

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Location: Northwest Activity Center, 18100 Meyers Road, Detroit, Michigan 48235

1. **Chairperson Woods** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. **Invocation.** Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided the invocation.

B. **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		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

C. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, January 9, 2025, Commissioner Moore motioned to “amend the Agenda to move Item 7 and Item 8 after the BOPC Officers’ Report and to remove Steven Radden Resolution from the Agenda.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

D. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for December 19, 2024. The minutes were adopted as presented.

E. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

2. **BOPC Officers’ Report.**

Chairperson Woods shared that the Board is performing the search for the new Chief of Police. **Commissioner Hernandez** also provided details on the progress the national search and partnership with the search firm and their obligation to us to provide a list of 25 names, along with five recommended candidates for this Body to interview. The five interviews will be in person and open to the public based on our charter-mandated obligation we will provide three names to be recommended to the Mayor. **Chairperson Woods** also extended special recognition to the new members of 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Panel (YAP). The Board created the Youth Advisory Panel in 2022. These young Detroiters have provided feedback on draft policies, attended and reported out at our meetings, and have been active in community events like the Peacenics. They also have participated in the Board’s 50th Anniversary at the Citadel of Praise, hosted the first Detroit Youth Talk Safety Summer Forum and partnered with the Detroit Public Library on key youth events. They have had a great year in 2024 and we want to show our appreciation with Certificates of Recognition. In 2025 will be even better with five new members joining us and getting to work immediate on the youth forum with Chief Todd Bettison and two other top police chief’s on Saturday, March 15, 2024 at Wayne Law.

Commissioner Moore motioned, “the Agenda Item #7 be postponed until next week.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

Commissioner Dewaelsche motioned, “Adoption of BOPC/OCI Department Vehicle Policy.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

3. Chief of Police and 12th 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.

Commander Donna McCord provided a summary report of overall crime statistics within the 12th Precinct targeting enforcement and address violent crimes.

4. Presentation to the Board.

A. Commissioner Pressley read the resolution honoring Police Officer Cameron Richardson (Posthumously)

**RESOLUTION HONORING
POLICE OFFICER CAMERON DESHAWN RICHARDSON
POSTHUMOUSLY**

WHEREAS Cameron Richardson was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 6, 2024. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Richardson began his career at the Ninth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Richardson dutifully served the Ninth Precinct displaying tremendous knowledge and leadership skills. On Sunday, January 5, 2025 Police Officer Cameron Richardson, Badge 0754, died in the line of duty; and

WHEREAS Before joining the Detroit Police Department Cameron Richardson enlisted in the US Army. He served ten distinguished years with an honorable discharge as a Staff Sergeant E06. He was the recipient of the following awards: Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Non Commissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon, as well as numerous letters of commendations from his superiors; and

WHEREAS Interim Police Chief Todd Bettison described Officer Richardson as a “fine officer,” and a family man with two daughters. “We lost one of Detroit’s finest. He was a humble servant and wanted to be a Detroit police officer.” For the public, his parents provided a poignant glimpse of the magnitude of the family’s loss and grief. “He was an amazing dad, and a great son.” While the Board and Detroit community will long remember and honor Officer Richardson for his service and ultimate sacrifice, we continue to lift the Richardson family in our thoughts and prayers for an unimaginable and enduring personal loss.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution posthumously in recognition of Police Officer Cameron Richardson for his dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the City of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We salute you Police Officer Cameron Deshawn Richardson for a job well done.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the resolution.” The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Pressley read the resolution honoring Master Sergeant Alan Quinn.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
MASTER SERGEANT ALAN J. QUINN**

WHEREAS Alan Quinn was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on April 13, 1987. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Quinn began his career at the Housing Support Division; and

WHEREAS Officer Quinn’s other assignments included the Eleventh Precinct, Housing Support Division, and Mounted; and

WHEREAS Officer Quinn displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills, and he was promoted to Sergeant on October 27, 2000. Sergeant Quinn assignments included the Seventh Precinct, Training Center (Academy), Northwestern District, Public Information Office. On June 28, 2013, Sergeant Quinn was assigned to Central Photo. On December 7, 2020, he earned the title of Master Sergeant at Central Photo, where he served until his retirement on January 9, 2025; and

WHEREAS Master Sergeant Quinn 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. He also received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Master Sergeant Quinn played a pivotal role in strengthening the bridge between police, residents, and stakeholders as he tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department and the residents, visitors, and stakeholders of Detroit for more than 37 years. He 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 Master Sergeant Alan J. Quinn. His display of courage and unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life in our City, and he is deserving of our best wishes in all his future endeavors.

We thank and congratulate you, Master Sergeant Alan J. Quinn.

Commissioner Moore motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the resolution.” The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Pressley read the resolution honoring Sergeant Ramon Childs.

**RESOLUTION HONORING
SERGEANT RAMON CHILDS**

WHEREAS Ramon Childs was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on August 14, 1989. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Childs began his career at the Eighth Precinct; and

WHEREAS The City of Detroit underwent a financial crisis that resulted in the layoffs of more than 300 police officers in 1991, which interrupted Officer Childs’ public service to Detroit but never changed his steadfast commitment to protect and serve the community. Upon his return in 1993, Officer Childs’ assignments included the Eighth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Childs displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership skills, and he was promoted to Investigator on February 6, 1999. Investigator Childs was assigned to the Eleventh Precinct, Major Crimes Division, and Ninth Precinct Detective Unit. On November 4, 2002, he earned promotion to the rank of Sergeant and was reassigned to the Ninth Precinct Detective Unit. His other assignments were the Eastern District Detective Unit, Data Quality Control, and Crime Data Analytics where he served until his retirement on January 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Childs 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. He also received numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Childs played a pivotal role in strengthening the bridge between police, residents, and stakeholders as he tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department and the residents, visitors, and stakeholders of Detroit for more than 35 years. He 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 Ramon Childs. His display of courage and unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life in our city, and he is deserving of our best wishes in all his future endeavors.

We thank and congratulate you, Sergeant Ramon Childs.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the resolution.” The motion was adopted.

B. Certificates of Appreciation – Youth Advisory Panel (YAP)

Jayden Allen, Brittny Benjamin-Kelley, Alexis Escoto, Jeremiah Gill, Jabari Jefferson, Keyaira Johnson, Perriel Pace, William Perkins, Ivani Phillips, Amulen Rozmus, Ilana Spencer, and Angelica Williams.

Amulen Rozmus stated, Good evening, Commissioners. Our noble officials here with us, and community members. I am a business student at Wayne State University, and I have had the privilege of serving as the co-lead for the Youth Advisory Panel for the 2023, and 2024 term. Immense privilege to join you again. The last time I was here, I addressed the Board and joined in celebration for the Board of Police Commissioners 50th anniversary, a historic milestone 50 years after its creation. YAP is an innovative example of how the Board is adapting to meet its mandate and advance both public safety and civilian oversight. Right here in the city. This past term YAP has continued to support the Board in meeting its mandate through monthly meetings and various community activities and engagements. Last June, YAP hosted a forum on Youth Safety to usher in a safe summer for all young people in Detroit, and to foster dialogue on critical issues. The Forum received overwhelmingly positive support, and we plan to do it again this summer. Moreover, YAP furthered its reach by presenting at a community meeting held by Council, President Pro Temp. James Tate, Commissioner Carter, Angelica Williams, and myself answered and received questions. Members of the community in District One regarding public safety and the role of youth in advancing it. YAP, also participated in a Town Hall in partnership with Bridge Detroit held at the Detroit Public Library, Main Branch earlier in the fall. Looking ahead to 2025 YAP will welcome new members who the Board recognized earlier and will also begin a new term. I am also excited to share that on March 15th YAP, in partnership with Wayne State University's Law School will be hosting a 1st of its kind. Public Safety symposium held at Wayne Law. The Symposium will convene police chiefs from surrounding areas, including interim Chief Todd Bettison to discuss with public safety and strengthen the ties between youth and public safety leaders. We welcome all members of the Board and the community to join us on March 15th to stay tuned with further updates regarding the Symposium. As we begin our 3rd term, the Youth Advisory Panel continues to support the Board, advancing its mandate and bridging the gap to create more effective public policy safeties. To those aged 15 through 24, I encourage you to apply each September to join the YAP to make a meaningful difference in your community and your city on behalf of the Youth Advisory Panel. I thank the Board for its unwavering commitment and support to youth engagement and to the panel. I am also grateful to Ms. Teresa Blossom her work makes our jobs possible. I am very grateful to her through continued collaboration, I am convinced, and I know we can and will advance both safety and prosperity in the city that we call home. I thank you all for your role in making that possible.

5. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Victoria Camile, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Yvonne Jones, Mr. Don Johnson, Mr. Scotty Boman, Mr. Foster, Mr. Don Johnson, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Joyce Jennings, Mr. Jahdante Smith and Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Jr. provided public comments.

6. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier.**

- A. ALWOP Alvarado-Ortiz
- B. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 12072024_12312024
- C. [CONFIDENTIAL] OCI Supervising Investigator Apprentice Initiative
- D. Directives for BOPC Website 01072025
- E. Policy Committee Memorandum
- F. Announcements

The Budget Committee will meet Tuesday, January 14, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

The Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 16, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., Detroit, MI 48226.

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

Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided several reports for the Board, including materials that may provide training for the OCI Staff, also to possibility discussed at a prior Personnel and Training Committee implementation of an apprenticeship program for OCI senior investigators and other staff interested in leadership training.

Commissioner Hernandez, Personnel and Training Chairperson expressed the aforementioned program is preliminary. We have not discussed the details, nor have we approved within Personnel and Training Committee.

7. Adjournment.

Vice Chairperson Smith adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.