

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226

1. **Commissioner Moore** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
2. **Invocation.** Chaplain Deputy Chief James Powell provided the invocation.
3. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.**
 - A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 01012025_01102025
 - B. Personnel and Training Memorandum (01132025)
 - C. Budget Committee (01142025)
 - D. Announcements

The Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting will be held Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. location in the 11th Precinct at SAY Detroit Play Center, 19320 Van Dyke Avenue, Detroit, MI 48234.

The Next Budget Committee Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. in the Skylar Herbert Conference Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48225.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Dana Lunn, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Rhuben Crowley Jr., Ms. Sharon Pannell, Ms. Taura Brown, Former Commissioner William Davis, Mr. Scotty Boman, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, Mr. Jahdante Smith and Ms. Yvonne Jones provided public comments.
5. **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		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

6. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, January 16, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
7. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2025. **Commissioner Burton** requested correction to the transcripts to reflect he was excused from the meeting. The transcripts will be corrected and 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.** No Report

10. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Mark Bliss reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

11. Presentation to the Board. Human Resources Bureau – Director Katrina Patillo, DPD Personnel: Director Katrina Patillo, Human Resources Bureau presented detail information with respect to staffing and hiring of DPD personnel for the month of December 2024.

12. Unfinished 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 15.268(a) the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Donovan Donehue, Badge 693, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct.” (Time 4:32 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time 4:52 p.m.)

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners postpone until next regular scheduled meeting Item A under Unfinished Business.” The motion passed.

13. New Business.

A. **Personnel & Training Committee.**

Personnel & Training Committee Commissioner Jesus Hernandez indicated that committee held a series of different interview dates for the Investigator position. There were interviews that took place on December 10, 2024, a few commissioners were present from Personnel and Training. They interviewed a series of candidates for the position of Investigator.

By direction of the Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended, “that Toiya Lawrence proceed to the next stage of the interview process for the position of Investigator in the Office of the Chief Investigator.” The motion passed.

By direction of the Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended, “that Jureka Johnson be reappointed as an Investigator in the Office of the Chief Investigator.” The motion passed.

Amended motion by the direction of the Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended, “that Toiya Lawrence proceed to the next stage of the interview process for the position of Investigator in the Office of the Chief Investigator and add as an alternate Mr. Derek Knox.” The motion passed.

Commissioner Hernandez provided information regarding search for the next Chief of Police. The most recent update is January 10, 2025 the posting was formally closed. Given that this is a national search, our search firm has been very diligent about interviewing a series of candidates. We are anticipating getting that full report along with a list of five recommended candidates from the search firm by mid next week to end of next week. At that point we'll have a special search committee meeting to review all of the candidates. We will then make a motion to submit to the full body that we interview all five of those candidates in person during one of The Board 3 PM Meetings. The goals ultimately is that we end up providing our charter-mandated obligation of providing three names to the mayor by the 1st week of February, which is the week of February 3rd.

14. Adjournment.

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m.