make it better.”; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Lyles has a rich and extensive professional background. Over the years, Ms. Lyles worked with Metro Detroit Youth Clubs, being the former Director of Degrees of Opportunity and former Community Relations Liaison, as well as working for Safeco/Liberty Mutual, where she worked in several different capacities, including adjuster, account manager, trainer and senior subrogation agent. Additionally, Ms. Lyles is a former account with the Treasurer’s Office and former senior accountant with the Township Office. While this briefly touches on the professional background of Ms. Lyles, she has an even more extensive background in community involvement; and
- WHEREAS** Ms. Lyles has a plethora of community involvement, being active with several organizations and boards over the years. Some of the organizations include Metro Detroit Youth Club Support Team, CAC Community Advisory Committee for District 5, 10th Precinct Public Relations Team, Brilliant Detroit Community Engagement Board, Brilliant Detroit Dexter-Linwood Advisory Board, Gilda’s Club Community Advisory Board, LCBC Lawrence, Collingwood Burlingame Community Block Club, 5 Alive Community Interaction for Change, Books for Youth and DPSCD Faith Based Partnership. Additionally, Ms. Lyles assisted in distributing food to 110 families weekly during the pandemic. Ms. Lyles prides herself on the work she does with Sister Friends as a mentor, a program dedicated to supporting and working with new mothers, most of whom are young with no family support; and

WHEREAS Ms. Lyles is a God-fearing Lady, a mother, and someone who loves her family, friends, community, and life. Denise has had a very diverse work history, but one thread ties them all together, which is her passion for service, making sure she gives her best to her fellow man. Today, Ms. Lyles works at Wayne County Community College as a “note taker” for blind students and others who need extra help, which includes everything short of doing their work for them.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Ms. Denise Lyles. Her display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

X. Chief of Police & 10th Precinct Report.

Deputy Chief Jacqueline Pritchett 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: I've been raising the question when it comes to data sharing agreements with cities that the City of Detroit Police Department sharing their data with and does their policies matches up with the City of Detroit policies?

Deputy Chief Pritchett: Through the Chair, Commissioner Burton, I do not have the information at hand, so I can't speak on other agencies sharing policy. But what I can do is when I get back to work tomorrow, I will get with our law department, Second Deputy Chief Grant Ha, who's over our legal and get the information for you, and make sure you get it.

Commander Stacey Alvarado and Captain Michael Diccio 10th Precinct. **Commander Alvarado** reported on the 10th Precinct reduction on crime. Our strategy for violent crime is raids offer to engage operations; restore peace targeted enforcement in a high crime hotspot areas. We work with commercial auto theft, vice, other precinct detective unit in collaborative investigations for crimes that cross precincts.

XI. Presentation to the Board – 10TH Precinct Police Community Relations Council Alvin Stokes

A. Alvin Stokes provided an overview of the 10th Precinct Community Relations Council. The 10th Precinct Police Community Relations Council meetings the first Thursday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

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

- A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report_03022024_0082024
- B. Contract AC Ewing
- C. Contract AC Fitzgerald
- D. Perspective-on-Community-Safety-From-Black-America

Acting Board Secretary Brown provided an overview of the incoming correspondence to the Board.

XIII. Announcements.

Board Acting Secretary Brown announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by 9th Precinct, Ford Resources and Engagement Center, 15491 Maddelein St., Detroit, MI 48205.

Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for March 2024

Personnel & Training Committee Meeting	Monday, March 18, 2024 at 9-4:00 p.m.
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.

XIV. New Business.

Commissioner Hernandez provided an update on the Personnel and Training Committee, on March 1, 2024 representatives from City HR met with representatives from the iVantage firm which this body approved engagement with. The posting is up to allow residents in the community to apply to the position, it going to be directly on the iVantage site. I will make sure to get this information to Mr. Brown so that he can post it on our public website and social media accounts. The position is now live on the iVantage website www.theivantagegroup.com. The position will be listed under the careers tab under the selected job. The candidate can apply directly, and they can upload the resume for further review. Also they can contact the recruiter that is listed at the end of the job description for more information. If any citizens are interested in applying for the position, the posting is going to be open and applications will be accepted until next Friday, March 22, 2024.

XV. Adjournment.

Vice Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.