

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 30, 2025 – 3:00 PM
Location: Laborers’ International Union 1191, 2161 West Grand Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan 48208

1. Order of Business

- A. **Chairperson Woods** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- B. **Invocation. Commissioner Cedric Banks** provided the invocation.
- C. **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	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	11	

- D. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, January 30, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
- E. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 23, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
- F. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

2. BOPC Officers’ Report.

3. Chief of Police Report.

Commissioner Moore motioned “to waive the Chief of Police Report.” The motion was accepted and adopted.

- 4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Rogelio Landin, Former Commissioner Darryl Brown, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Fredia Butler, Mr. Stephen Grady Muhammad, Pastor Maurice Hardwick, Pastor Charles Ellis, Mr. Dajuan Zoe, Mr. Negus Vu, Mr. Roo, Bishop Daryl Harris, Mr. Cincere Al’Talet, Mr. Whitney Clark, Reverend Wendell Anthony, Ms. Taura Brown, Mr. Robert Pawlowski, Ms. Betty Varner, Mr. Scotty Boman and Mr. Jahdante Smith provided public comments.

5. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.

- A. OCI Weekly Inventory Report 01182025_01242025
- B. **Announcements**

The Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 6, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

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

Next Committee Meetings:

Policy Committee Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.
Citizen Complaints Committee Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 3:00 p.m.
Budget Committee Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 4:30 p.m.

All Committee Meetings will be held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

6. **Unfinished Business.**

A. **Commissioner Pressley** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners postpone Item A until our next meeting.”
The motion passed.

B. **Chief of Police Interviews**

Chairperson Woods indicated all interviews of candidates for the Chief of Police must be held pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f). Pursuant to the City of Detroit Charter Article 7. The Executive Branch, Chapter 8. Police, Section 7-805, Chief of Police. The following is to occur; the Board of Police Commissioners shall conduct a professional search with an executive search firm to identify candidates for Chief of Police and to provide the Mayor a list of three (3) qualified candidates. TJA Staffing, Inc. have identified candidates as announced at last week's meeting and are listed on today's agenda.

Mr. Tom Adams of TJA Staffing & Associates are present today to assist with this interview process pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f). All interviews of candidates for the Chief of Police will be held today in open session. Support material, instructions and guidelines for the interview process have been received by all commissioners in advance of this meeting. After the interviews pursuant to the City of Detroit Charter Article 7. The Executive Branch, Chapter 8. Police, Section 7.805. Chief of Police. The Board is to select the top three (3) candidates as the Board's qualified list of candidates. The final list of candidates' names will be adopted by the Board in open session, and then submitted to the Mayor for final consideration.

The Board held interviews for Chief of Police for the following candidates: Todd Bettison, Detroit, MI; Joel Fitzgerald, Denver, CO; and Joshua Wallace, Chicago, IL. Candidate's Oakley, and Fear declined their interviews.

C. **Commissioner Pressley** motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners go into Closed Session pursuant to the Open Meeting Act, MCL 15.268(f) to consider the qualifications, competence, performance, character, and fitness conditions of appointment employee.” The motion passed.

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioner submit the following candidate names to the Mayor for consideration for the appointment to the Chief of Police for the City of Detroit. Pursuant to Section 7.805 of the Detroit City Charter, Todd Bettison, Joel Fitzgerald, and Joshua Wallace.” The motion passed.

Chairperson Woods thanked the Board, Mr. Tom Adams and TJA Staffing, Inc. for the stellar job that they did interviewing dozens of candidates. Thank you, your staff was very professional we appreciate them immensely. We want to thank the procurement department in particular, Ms. Limmitt who has done a phenomenal job in making sure that the process ran smoothly.

Commissioner Pressley stated in the spirit of gratitude and congratulations, I do also want to express gratitude to the Chair of the Personnel and Training Committee, Commissioner Jesus Hernandez.

7. **New Business.**

8. **Adjournment.**

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:58 p.m.