

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2024 – 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. Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided the invocation.
3. 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		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

4. Chairperson Woods requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, December 19, 2024, Commissioner Bell motioned to amend the Agenda to add Item number 10. C - HR Report. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. Chairperson Woods requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for December 12, 2024. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.
7. BOPC Officers' Report.
 - A. Oath of BOPC Investigators – Chairperson Woods called the following OCI Investigators Stephanie Brown, Latrina Hayes, Kyisha Jones, Taylor Reynolds, Nykinta Royals, Anita Washington, Jinay White and Yolanda Williams-Davis to take their oath of office. Chief Investigator Warfield thanked them all for an outstanding job investigating citizen complaints, significantly helping the citizens of the city of Detroit and the Office of the Chief Investigator. Chairperson Woods administered the Oath of Office, congratulated and thanked the investigators for their service and dedication to the citizens of Detroit.
8. 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.

Commissioner Banks motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners place the Sherman Lee Butler video on the BOPC website.” The motion passed.
9. Oral Communication / Public Comments: Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Taura Brown and Mr. Roo provided public comments.
10. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.
 - A. CI Report to BOPC 12-2024

- B. DPD Disciplinary Administration Status (OCI Case Disposition)
- C. HR Report

11. Announcements.

Board Secretary Lydia Garnier announced the following:

- A. Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., at Northwest Activities Center, 18100 Meyers Road, Detroit, MI 48235.

12. Unfinished Business.

- A. Pay Adjustments for BOPC – Senior Investigators & Supervising Investigators.
Personnel & Training Committee Commissioner Jesus Hernandez motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners adopt the memorandum regarding OCI pay increases.” The motion passed.

13. New Business.

- A. Personnel & Training Committee.
Personnel & Training Committee Commissioner Jesus Hernandez provided key updates from the committee meeting held December 19, 2024.

On behalf of the Personnel & Training Committee it is recommended, “that the Board of Police Commissioners select Acting Supervising Investigator Elgin Murphy for the position of Supervising Investigator.” The motioned passed.

YES: 8

NO: 1

MOTION: PASSED

Yes: Chairperson Woods, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Moore, Hernandez, Pressley, Dewaelsche

No: Commissioner Bernard

- B. Proposed Adoption of BOPC/OCI Department Vehicle Policy.
Policy Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard motioned, “to remove this item from the agenda for further review.” The motion passed.

- C. Closed Session.
DPD stated Police Officer Christopher Lipa resigned, therefore no Closed Session was held.

- D. 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 Louis Wilson, Badge 1680, assigned to the Ninth Precinct.” (Time 3:46 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time 4:25 p.m.)

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners accepted the Department’s recommendation to place Police Officer Louis Wilson, Badge 1680, assigned to the Ninth Precinct on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits.” The motion failed.

YES = 6

NO = 3

ABSTAIN = 1

MOTION: FAILED

Yes: Commissioners Banks, Bell, Carter, Hernandez, Pressley, Dewaelsche

No: Chairperson Woods, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioner Bernard

Abstain: Commissioner Moore

- E. 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 Phillip Rodriguez, Badge 4310, assigned to the Third Precinct.” (Time 4:29 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time 4:44 p.m.)

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners accepted the Department’s recommendation to place Police Officer Phillip Rodriguez, Badge 4310, assigned to the Third Precinct on Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits.” The motion passed.

YES = 9

NO = 1

MOTION: PASSED

Yes: Chairperson Woods, Vice Chairperson Smith, Commissioners Banks, Bell, Carter, Moore, Hernandez, Pressley, Dewaelsche

No: Commissioner Bernard

- F. 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 4:47 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene the Public Meeting.” (Time 5:07 p.m.)

Commissioner Hernandez motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners postpone until January 9, 2025, the 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 with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Donovan Donehue, Badge 693, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct.” The motion passed.

14. Adjournment.

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 5:11 p.m.