

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: May 31, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (May 31, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Excused	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Excused	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	6	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for May 31, 2018.

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, May 24, 2018**

Chairperson Lisa Carter said, Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, I represent District #6. I am also the Chairperson for the Board of Police Commissioners and will be conducting our meeting today. Vice Chair Eva Garza Dewaelsche is out of town and unable to attend today's meeting. Commissioner Darryl Brown has also asked for an excused absence. On behalf of the Board, for those in the attending audience, thank you for joining us at today's Board meeting. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting on your cable channel.

INVOCATION: for the invocation we have invited the Detroit Police Chaplin Corp, I understand the Chaplin Corp has a graduation ceremony today, so if a Chaplin is not available, Commissioner Jim Holley was asked to provide the invocation.

- **Introduction of Commissioners**
- **Introduction of Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives**
- **Introduction of BOPC staff and DPD staff**

BOPC Officers Report: Chairperson Lisa Carter said, On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers and their families. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask the Chief during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers.

The Board of Police Commissioners meets every week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday periods. We meet at Police Headquarters in regular session, 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. The Board of Police Commissioners exists to provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a Board, we receive and investigate non-criminal citizens' complaints, monitor the operations of the Department and work with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police policy. Our objective is the same as the city of Detroit, to provide for the best use of your tax dollars to improve on the quality of life within our city. As a Board, we bring a unique perspective to policing, the eye and the viewpoint of civilians. The principle of civilian oversight is as old and as important as all of the founding principles in our democracy. Separation of powers between and within government allows for accountability, transparency, rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles are important nationally as well as locally.

I would like to call attention to several important items. The Board expresses its support to the family and the residents of the City of River Rouge in the recent death of its Chief of Police Debra Hayes-Price. Chief Debra Hayes-Price served the City of River Rouge for three years and was among the many black women who have made their mark in law enforcement and policing. As additional information becomes available on the arrangements of Chief Hayes-Price, I will share it with the Board. Again, our hearts go out to her family and the City of River Rouge.

The Board registers our concern on the recent uptick in the rash of shootings over the Memorial Day weekend. Collectively, we believe that the overwhelming majority of the shootings and deaths are the result of inappropriate resolutions to conflict between families, people in loving relationships and in a minor number of cases randomized crime. We remain perplexed by the way we oftentimes handle conflict. We also know that a measurable segment of our city operates under substantial stress and that we are in great need for additional mental health services. We also know that the proliferation of guns in the hands of our residents and visitors help to multiply the shootings and deaths in our city. Detroit is often thrust into the news because of the violence in our streets. While we are a 80% African-American city, we should not confuse this with a presumption that blacks are more violent than others. Our reality in Detroit is that our unemployment numbers in the black community are higher than the rest of the state and the nation. These factors contribute to hopelessness, lost opportunities and apathy. The lack of a steady income and economic mobility leads to desperation. Our society cannot continue to create despair and then turn a cold shoulder when we need jobs, education and economic help. As individuals, we must figure out ways to raise above the immediate distractions of the day. We have to invest in our children and ourselves. To this end, I want to note that June is Gun Violence Awareness Month and Detroit City Councilmember Mary Sheffield is heading a march, Friday, June 1st at 10:00 AM in front of the Spirit of Detroit. I encourage you to attend the march. I also encourage you to double-down and engage with your family and neighbors. Talk to our children and young adults about our current situation. A nurturing home environment is a major predictor of success. Read to your children! Help them with homework! Seek help for yourselves if you are unable to help with your children's homework. Set an example of involvement and good citizenship. Also work together as a community. Join your block club, CB Patrols, literacy and tutorial programs sponsored by your public library, churches and other civic organizations. Time involved in productive activity is time away from guns and violence! Remember, while we are concerned with the recent rash of violence in the City, we are more concerned with the direction of our city and the opportunities for its people!

Again, as a reminder, on Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th the Board will convene its annual training session. This training session is an opportunity for the Board to fellowship, address operational issues and measure our progress over the year. This session will be focused on the Board's Charter mandated responsibilities and how they intersect with the Police Department. We will also have a special session on Police Authorized Towing. This session will be organized to give background information to some of our new Board members and will track significant actions by the Board on Police Authorized Towing. The training program will start at 12:00 Noon on Friday, June 8th for a half-day session. We will have a full day session on Saturday. I would ask each member of the Board to mark your calendar and plan on attending. I am sure that this session will be as productive and informative as the session last year.

On our agenda today are two presentations, our OCI Monthly Report and a financial report on the 3rd Quarter. The OCI report will be provided by our Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister. The 3rd Quarter Financial Report will be provided by DPD Agency Chief Financial Officer Lisa Jones. Annually the Board is asked to review and approve a yearly budget before it is presented to the Mayor. The annual budget is our spending plan to achieve public safety goals. Financial reports are one way to check to see if we are within our spending plan. The City is in its last month of the current fiscal year. The financial reports reflecting the activity of the Department are recorded monthly. However, most organizations review quarterly financial information to help in understanding trends in financial transactions and to monitor their budgetary obligations. The quarterly reports are a deeper dive into the finances of the organization. In the past, the Board has expressed concerns with the management of police overtime and grants within the Department. The Chief has indicated he is closely watching overtime. I recall former Commissioner Edgar Vann who repeatedly made compassionate and forceful demands that the Department notify the Board when it seeks and receives grants. Grants supplement our policing operations. A watchful eye on grants should help us not only meet our grant commitments, but also alleviate the need to return grant funds to granting organizations because we have not properly administered the grant funds. Therefore it is my hope that the 3rd quarter presentation is more than the simple glazing over of our financial situation. I am hoping for a detailed discussion highlighting problem areas in our budget and recommendations to resolve these problem areas.

Later in the meeting, we will have oral communications from the audience. I remind you, if you would like to speak to the Board, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table or can be obtained by seeing Mr. Robert Brown. Mr. Brown will need your card before the beginning of public comments. I will caution everyone, we will be enforcing our 2 minute speaking privilege and ask for your cooperation in making our meetings timely and productive.

COP Police Report: Deputy Chief Elvin Barren reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. DC Barren reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending May 27, 2018. DC Barren reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -14% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 39% increase, Robbery -16% decrease, Carjacking -5% decrease, Aggravated Assaults -5% decrease, non-fatal shootings -25% decrease, Burglary -24% decrease, Larceny -1% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -23% decrease and Part 1 offenses -14% decrease. DC Barren acknowledged the statement made by the Chair that some of the recent shooting involve people who know each other and reported on two incidents which occurred over the Memorial Day Weekend. DC Barren also reported on a projected graduation of Wayne State University Leadership Class. **Commissioner Willie Bell** indicated while the recent focus of shootings have been in the downtown area he was interested in obtaining more information about shootings in the neighborhoods for example reports of shooting on Patton and Holcomb streets. Bell also asked if our crime fighting efforts are striking at the core of criminal activity. Bell also requested a profile be generated on the types of crime and the perpetrators of crime. **Commissioner Jim Holley** asked about efforts to make the general public aware of crime, its location and causes. Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks added that much of the crime is due to mental illnesses and guns. **Commissioner Shirley Burch** asked if the criminal were aware of the punishments associated with various crime and does this act as a deterrent.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Office of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister (B) 3rd Quarter Budget Report, DPD-ACFO Lisa Jones

(A) Office of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCalister reported on Citizen Complaints for April 2018 McCalister indicated that there has been a 25% decrease in complaints received between April 2017 and April 2018. McCalister also discussed the distribution of the 79 intakes of Citizen Complaints and discussed the closure of 72 CCR's for the April 2018 period. Chief McCalister reported the focus remained on demeanor. McCalister also discussed the impact of OCI's investigation related to new technology including body worn cameras and scout car video/audio equipment. McCalister also gave a comparison of the number of officers by category, rank and seniority and the number of complaints filed. **Commissioners Burch and Holley** asked about the use of profane language. **Commissioner Holley** asked about the use of the N-word. Holley also asked about vacancies in the OCI ranks and the diversity associated with OCI staff. **Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks** asked if the Department are referring or contacting other agency who are better able to respond to specific non-police concerns. **Commissioner Bell** asked if the Department still have service ratings or performance ratings that have a bearing on promotions. **DC Barren** responded that service rating are bi-annually and the points related to the service rating should have an impact on promotions. Barren added that Command staff are charged with the responsibility of monitoring the service rating and addressing concerns of the Department including the reports about citizen complaints.

B) 3rd Quarter Budget Report, DPD-ACFO Lisa Jones indicated she did not have a powerpoint presentation and that she did provide some reports and that more detailed reports were forthcoming. **Chairperson Lisa Carter** inquired into the nature of the reports. Ms. Jones indicated that she provide three executive level summary reports. **Board Secretary Hicks** verified that three one page reports were provided to the Board within the last few days and that these reports were shared with the leadership team during the Chairperson's Briefing Wednesday. Hicks indicated that at the direction of the Chair, staff was directed to seek a report with additional details. **ACFO Jones** also indicated that the Executive Summary Reports that had been provided are also shared with the Department head and the Mayor. Jones did indicate that she would provide the more detailed reports requested by the Board.

ACFO Jones reported that the Detroit Police Department FY:2019 Budget was approved by the Detroit City Council in the amount of \$321 Million inclusive of the BOPC Budget and it effective July 1, 2018. CFO Jones indicated that in preparation for the revenue conference the Department had clean up revenues for the Department. The Department was not projected to have a surplus nor a deficit in the current fiscal year. Jones also reported that overtime has declined month to month and that there has not been any activity related to grants, forfeitures and capital programs are continuing. Jones also indicated that her section is continuing to clean-up department revenues and expenditures in the new system. Among the challenges Ms. Jones reported that procurement process and the accuracy of data entered into the system reporting to the current cost center remains a concern. Jones also reported a major system issue which did not allow for the accurate reporting of Department financial activity and the issues generates inaccurate deficits in the system. Jones also added that we no longer have payment challenges. ACFO Jones indicated that we are done with generating new spending for the current fiscal year, but that we will continue to pay vendors to the end of the fiscal year. **Commissioner William Davis** asked if the CFO had any documentation to support the presentation indicating that it would be very helpful to have some physical documentation to determine what is going on and not going on. ACFO Jones responded by indicating that she could pull reports from the system and you might not know what is going on. ACFO Jones inquired if you would like her to run reports and dissect the reports and provide an explanation of the reports, she would do so. **Mr. Hicks** clarified that the Executive Summary would be provided monthly and a more detail report would be provided quarterly. Hicks also indicated that he also asked for the detail report or analysis by cost center and appropriations. Additionally,

Hicks also discussed the need to have grant information contained in the budget including new grants. Hicks indicated we have not been receiving grant information. Hicks also asked for copies of the Revenue Conference report. **ACFO Jones** indicated that she would forward notices and the revenue conference report. ACFO Jones also agreed to transmit to the Board on real time grant reports. **Chairperson Carter** suggested that the BOPC staff and ACFO meet to discuss the reports that would be provided to the Board. **Mr. Hicks** requested a list of the various reports that are generated by the system and hoped that we could select a report with some modifications for the Board. Hicks also suggested that we design a specific report for the Board. ACFO Jones indicated that it would be difficult to run reports at the cost center level. **F. Faye Johnson**, BOPC staff indicated that the reports provided by cost center would be beneficial to her. Ms. Johnson said that she needs read-only access to all of the accounts that are normally provided to accountants. **Commissioner Bell** indicated that he hoped that this would be the last public discussion on this matter; the issue must be resolved. **Chairperson Carter** directed that a meeting be set-up with the ACFO. **Commissioner Burch** raised why there is no representation from the Mayor and City Council. **Burch** also asked why Mayor Duggan was not at the last police graduation ceremony.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: Commissioner Brooks acknowledged referrals for recruitment and a recruiting table at the Grand Prix.

Report from the Board Secretary. Mr. Hicks reported on two items including a SWOP for Lt. Timothy Leach and Det F. Person. Department and union notification has been transmitted to the appropriate personnel. Also included in the package is information on the march from Detroit City Councilmember Sheffield and press statement from the Prosecutor on Leach and Person.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: The next meeting of the BOPC is Thursday, June 7, 2018 at Police Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI at 3:00 PM and the next Community Meeting, scheduled for 6:30 PM is at Adams-Butzel Recreation Center, 10500 Lyndon Avenue, at 6:30 PM. Detroit, MI 48238.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Faith acknowledged to positive work of the Board and Department. **Ms. Sandra Howard** complained about traffic enforcement. Ms. Howard also request special attention for Coyle and Puritan including the consideration of installing speed bumps. Ms. Howard also requested a sign or traffic light at the corner of Coyle and Puritan. **Eric Blount** indicated it is bazar that the ORACLE software not be able to report things on an accumulative bases. Blount also raised questions about the OCI report related to DPD's body worn cameras not engaging in 5 incidents. Blount requested a report on when cameras are permitted to be turn on and off. Blount also objected to the actions of the State Troopers that shut down Bell Island because it was overcrowded.

Commissioner Bell moved that the Board of Police Commissioners meeting be adjourned.

Second, **Commissioner Davis**

VOTE: **Yes = 6** **No = 0** **Abst. = 0** **MOTION APPROVED**

Adjournment 4:39 PM.