

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: October 19, 2017 – 3:00 PM**

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Detroit, MI 48226

**Acting Chair Eva Dewaelsche the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (October 19, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
	Excused	
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:12 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Excused	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	8	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the Agenda for October 19, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the following Board Minutes:  
**Thursday, October 12, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Acting Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche** asked Bishop Edgar Vann, II to provide the invocation. Dewaelsche indicated Chairperson Carter is away and she would act as chair for the meeting. Acting Chair Dewaelsche 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. Dewaelsche also welcomed to the meeting, **AC James White**, representing Chief of Police James E. Craig, AC White introduced DPD staff.

**Chair Report: Dewaelsche:** said, Welcome: Good Day, I am Vice Chair of the Police Commission Eva Dewaelsche, at large. Chairperson Lisa Carter is away from the city, therefore I will be chairing today's meeting. On behalf of the Board, thank you for attending today's Board meeting.

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 including two off-duty officers who were injured in auto related accidents. One of the officers was hit in connection with a vehicular chase involving the Hazel Park Police Department. I would ask the Chief's office to provide us with any update on this matter under the Chief's report.

As Chair for today, I would like to remind us that while several recent events have disappeared from the news headlines, we are still thinking of the people in Las Vegas, Puerto Rico, the Caribbean and southern Gulf regions, California, and other locations devastated by acts of Mother Nature or Human hands. We pray and hope for speedy assistance to reach ALL people in need.

Tonight, we have two short presentations from staff. We also have several items that will require the Board to move into a closed session. Under the Open Meetings Act, we are allowed to close our meeting to discuss personnel matters. These personnel

items will be taken up under new business after our committee reports and oral communications from the audience. We have adjusted the agenda to allow for those who want to leave before the closed session. Remember, after the closed session, the Board will reconvene to vote on any items from the closed session.

**COP Police Report: AC White** reported on crime continuing to trend downward. AC White also reported that the Department continues to have under investigation the incidents in Precinct 9 involving the vehicle pursuit of a motorist resulting in a fatal death and the incident at the Meijer 8 Mile Shopping Plaza resulting in a violent confrontation with a person. AC White also reported on the progress of the construction project for the Office of the Chief Investigator's facility. AC White also updated the Board on the condition of 11 injured DPD personnel (sworn). **AC White** reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending October 15, 2017. White reported Homicides percentage change between 2015 and 2016 of -6% decrease, Sexual Assaults -5% decrease, Robbery -14% decrease, Carjacking -13% decrease, Aggravated Assaults, -5% decrease, Non-fatal shooting, -11% decrease for an overall total of -7% decrease, and overall violent crime of -7% and property offenses -7%. **Commissioner Bell** cautioned the feasibility of the Department making public statement about incidents before the facts are in and noted that the Department often is forced to change statements / positions thereby impacting the credibility of the Department. **Commissioners Vann and Crawford** joined in support of Bell's comments. **AC White**, in response indicated that the statements made by the Department are subject to change as new information is available and that the Department must strike a balance between developing information and their public duty to share information. **Crawford** also inquired about officers assigned to Secondary Employment, specifically related to the deployment at Meijer on 8 Mile Road. **Commissioner Burton** inquired about the appropriate use of force that should be used by DPD. **AC White**, also indicated that the Department has 503,000 citizen encounters per year and that use of force issues must be understood within the context of the number of encounters by DPD.

**Presentations to the Board: (A) Curfew for City of Detroit October 29 – 31, 2017, Board Attorney Wyrick, (B) Body Worn Cameras Update, Final Policy Recommendation, BOPC Policy Executive Manager M. White.**

**A) Curfew for City of Detroit October 29 – 31, 2017, Board Attorney Wyrick**, reported on the Detroit City Council authorized special curfew for October 29 – 31, 2017. Wyrick outlined the coverage under the curfew and the fines and consequences for violators under the curfew ordinance. **Commissioner Vann** inquired about the continued need for the curfew. **Commissioner Mallett** indicated that the curfew was proscriptive and reminded the Board of the practice within the first year of the Archer Administration when the curfew was removed. Mallett summarized several of the resulting problems flowing from the decision to end the special curfew practice.

**(B) Body Worn Cameras Update, Final Policy Recommendation, BOPC Policy Executive Manager M. White** reported that the BOPC had received from the Department a finalized directive related to Body Worn Cameras (304.6). M. White indicated that the Department had accepted each of the recommendations made by the Policy subcommittee and approved by the Board.

**Commissioner Bell, Chair of the Policy Committee** moved that the Board approve the finalized version of the Manual Directive 304.5-6.

Second, Crawford.

Yes = 8

No = 0

Abst. = 0

Motion approved

**BOPC Standing and Adhoc Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks** reported the receipt of five communications to the Board.

**Old Business. None.**

**New Business. Commissioner Bell** requested that DC Bettison address the Board and report on the recent NPO Conference and the recent graduation of new police officers from the Detroit Academy. Bell also indicated that Acting Chief Investigator Lawrence Akbar and he has attended and participated in Officer Promotional Class and training at the Academy.

**Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:**

**Fredia Butler** expressed her concern that the NPO Conference be conducted in the neighborhoods as opposed to downtown. **William Davis** expressed his concerns about the Meijer Store incident and encouraged the Department to investigate. **Eric**

**Blount** expressed approval of the recent action by the Board to pass a policy on Body Worn Cameras. **Bernice Smith** acknowledged the memorial services of Conrad Mallett, Sr. She also suggested that the Department contact all of the potential witnesses to the Meijer Store incident as she has been in contact with several of the employees who indicate a different story from those reported.

**Acting Chair Dewaelsche** indicated that the balance of the agenda was devoted to personnel matters. **Commissioner Bell** moved to adjourn to a closed session to take up the personnel matters.

**Motion by Commissioner Bell to adjourn to a closed session.**

Second, Vann.

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

Board Adjourned to a closed session at 4:00 PM

**Motion by Commissioner Bell to return to regular order.**

Second, Vann.

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

**Motion by Commissioner Crawford to support the recommendation of Chief of Police James Craig to change the Duty Status Report of Police Officer Stephen Heid, Badge #359 to Suspension Without Pay.**

Second: Bell

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

**Motion by Commissioner Mallett to support the recommendation of Chief of Police James Craig to change the Duty Status Report of Police Officer Ronald Cadez, Badge # 4825 to Suspension Without Pay.**

Second: Bell

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

**Motion by Commissioner Bell to allow Brandon Andrews to re-apply to the Detroit Police Academy.**

Second: Sanders

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

**Motion to Adjourn, member Mallett.**

Second: Brooks

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

**Adjourned at 5:35 PM.**