



**Board of  
Police Commissioners**

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## **Board of Police Commissioners welcomes two new employees in its investigative arm, the Office of the Chief Investigator**

The City of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners has two new investigators, Pastella Williams and Ellen Counts, joining the Board's Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) effective Monday, August 23, 2021.

"The Board is pleased to welcome these two new investigators and expect to swear in both with civilian investigator badges at our Thursday, August 26, 2021 meeting," Chair Jim Holley announced.

The City Charter, which establishes the Board as the civilian oversight authority over the Police Department, makes the Board responsible for receiving complaints against police officers and other Police Department employees. As part of its authority over complaints, the Board investigates non-criminal complaints through its Office of the Chief Investigator.

Through July 31, 2021, OCI received 782 complaints. It received 1,144 complaints in 2020, a slight decrease from 1,155 complaints filed in 2019.

The Board provides brochures with information for how to file a complaint in English, Spanish, Arabic and Bengali at the City website, police precincts, and public library branches. The public also can call the OCI complaint line anytime at 313-596-2499 or fax a complaint to 313.596.2482. An online form is available at [detroitmi.gov/bopc](http://detroitmi.gov/bopc).

While the public also can file a complaint in person at the Office of the Chief Investigator, located at 900 Merrill Plaisance, or at any DPD precinct, the Board urges everyone to follow CDC precautions for preventing COVID-19 and its variants.



Created by the 1974 City Charter, the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners has supervisory authority and oversight over the Police Department. Under the 2012 Charter, the Board is comprised of 11 civilian members; Detroiters elect seven members by district, and the mayor appoints and the city council confirms four at-large members. All board members serve as unpaid volunteers. The current members are Linda Bernard, Willie E. Bell, Darryl D. Brown, Shirley A. Burch, Willie E. Burton, Lisa Carter, William M. Davis, Jesus Hernandez, Jim Holley, Annie Holt, and Martin Jones. The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meets weekly on Thursday at 3 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters except on the second Thursday when it holds meetings in the community at 6:30 p.m. or other time set by the Board. Due to changing conditions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please get the latest information about the Board meeting schedule, videos, minutes, and other information at [detroitmi.gov/bopc](http://detroitmi.gov/bopc).