

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: November 30, 2017 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public safety Headquarters, 1301 Third St., 3rd Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (November 30, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Excused	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (6:37)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett (6:40)	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for November 30, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, November 16, 2017

BOPC Officers Report(s): After welcome and opening remarks **Chairperson Lisa Carter** asked Commissioner Willie Bell to provide the invocation. Carter asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Other elected officials, representatives and VIPs were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations. BOPC staff in attendance were also introduced. Carter also welcomed to the meeting, AC Arnold Williams, representing Chief of Police James E. Craig. AC Williams introduced DPD staff.

Chair Report: **Carter** said “Welcome, I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, Chairperson of the Board of Police Commissioners representing District # 6. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today’s Board meeting. Board Vice-Chair Dewaelsche and Commissioner Vann have asked to be excused.

To encourage dialogue and exchange between the community and the Department, our Board meets weekly. Please note that after this meeting we will have two remaining meetings this calendar year. We are scheduled to go on recess for the weeks of December 18th and December 25th. Next year, our first meeting is scheduled for January 4th and we will be joined by several new Commissioners from the November election. Also please note that we are planning an orientation for the new Commissioners on December 19th in the BOPC office. Official Swearing in Ceremonies for the 2018-2022 Board will take place at our first meeting in January.

On behalf of the Board, we continue to express our support and concerns for Fallen Officers and their Families. The Chief’s Office may want to add some specific information about the recent conditions of some of our injured officers. Again, I would like to note that the Department faced several challenges over the past two weeks including outstanding work in containing a barricaded gunman situation in the Linwood Werford area. While it is unfortunate that there was loss of life, the situation could have mushroomed into a more horrendous incident. Additionally, we noted the shooting of an off-duty officer on Gratiot wherein his weapon was taken. Here again, we hope for the officer’s speedy recovery. We also hope that the weapon was recovered from the incident?

I would also note that in our most recent meeting with the Mayor, the Mayor has encouraged us and the Department to continue our recruitment efforts and continue to open a new academy class for new officer each month. The Mayor indicated that law enforcement was a critical priority in his Administration and he would find the money to hire additional officers.

Today, we have one presentation from the Office of the Chief Investigator. Acting Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar will make a presentation. We also have several standing committee reports from Commissioners. Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications from the audience, so if you would like to speak to the Commission, please make sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards are located in the back on the table or can be obtain by seeing Mr. Robert Brown.

COP Police Report: AC Arnold Williams reported on crime continuing to trend downward. AC Williams reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending November 26, 2017. Williams reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -11% decrease, Sexual Assaults -2% decrease, Robbery -15% decrease, Carjacking -16% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -13% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -8%. **Commissioner Bell** inquired about news reports on DLife and a meeting recently held with the program and Chief of Police. **Commissioner Mallett** indicated that Dlife is a DMC-Sinai Grace program originated by an ER doctor to help prevent the cycle of the same young gunshot victims repeatedly returning to the ER. He also said the project was grant funded and in partnership with the Department, Wayne State University and the Detroit Medical Center. Mallett also indicated the project's principle investigator at the DMC is Dr. Sonja Tolu and their research objective is to bring together victims of violence in a peer-to-peer dialogue. **DC Bettison** said DPD is looking at the program to develop trust with law enforcement. **Bell** also inquired about excessive speeding in the city and discussed the need for command staff to reinforce traffic enforcement and increased efforts toward traffic education.

Presentations to the Board: Office of the Chief Investigator. Interim Chief Lawrence Akbar

Interim Chief Lawrence Akbar presented citizen complaints for October 2017. He indicated that the Office of the Chief Investigator received 962 Citizen Complaints, year-to-date representing a 7% increase over last year (15 more complaints). He also indicated that 891 complaints have been closed year-to-date representing a 5% decrease in closed complaints (48 cases). Akbar also reported 245 complaints are open or pending investigations, a 38% increase over the same time in 2016. Akbar identified intake for the month of October was 104 cases and discussed the locations from which the cases originated along with the methods from which the cases were received. Akbar highlighted of the 104 complaints the top areas of concentration came from the 2nd. Police Precincts, 12th Police Precinct and the 6th Police Precinct. Mr. Akbar indicated that at the time of the original complaints, 36 of the complaints involved unidentified personnel. Akbar reported 90 complaints were closed in October involving 183 allegation against police personnel. Mr. Akbar also discussed special issues that surfaced in their investigations related to body worn cameras, in-dash cameras and other equipment issues. Mr. Akbar provided additional attention to body worn cameras in the 4th and 7th Police Precincts, precincts which had the longest history utilizing body worn cameras. Mr. Akbar also discussed issues related to seniority and rank indicating that the Department has a shared responsibility to identify, determine problem officers and apply the appropriate discipline consistent with the Disciplinary matrix approved by the Department. Akbar also re-enforced the need to training and identified several seniority groups which appear to have more complaint history than others. Mr. Akbar concluded his presentation indicating of the unidentified police personnel which were the subject of complaints, OCI staff had identified 88% of the officers involved. **Commissioner Bell** inquired about video cameras in the station house and remarked on the need to force the Department to fix or install the needed equipment to monitor precinct houses. **Commissioner Mallett** supported the need for the Department to follow it rules and procedures as a means to ensure accountability. He also discussed the need for progressive discipline. **Commissioner Carter and Crawford** inquired about AM/FM radio interference in the car that prevent OCI staff from investigating incidents. **Crawford** also discussed his perception of two Detroit's and the unequal deployment of resources. **Mallett** added that extra scrutiny should be given to and reporting on the use electronically control weapons (ECWs) as DPD now is testing ECWs in a pilot program.

BOPC Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports: Three committee reports read into the record.

Personnel Subcommittee Report read into the record by Commissioner Bell:

The Board of Police Commissioner has reviewed the four (4) DPD disqualified applicants appeal requests. The appeals were referred to the Personnel & Training subcommittee. The subcommittee has reviewed information related to each appeal. The Personnel Subcommittee recommendation is to reject the request for a hearing before the full Board on each of the appeals. A list of the appeals are filed with this report and staff is directed to communicate by certified letter the results of the work of the Board.

Applicant Name	Grant Appeal to BOPC	Sustain Department's Decision
Anthony Claxton		√
Willie Carter		√
Kendra Cummings		√
Weesam Kadouh		√

MOTION: Move to accept the report and recommendation contained therein, Bell, Second Shelby.

Committee Report Motion by Commissioner Bell, Second: Shelby

Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Policy Subcommittee Report read into the record by Commissioner Willie Bell, Policy Chair,

On September 28, 2017, and November 21, 2017, the Policy Subcommittee met with its Policy Division to discuss revised policy directives, (1) Vehicular Pursuits and (2) Department Rank and Structure. The Policy Subcommittee made recommendations to those policy directives and provided authorization to Staff to transmit the recommendations to the Department for inclusion in the final version of the directive.

As in previous DPD policy directive submissions, Staff will transmit a copy to the Department and will schedule the items for the full Board's review and consideration.

Committee Report Motion by Commissioner Bell, Second: Crawford

Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Budget Subcommittee Report read into the record by Commissioner Derrick Sanders, Budget Chair,

The Budget Committee met and was provided the financial statements for BOPC through the month of October 2017. The Board is within budget for FY 2017-2018. We also discussed several delays in processing expenses.

The BOPC Budget for FY 2018-19 was submitted to DPD Finance on November 20th. The DPD Budget is expected to arrive at BOPC on December 7th. We will begin our review of the DPD Budget at that time.

Motion to accept the report and recommendations contained therein.

Committee Report Motion by Commissioner Sanders, Second: Crawford

Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 Motion approved

Report from Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on six incoming communication to the Board.

New Business. None.

Announcements: The next regular of the BOPC is December 7, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. The next Community meeting of the BOPC is December 14, 2017 to be held at St. John the Great Baptist Church, 16101 Schaefer (at Puritan).

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Fredia Butler said "Thanks for the newsletter. Hopefully it was received and read by all of the citizens of Detroit. It gave us much food for thought. Through the chair, I would first address my comments to Chief Craig. I have experience several times officers speeding without sirens or flashing lights. I have also witnessed officers, after the light is about to change turn on their siren and flashing lights for seconds and speed through, and continue speeding without sirens or flashing lights. These practices

are very dangerous and can cause accidents and lead to the loss of life. Our officers need to be reminded that they share the road with other cars and pedestrians. Secondly, I would like to make a request that the Board of Police Commissioners have their meeting for District Seven other than in the month of December. Last year it was in December. Please alternate and hold your meeting for us in a warmer month. Through the chair, I want to comment on the article written by Bishop Vann who addressed the conditions that helped create the rebellion of 1967. These are the same conditions I have addressed before the Board of Water Commissioners that will cause a rebellion. The use of marijuana will be one factor; the testing before and after hiring and the lack of education, will lead to loss of employment, broken families and loss homes. The results of these issues lead people to committing crimes and having high incarceration. Bishop Vann, our officers, are already working under very stressful conditions. And I want our Shepherds and leaders to speak out and not hedge their responses to our issues instead of "it's your business" or I am not telling you what to do," or just ignoring the problem. Our communities need straight talk about what is happening and what we can do to make changes. There is no condition that we cannot change. But we do need strong leaders to speak, act with a plan and negotiate. Thanks for listening." **Mr. Peter Rhoades** addressed the issue of medical marijuana and the new state regulations out of Lansing. **Michelle George** discussed community issues and concerns about medical marijuana and actions by U. S. Attorney General Jeff Session. **Roscoe Manfield** complained about speeding on Grand River between the hours of 6:00 AM to 9:00 AM. Scottie Bowman expressed concerns about high resolution cameras at intersections and potential violation of public privacy. **Susan Rodgers** complained about increase break-ins in the Boston – Edison areas and request special attention to the area.

Adjourned