

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 12, 2024 – 6:30 PM**  
**Location: Kemeny Recreation Center, 2260 S. Fort St., Detroit, Michigan 48217**

1. **Chairperson Darryl Woods called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Invocation.** Chaplain Troy Dantzler provided the invocation.
3. **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
Darryl Woods, Chairperson	Yes	
Tamara Liberty Smith, Vice Chairperson	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	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

4. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, September 12, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for September 5, 2024, with any corrections. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

**Ms. Erminia “Mini” Ramirez** 4th Precinct Community Relations President welcomed the Board and public and introduce several members from the 4th Precinct Community Relations.

7. **Chair’s Report.**
8. **Resolution.**

**Commissioner Banks** read the Red Light Resolution.

**RED LIGHT RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS** Since 1974, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, with the powers vested to it by City Charter, has been committed to providing civilian oversight of the Detroit Police Department. While its Charter-mandated function is to provide oversight of the Detroit Police Department, the Board of Police Commissioners is also fully committed to acknowledging public safety concerns that come before the Board, and providing resources and support as appropriate; and

**WHEREAS** Over the last year, citizens have raised concerns over the alarming rate of motorists running red lights. While the Board does not have the authority to enforce any action against motorists who violate the driving laws with any type of penalties, the Board does fully support and stand in agreement with the concern that the public holds; and

**WHEREAS-** Multiple community organizations and activist groups within the City of Detroit have written to the Board of Police Commissioners expressing their concern that the red light running in Detroit is a public health and safety issue. Said community groups plan to travel to Lansing and raise this concern to our state-level lawmakers so that solutions and remedies can be reached; and

**WHEREAS** On July 3, 2024, CBS News Detroit reported on the top 20 most dangerous intersections in Michigan. While thankfully no Detroit intersection was ranked as the number 1, three Detroit intersections were in the top 20 for 2023 – Joy Road and M-39 (72 crashes, 20 injuries), Warren Ave and I-75 (71 crashes, 28 injuries), and Seven Mile Road at I-75 (69 crashes, 35 injuries); and

**WHEREAS** Policing as a solution to public safety issues is reactionary at best: and ideal solutions include addressing the root causes of unsafe and neglectful driving practices, increased personal accountability, and concern for fellow community members.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners stands in support of collaboration between community organizations, activist groups, and elected officials in developing community-driven public safety solutions that incorporate procedural justice and address the root causes of unsafe and neglectful driving practices by motorists.

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

**9. Chief of Police Report & 4th Precinct.**

**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.

**Commander Shelley Holderbaum and Captain Brandon Lewis 4th Precinct** provided an overview of crime strategies, community programs and initiatives to reduce crimes, target enforcement to get guns off the street, traffic enforcement, and juvenile curfew enforcement.

**10. Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Glenda McGadney, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Ann Byrnt, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Joyce Jennings, Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Ronald Foster, Minister Eric Blount, Black Bag Roo, Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill, Former Commissioner William Davis and Mr. Jahdante Smith provided public comments.

**11. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**

- A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 08 24 2024\_08 30 2024
- B. MSP Public Record Request

**12. Announcements.**

**Board Secretary Lydia Garnier announced the following:**

Next Meeting will be held Thursday, September 19, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, October 10, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., hosted by the 3rd Precinct, at Goodwill Industries Career Center, 2777 East Grand Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48211.

Monthly Committee Meeting Scheduled for September 2024

Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. and Citizen Complaints Committee Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. All Committee Meetings are held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

**13. New Business.**

There was no new business.

**14. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Woods** adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.