

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: September 6, 2018 - 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit MI 48226

BOPC Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 PM (September 6, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Eva Garza Dewaelsche	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:15 pm)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Jim Holley	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for September 6, 2018.

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes: Thursday, August 23, 2018

Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent District #4. I serve as Chair of the Board and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting. Commissioner Jim Holley has asked to be excused from today's meeting, he is away from the city.

INVOCATION: For the invocation we have invited Detroit Police Chaplin Mark Clark to provide the invocation.

Chairman Bell, continued, after welcoming attendees to the meeting Chairman Willie Bell 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. Chairman Bell also welcomed of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce DPD staff.

BOPC Chairman Report: BOPC Chair Willie Bell said, "On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is continuous. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask the Chief of Police 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. Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7, Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory control of the Police Department. Our citizens are justified in asking "How does civilian oversight of law enforcement help you as a citizen within our community?" Our answer is, we protect the civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating, reviewing and auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and patterns of operations by police agencies to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police practices and unnecessary use of force by police. Our work is based on developing and supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and respect between the police and the community is critical toward increasing the quality of life for residents and visitors to Detroit. Alternatively, distrust impedes police effectiveness and contributes to the lack of cooperation between the police and the community.

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.

Before outlining the order of the meeting, I would like to welcome everyone back to our regular Board of Commissioners Meeting. We did not meet last week because of the Labor Day Break. We hope that all of our labor friends and supporters enjoyed themselves at the Labor Day Parade. Organized labor continues to set a high standard in negotiating and winning important wages and benefits to keep our quality of life high. I also want to congratulate Detroit and Detroiters for the massive show of respect and admiration for the Queen of Soul, the late Aretha Franklin. The tributes and a record breaking Home Going Celebration reminded all of us of her greatness and the contribution that she has made to all of our lives. I want to note the passing of United States' Senator from Arizona, John McCain. The funeral associated with Senator McCain raised several important issues within our democracy. I will also note that Kofi Annan, a charismatic global diplomat and the first black African to become United Nations Secretary-General who led the world body through one of its most turbulent periods, died Aug. 18, 2018.

I want to report to the Board that the search committee reviewing the applications for the Director of DPD Personnel has met and has interviewed several fine candidates. We are asking that some of the candidates return for a second interview. We hope to bring to this Board a recommendation for your approval within the next month. I want to remind Commissioners to complete any of the necessary arrangements to attend the 2018 NACOLE Conference. The conference is scheduled for September 30th thru October 4, 2018. At the 2018 Conference Detroit will provide a special workshop on the Anatomy of Detroit Police Community Relations. The focus of the workshop will be on two fatal encounters that occurred within one month here in Detroit. Using these encounters we will focus on police transparency, police policies related to remediation and discipline. The workshop will be conducted by Immediate Past Chair, Commissioner Lisa Carter and Deputy Chief Todd Bettison. Mr. Brown is on top of the arrangements, so if you have any questions, please consult, Mr. Brown. I also want to report that for the 2019 NACOLE Conference that will be held in Detroit next year, we have already secured as local co-chairs for the conference, former United States Senator Carl Levin and longtime civil rights and corporate Attorney Elliot Hall. We will be extending invitations to other co-chairs. If any of the Board has an idea for an appropriate co-chair, please discuss this with me or the Board Secretary.

Today, we have a resolution acknowledging the service of retiring Corporal William Radatz, a 43 year veteran. At the appropriate time we will act on that resolution. We also have one informational presentation to the Board. The presentation is about the curriculum that we use at the Detroit Police Academy to train police officers. I am hopeful that we receive information on concepts like use of force and de-escalation and a summary on some of the broad tactical training that officers receive.

Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications. 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, and he needs your card before the beginning of public comments. Chairman Bell also thanked the Chief of Police for the recent "call out" associated with the Ceasefire Program. Chairman Bell indicated that the program was effective and the testimony of one of the mothers who a member of her family had recently been killed by street violence providing a moving moment within the program.

Resolution: Commissioner Darryl Brown read into the record BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING CORPORAL WILLIAM W. RADATZ.

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WHEREAS William W. Radatz was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 30, 1975. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer Radatz began his career at the First Precinct; and

WHEREAS He dutifully served the First Precinct, Fourth Precinct, reassigned to First Precinct, Special Events Section, Tenth Precinct, reassigned to First Precinct, and Communications Operations. Police Officer Radatz displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal on March 9, 2015 and continued served at Communications Operations until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Corporal Radatz was the deserving recipient of the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition

Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, as well as commendations from supervisors, and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

WHEREAS Corporal Radatz has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 43 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected as a consummate professional.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution in recognition of Corporal William Radatz's 43 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and lifelong commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards.

We thank and congratulate you, Corporal William Radatz.

Commissioner Darryl Brown moved the BOARD RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING CORPORAL WILLIAM W. RADATZ.

Second, Commissioner Williams

VOTE: Yes = 8 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: Chief of Police James E. Craig reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. COP Craig indicated that the Department had some challenges with an uptick in crime in the beginning of the month but it appears that it is readjusted. The Chief also acknowledged some additional challenges over the last few years with 3 of 5 deaths of officer's line of duty and 2 active duty deaths. The Chief also indicated that an arrest has been made in the murder of Detroit Fire Department member **Jack Wiley, Jr.** COP Craig reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending September 2, 2018. COP Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -6% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 53% increase, Robbery - 12% decrease, Carjacking 3% increase, Aggravated Assaults -5% decrease, non-fatal shootings -13% decrease, Burglary -16% decrease, Larceny -0% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -22% decrease and Part 1 offenses -9% decrease. COP Craig also provided the Board with an update on injured and fallen officers. Commissioner Brown thanked the COP for the work in the apprehension of the suspect related to the death of **Detroit Fire Fighter Jack Wiley, Jr.** Commissioners **Willie Bell, Elizabeth Brooks and Shirley Burch** congratulated the Department on its professionalism and service during the funeral of **Aretha Franklin.** Commissioner **Shirley Burch** also address the issue of speeding and indicated she was working with Mr. Brundidge to secure additional signage for Precinct #11.

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Detroit Police Academy Curriculum Discussion, Captain Keeth Williams outlined the structure of the Professional Education and Training (Police Academy). Captain Williams indicated that the section reported to the Office of Support Operations headed by Assistant Chief James White. Williams also discussed the various sections of the of the Academy including his direct command and Field Training/In Service headed by Lieutenant Mary Baritche, Recruit / Firearms Training headed by Lieutenant John Widmer and Firearms Training head by Sergeant Anthony Potts. Captain Williams discussed the 594 mandated training requirement imposed on the Academy by MCOLES and the additional 120 hours under the Department which includes legal, diversity, ethics, fitness and driving. Williams indicated that the Department has graduated 305 police candidates in 2017 in 12 classes and 157 police officer candidates to date in 2018 classes. Captain Williams also reported on in-service and specialized training. (Attached please see a copy of the full presentation made by Captain Williams.) Commissioner Brown inquired about the Below 100 training program. Captain Williams indicated that this program was devoted to train officers behind the wheel and increase their driving capabilities. Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche indicated that she heads SERMetro a workforce Development organization which will soon paint sections of the academy's wall to beautify the environment within the academy. She indicated that the materials have been donated by Sherman-Williams Paint Company and volunteers from SERMetro will provide the person power. The painting is scheduled for October 22, 2018. Dewaelsche also complemented the Department on the excellent video presentation and asked for a description of the CIT, ED weapons training and officer survival training. Captain Williams outlined the various approaches to the above training and indicated that much of the video work was done by Eddie Torris of the Department. Commissioner Carter asked if the training curriculum inclusive of the MCOLES mandatory and the added DPD parts have been submitted to MCOLES. Captain Williams in response to Commissioner Carter indicated, Yes. Carter also asked if the Civilian Police Academy remains under the control of the academy. Captain Williams responded that the Civilian Police Academy is a program of the Neighborhood Policing section of the Department by Lieutenant Potts. Commissioner Burch also asked if the academy's training included training for officers to respect older people. Captain Williams indicated yes, and outlines the

training activity related to verbal judo and cultural diversity training. Williams also indicated that the Office of the Chief Investigator staff receive 40 hour block training annually.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports: None.

Old Business: Commissioner Dewaelsche request that the Board receive a update on Legal and Medical Marijuana Developments. Dewaelsche suggested that Corporation Counsel Garcia should be invited to the Board before the November elections. Commissioner Bell also reminded staff that the Chaplin Corp of the Detroit Police Department should be involved in the 2019 NACOLE Conference in Detroit. Commissioner Carter also indicated she will be out of the State next week and will not be able to attend the Board meeting, she asked if Commissioner Brooks to extend a welcome to the community on behalf of District 6.

New Business: none.

Report from the Board Secretary. None.

Announcements: The next meeting of the BOPC is on September 13, 2018 at 6:30 PM at the Marathon Petroleum Michigan headquarters, 1001 S. Oakwood, Detroit, MI 48217. The next community meeting of the BOPC is October 11, 2018 at 6:30 PM 7th Precinct, location TBA.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Ms. Bernice Smith acknowledged the fine work of the Department during the homecoming celebration for Aretha Franklin.

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

Second, Commissioner Brooks

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Adjournment 4:25 PM.

Attachment.