

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 20, 2025 – 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. Commissioner Cedric Banks** provided the invocation.
3. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Lieutenant Mark Young, Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Janise Hall, and Monkey Wrench Roo provided public comments.
4. **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	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
QuanTez Pressley		Excused
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

5. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 20, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
6. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 30, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
7. **BOPC Officers' Report.**
 - A. **Chairperson Woods** read the resolution honoring Retired Police Chief Stanley Knox (Posthumously).

Resolution honoring Retired Police Chief Stanley Knox (Posthumously)

Whereas,	Police Chief Stanley became a hero to many in 1991 when he took leadership of the Detroit Police Department and began to steer it through unprecedented turbulent times while rebuilding the integrity and professionalism of the police force; and
Whereas,	A U.S. Army veteran, he drew on the training, skills, and leadership gained in the military to pursue a career in law enforcement. After becoming a Detroit police officer in 1966, his assignments included the Seventh Precinct, the Tenth Precinct and the Traffic Section. Over the years, his performance and high standards as a police officer earned the respect of the community and his fellow officers, and he steadily rose through the ranks to become a Precinct Commander; and
Whereas,	The positive impact and excellence Commander Knox achieved as a precinct leader and law enforcement professional drew attention when Mayor Coleman A. Young sought a new police chief in February 1991. At the time, Detroit had endured months of controversy and embarrassment during the federal corruption trial and conviction of Chief William Hart. Mayor Young knew Commander Knox had the high integrity, dedicated professionalism, and strong support in the community and within the Department to navigate past the scandal and into a new and better era; and

Whereas, Police Chief Stanley Knox successfully faced and conquered the tough challenges to stabilize the Department, improve community trust, and rebuild the Department. Then, with the Mayor and other leaders, Chief Knox kept the community and the Department calm and together after officers fatally beat Malice Green and two were convicted of his murder. Chief Knox remained highly respected and trusted by the community he served, the men and women he served with, and the Department he led until his retirement in 1994. Chief Knox, who recently passed away at age 85, will forever remain a notable figure in Detroit history for his role and actions in pivotal events.

Therefore, be it Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners recognizes the significant contributions throughout the distinguished 28-year career of retired Police Chief Stanley Knox and the lasting benefit his actions had on the community and Police Department. The Board awards this resolution posthumously as the Detroit community mourns his passing, and extends sincerest condolences to his wife Dorothy, a retired Deputy Chief, and to his family and friends.

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

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

9. Chief of Police Report.

Assistant Chief Eric Ewing expressed condolences to the family of former chief of police, Stanley Knox. AC Ewing indicated he was here during the Malice Green incident and saw the leadership that he provided for us back then, and we are forever grateful to him for doing so. We now have a confirmed chief of police, Chief Todd Bettison. AC Ewing discussed the flooding event in Southwest Detroit. We had officers from Detroit Police Department, along with the fire department, going door to door to make sure the residents in Southwest Detroit were able to evacuate out of their homes and get them to safety. He also reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community.

10. Presentation to the Board.

- A. **Human Resources Bureau – Director Katrina Patillo, DPD Personnel:** Director Katrina Patillo, Human Resources Bureau presented information regarding staffing and hiring of DPD personnel for the month of January 2025.
- B. **Use of Force – Lieutenant Jeffrey Hahn, DPD Training Center** presented information on four Use of Force Categories by magnitude of force. It is important to remember these are just a way to classify uses of force, so we can investigate them appropriately. Major incidents would go to Force Investigations, whereas the less impactful incidents would go to the parent command.

11. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.

- A. Citizen Complaints Committee Memorandum (02112025)
- B. Budget Committee Memorandum (02112025)
- C. Policy Committee Memorandum (02182005)
- D. Announcements

The Next Personnel & Training Committee Meeting will be held Monday, February 24, 2025 at 4:30 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

The Next Board Meeting will be held Thursday, February 27, 2025 at 3:00 p.m., at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

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

12. Unfinished Business.

- A. **Commissioner Banks** 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 Elvin Alvarado-Ortiz, Badge 273, assigned to the Fourth Precinct.” The motion passed.

No motion [action] on this item.

Chairperson Woods restated for correction the motion for approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 13, 2025. The motion was adopted.

13. New Business.

- A. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** motioned “that the Detroit Police Department Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 be approved by the Board of Police Commissioners.” The motion passed.
- B. **Commissioner Bernard** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt 101.6 Human Resources Policy Directive and the second item to adopt 202.5 Court Appearances Policy Directive.” The motion passed.

Chairperson Woods stated the second close session had been withdrawn; the person had to go to work, and will be rescheduled at a later date.

14. Adjournment.

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:05 p.m.