

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 13, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Location: SAY Detroit Play Center, 19320 Van Dyke Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48234

1. **Chairperson Woods called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.**
2. **Invocation.** Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided the invocation.
3. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Money Wrench Roo, Ms. Shelia Gunn, and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.
4. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier**
 - A. DPD Disciplinary Administration Status (OCI Case Disposition) December 2024
 - B. Facial Recognition 021025
 - C. Gunshot Detection System (ShotSpotter) 021025
 - D. ALWOP Sterling Lacey
 - E. ALWOP Tyus Monroe
 - F. Budget Committee Memorandum
 - G. Announcements:

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 3 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., to be held in the 10th Precinct at Union Carpenters and Millwrights Skilled Training Center, located at 11687 American Street, Detroit, MI 48204.

Next Committee Meetings
 Budget Committee, Tuesday, February 18, 2025 @ 4:30 p.m.
 Policy Committee, Tuesday, February 18, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m. Location: Woodward Conference Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

5. Chief of Police Report.

Interim Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison updated the Board and public on the tragedy earlier this week on the death of two children. Interim Chief Bettison expressed that under his administration as Chief there will be transparency.

6. 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.		Excused
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

7. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 13, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
8. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented. Chairperson Woods requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
9. **Introductions of Board Administrative and investigative Staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
10. **BOPC Officers' Report.**
 - A. **Commissioner Banks** read the resolution honoring Karen L. Washington.

**Resolution Honoring
Karen L. Washington**

- WHEREAS** Karen L. Washington is a resident of the City of Detroit and has served the residents of Northeast Detroit for over 30 years. She is currently the Executive Director of Emmanuel Community House, Inc., founder and director of RESTORE Northeast Detroit and immediate past president of We Care/ Van Dyke 7 Mile community organization; and
- WHEREAS** Washington's efforts at Emmanuel Community House, Inc. provided her an opportunity to build 31 units of single family housing, nine of which were sold and 22 are currently in a 15 year rental program. She also built a community park, known as John R. Community Park, provided educational and recreational programs for children and families, mentoring, job readiness, food distribution, and developed partnerships with community business owners and church leaders; and
- WHEREAS** In November of 2011, Karen organized a partnership of six collaborative partners known as *Residents, Empowered, Strengthened, Transforming, Our, Residential, Environment (RESTORE) Northeast Detroit (NED)* to address what residents could do to further improve their quality of life. The focus of RESTORE NED is to address crime and safety, neighborhood beautification, economic and community development, build and sustain an investment club, and empower youth and education. As a result of RESTORE's dedication to improving the quality of life for residents in Detroit, the organization was granted a \$500,000 grant from Art Place America for a project entitled CREATE NED. CREATE NED is dedicated to enhancing city parks and providing artists of Detroit opportunities to showcase their talent throughout their neighborhoods; and
- WHEREAS** In 2014, RESTORE NED reached a level of fame by organizing residents to fight the City of Detroit's sale of Lipke Recreation Center. After lobbying City Council and the Mayor, Lipke was saved. The protests drew the attention of Mitch Albom and before long Mr. Albom, through his nonprofit SAY Play Detroit, officially entered an agreement with the City of Detroit to reopen Lipke as a recreational and after school programming facility for youth of Northeast Detroit. Today, Lipke Playfield is home to SAY Play Detroit, former Detroit Lions Quarterback Matthew Stafford's Football Field, the Detroit Tigers Judge Damon Keith Baseball Field, and will soon debut a soccer field.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Mrs. Karen Washington. Her display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

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

11. 11th Precinct.

Commander Michael Chambers provided a summary report of overall crime statistics within the 11th Precinct and discussed their crime strategy activities and operations.

12. Oral Communication / Public Comments: continued – Community Advisory Council Scotty Boman and Ms. Rhonda Adams provided public comments.

Ms. Kim Jackson, President of the 11th Precinct Police Community Relation Council provided greetings to the Board and mentioned their meeting is every second Tuesday, except in the months of January and February.

13. Unfinished Business.

Chairperson Woods stated that Item 6A, the matter for a Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meeting Act, remains unready and when the parties are ready to advise, this item will be renewed under New Business.

14. New Business.

Commissioner Moore “motioned to postpone Item 7A until the next meeting. The motion passed.

Commissioner Moore “motioned to postpone Item 7B until the next meeting. The motion passed.

Commissioner Pressley “motioned to rescind the appointment of Jasmin Taylor, Administrative Assistant to the Board of Police Commissioners.” The motion passed.

15. Adjournment.

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.