

**Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners  
Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 24, 2024 – 3:00 PM  
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, Michigan 48226**

1. **Chairperson Woods called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.**
2. **Invocation.** Chaplain Shakaris Bennett provided the invocation.
3. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier / Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information:**
  - A. Correspondence from Chief of Police James E. White
    1. 1383 – Signed Directive
    2. 201.6 Special Order 24-06 Stolen and Wanted Motor Vehicles
  - B. BOPC Monthly October 2024 (September Activity)
  - C. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 10052024-10182024

4. **Announcements.**

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

Next Board Meeting is Thursday, October 31, 2024 at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

October 2024 Committee Meeting Schedule: Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday, October 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m., Budget Committee Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. are both held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

November Board Meeting Schedule: Thursday, November 7, 2024 at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226. Thursday, November 14, 2024 in the community at 6:30 p.m. at Adams Butzel Recreation Center, 10500 Lyndon St. Detroit, MI 48238, and Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

5. **Introduction of Police Commissioners. A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared at 3:06 p.m.**

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

6. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, October 24, 2024. The motion was accepted and adopted.
7. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 10, 2024. The minutes were adopted as presented.
8. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

**9. BOPC Officers' Report.**

**10. Resolution.**

**Commissioner Pressley** read the resolution honoring Chief of Police James E. White.

**RESOLUTION HONORING CHIEF JAMES E. WHITE**

- WHEREAS** James E. White was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996 upon graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy. Police Officer White began his career in the Sixth Precinct. He was also assigned to Internal Controls; and
- WHEREAS** On October 27, 2000, Officer White was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and re-assigned to the Sixth Precinct and later to Northwestern District IOU. Sgt. White was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on June 1, 2006 and assigned to the Operations Portfolio; and
- WHEREAS** On December 3, 2007, Lt. White was appointed to the rank of Commander and assigned to the Northeastern District, Western District, Special Projects Section, Training-Staff, Office of the Assistant Chief of Police, and Office of Civil Rights; and
- WHEREAS** Commander White was appointed to the rank of Deputy Chief on December 20, 2012 and re-assigned to the Assistant Chief of Police Office. On February 27, 2013, Deputy Chief White was appointed to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police. After leaving in 2020 to become director of the Michigan Department of Civil Rights, he returned in August 2021 upon his appointment as Chief of Police; and
- WHEREAS** His career demonstrated a close and effective relationship with the Board of Police Commissioners, the vital role of civilian oversight of law enforcement, and the Detroit community. In every endeavor, Chief White always showed the utmost knowledge, expertise, and pride in being a public safety professional and a member of the Detroit Police Department; and
- WHEREAS** Chief White is a graduate of Wayne County Community College and Wayne State University. He holds an Associate of Arts Degree in General Studies and a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology, with a concentration in Psychology. He earned a Master of Science in Counseling from Central Michigan University, and in 2018 earned an MBA Certificate from the Wayne State Leadership Academy in the Mike Ilitch School of Business. He is a member of the International Association of Chiefs of Police and an ex-officio member of Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES). A state-certified counselor, he is involved with numerous organizations in the Detroit community, where his contributions and leadership will continue.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the residents of the City of Detroit recognizes and honors the commitment and devoted spirit of Chief James E. White. His organizational leadership has been an invaluable asset for the entire Department and his dedication to improving public safety in the City has made the Department stronger and made Detroit a better place to live, work and visit.

We thank and congratulate you for a job well done, Chief James E. White.

**Commissioner Bernard** motioned, "that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt this resolution honoring Chief James E. White." The motion was adopted.

**11. Chief of Police Report.**

**Chief of Police James E. White** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

**12. Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Minster Eric Blount, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Fredia Butler, Mr. Jahdonte Smith, Ms. Glenda McGadney, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Dana Lunn, Election Integrity Roo, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, Ms. Taura Brown, and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

**13. New Business.**

- A. **Commissioner Hernandez** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15268(a) the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Mory Sangare, Badge 3511, assigned to the Ninth Precinct.” (Time 4:17 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene the Public Meeting. (Time 5:00 p.m.)

**No action taken**

- B. **Commissioner Hernandez** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15268(a) the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Scott Mackenzie, Badge 3284, assigned to the Eighth Precinct.” (Time 5:01 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene the Public Meeting. (Time 5:35 p.m.)

**Commissioner Pressley** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners deny the Chief’s recommendation for Suspension Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Scott Mackenzie, Badge 3284, assigned to the Eighth Precinct.” The motion passed.

**YES = 5**                      **NO = 2**                      **ABSTAIN = 1**                      **MOTION: PASSED**

Yes: Chairperson Woods, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Bernard, Banks, Pressley  
No: Commissioners Bell, Hernandez  
Abstain: Commissioner Burton

**Commissioner Hernandez** stated with the announcement of Chief White's appointment at DWIHN, the Board’s charter mandated obligation is to conduct a search that will be national in nature to provide the Mayor with three (3) qualified candidates for Chief of Police. The Board will lead that search in partnership with City of Detroit HR.

- C. **Commissioner Banks** motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners subpoena DPD for the full unredacted Michigan State Police Report on Kaniesha Coleman.” The motion passed.

**YES = 4**                      **NO = 3**                      **MOTION: PASSED**

Yes: Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Bernard, Banks, Burton  
No: Chairperson Woods, Commissioners Bell, Hernandez

**14. Adjournment.**

**Chairperson Woods** adjourned the meeting at 5:49 p.m.