

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 19, 2024 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226

1. **Chairperson Woods called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation.** Chaplain Lei Sean Duncan provided the invocation.
3. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared at 3:07 pm.**

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		Excused
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	8	

4. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, September 19, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for September 12, 2024. 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.**
7. **BOPC Officers' Report.**
8. **Resolution.**
 - A. **Commissioner Bernard** read the Resolution Honoring Sergeant Sherley Bledsoe.

RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT SHERLEY BLEDSOE

- WHEREAS** Sherley Bledsoe was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 23, 1978. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Bledsoe began her career at the First Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** The City of Detroit underwent a financial crisis that resulted in the layoffs of more than 1,000 police officers in 1979 and 1980, which interrupted Officer Bledsoe's public service to Detroit but never changed her steadfast commitment to protect and serve the community. Upon her return in 1985, Officer Bledsoe's assignments included the Special Events Section, Sex Crimes Division, and the Armed Robbery and Home Invasion Unit; and
- WHEREAS** Officer Bledsoe displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills, and she was promoted to Investigator on July 24, 1998. Investigator Bledsoe was assigned to the Office of the Chief Investigator, whose sworn staff worked for the Board of Police Commissioners in objective investigations of non-criminal complaints against officers. Her diligence and professionalism impressed the community and her superior officers. On March 1, 2004, she earned promotion to the rank of Sergeant and continued her dedication in improving both the Department and Detroit police-community relations by thoroughly addressing citizen complaints. On

September 14, 2005, Sergeant Bledsoe was assigned to the Western District. On February 2, 2009, she was assigned to the 12th Precinct, where she served until her retirement on September 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Bledsoe was the deserving recipient of the following awards: Chief Citation and Medal, both Consent Judgment Awards, the Ford Fireworks Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award. She also received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Bledsoe played a pivotal role in strengthening the bridge between police, residents, and stakeholders as she tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department and the residents, visitors, and stakeholders of Detroit for more than 40 years. She has served the Detroit Police Department and Detroit community with loyalty, professionalism, integrity and dedication, and is widely respected throughout the law enforcement community as the consummate professional.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Sergeant Sherley Bledsoe. Her display of courage and unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life in our City, and she is deserving of our best wishes in all her future endeavors.

We thank and congratulate you, Sergeant Sherley Bledsoe.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt this resolution honoring Sergeant Sherley Bledsoe.” The motion was adopted.

9. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Franklin Hayes reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community. Chief of Staff, Commander Michael Parish and 2nd Deputy Chief Grant Ha also addressed several topics discussed.

10. Oral Communication / Public Comments: Former Commissioner Reginald Crawford, Bishop Fletcher Bland, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Glenda McGadney, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Ronald Foster, Black Bag Roo, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, Mr. Chip Clark, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Joyce Jennings and Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill provided public comments.

11. Presentation to the Board – Human Resource Bureau, Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel

A. **Human Resources’ Report – Director Katrina Patillo, Director of Police Personnel** provided a summary of activities and statistical data during the month of August 2024. The DPD HR Report contains detailed information on recruitment and personnel.

12. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:

- A. Special Order Responding to Mental Health Crises
- B. OCI Weekly Inventory Report_09 07 2024_09 13 2024

13. Announcements.

Board Secretary Lydia Gamier announced the following:

Next Meeting: Thursday, September 26, 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.

Upcoming Committee Meeting

Citizen Complaints Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. and Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. All Committee Meetings are held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters.

14. New Business.

Commissioner Burton motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners move our 3rd Precinct Community Meeting to the third Thursday of October due to the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement Conference.”

“Chairperson Woods asked the Board for unanimous consent to withdraw motion.” The motion passed.

15. Adjournment.

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 4:52 p.m.