

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: May 17, 2018 – 3:00 PM

Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, Detroit, MI 482269

Vice Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (May 17, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson (7:13 PM)	Excused	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for May 17, 2018.

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, May 10, 2018**

Welcome: Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Vice Chair of the Detroit Police Commission. Chairperson Lisa Carter is out of town and unable to attend today's meeting. On behalf of the Board, for those in the audience attending, 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: Detroit Police Chaplin Corp, Chaplin Devan Myatt.

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

BOPC Officers Report: (Eva Dewaelsche) 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. This week is National Police Week and it is fitting that we add an extra measure of care and concern in reflecting on the service and sacrifice that is part of law enforcement. I would ask the Chief during his remarks to provide us with any additional information related to injured and fallen officers and any activity sponsored by DPD in connection with National Police Week.

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 exist 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 to the attention of the Board several important items. 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 responsibility and how they intersect with the Police Department. We will start at 12:00 Noon on June 8th and have a half-day session. We will also have a full day session on Saturday. I would ask each member of the Board to mark your calendar and plan on attending the 2018 Board training session. I am sure that this session will be as productive and informative as the session of the previous year.

I also want to call your attention to Board elections for BOPC officers. Our by-laws require that in the 2nd meeting in June, June 14, 2018 elections for new officers will occur.

I also want to call an important business matter to the attention of the Board. Ms. Faye Johnson, BOPC Executive Manager for Fiscal Operations will read a report from the Budget subcommittee designed to transfer the BOPC from the Police Department budget to the non-Departmental budget. The non-Departmental budget, in part, is the area of the city's budget that houses functional entities of the city that are governed by Boards and Commissions, like the Board of Ethnicity and the Building Authority. As a Board of elected and appointed members, we believe that the inclusion of our budget and operations within the non-Departmental section of the city's budget is consistent with the aims and objectives of an independent oversight board. The transfer will not impact our oversight and monitoring of the Police Department. The change will not impact our appropriation levels and should we approve the action it will become effective in the new fiscal year, July 1, 2018. The report will be taken up under subcommittee reports.

We will also have a resolution honoring the retirement of Inspector Daniel Allen. Inspector Allen is retiring from Communication Operations after a career lasting 30 years.

Also on the agenda today is a presentation from Communications - 911 Dispatch. In several of our meetings we have heard from citizens about our dispatch operations. This section is of critical importance to police operations. Not only does dispatch help deploy police services in a timely fashion, it is also the face of the Department. Aside from police patrols, I would think that the contact that citizens and visitors have with the Department is overwhelmingly through our communications and dispatch operations. I hope that today's presentation will provide us with a comprehensive understanding of the communications and dispatch operations. The Department in the recent past has introduced new technologies and practices in these areas, a report on the integration and operational effectiveness is timely. Also given the recent storms and rapidly changing weather, we have noticed several power outages in precincts and other operations impacting communications. I hope the report will also cover some of the reasons for the power outages and our plans to resolve this issue. Finally, the introduction of new technologies in policing is a new wave in police practices. I hope the Department will share with the Board and the general public any future innovations and initiatives in this area.

Later in the meeting, we will have committee reports and 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 also cushion everyone, we will be enforcing our 2 minute speaking privilege and cut-off time limitation. Please secure cards before we start oral communications.

Resolution: Commissioner Willie Bell read into the record a resolution honoring 30 years of service of **Inspector Daniel L. Allen** to the Detroit Police Department.

RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED INSPECTOR DANIEL L. ALLEN

WHEREAS Daniel L. Allen was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 14, 1985. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Allen began his career at the Sixth Precinct; and

WHEREAS He dutifully served the Sixth Precinct, Executive Protection Division, Law Department and on September 2, 1993 he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the Fourth Precinct, as well as Internal Controls Division; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Allen displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments and was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on August 23, 1999. Lieutenant Allen was reassigned to the Fourth Precinct, Tactical Operations Section, reassigned to the Fourth Precinct, Court Unit, Northwestern District, Office of the Chief Investigator, at which time he was promoted to rank of Inspector on September 22, 2011. Inspector Allen was then assigned to Communications Operations, Investigative Operations, then reassigned to Communication Operations where he remain until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Inspector Allen was the deserving recipient of three (3) Chief's Merit Award, one (1) Lifesaving Citation and Medal Award, three (3) Perfect Attendance Award, (2) two Conclusion of the Conditions of the Confinement Consent Judgement Award, the Fireworks Celebration Award, 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 the community; and

WHEREAS Inspector Allen has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 30 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 and honor the lifelong devotion of Inspector Allen for 30 years of dedicated and diligent public service. His professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards. We thank and congratulate you, Inspector Daniel L. Allen.

Commissioner Willie Bell moved the resolution honoring 30 year of service of **Inspector Daniel L. Allen** to the Detroit Police Department.

Second, **Commissioner Davis**

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: Chief of Police James E. Craig reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. Chief Craig reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending May 13, 2018. Craig reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -15% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 36% increase, Robbery -17% decrease, Carjacking -2% decrease, Aggravated Assaults -4% decrease, non-fatal shootings -22% decrease, Burglary -25% decrease, Larceny -1% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -23% decrease and Part 1 offenses -25% decrease. COP Craig discussed a recent staff retreat of Executive Staff with the Mayor and described an exchange between staff to create a new effort to measure police performance and its relationship to quality of life concerns within the City. Craig also shared with the Board a recent event at Cobo Hall related to discussions with at-risk youngsters from the Detroit Public School District. Chief Craig asked Ms. Bridget LaMar, Interim Personnel Director to report on injured and fallen officers. **Commissioner Davis** inquired into the current relationship of DPD and ALPACT (Advocates and Leaders for Police And Community Trust). Commissioner Bell inquired about the Department experience with **ShotSpotter** an acoustic surveillance technology that detects, locates and alerts authorities to gunfire. Bell suggested that the Chicago Department reported success with the technology. Chief Craig in response indicated he was unimpressed with the technology because it is not tied to real time surveillance technology. Craig suggested that if a product had the capabilities of locating gunfire and was tied to the Department's Real Time Crime Center and allowed for an automatic feed of the camera system, he would support and see the utility of such technology. **Commissioner Burch** reminded the Board of the "Salute to Detroit Police 9th and 11th Precincts to be held on May 19, 2018 starting at 12 Noon to 5:00 PM at DAD Butler Park, 2034 E. Mile Road. **Commissioner Mallett** indicated his concerns for the increase number of citizen complaints of Detroit Police Officers related to demeanor and procedure. Mallett inquired if the Board and/or the Office of the Chief Investigator (OCI) received back from the Chief's Office a report on discipline issued by the Chief on sustained and frequent sustained citizen complaints. **Commissioner Brown** indicated that discussed the high number of citizen complaint in the 8th Precinct with Commander Jacqueline Pritchett and noticed a marked difference in complaints after Commander Pritchett addressed the issue in the precinct. **Commissioner Brown** also suggested that the Board and Department take a look at a program in Elgin Ill called the "Resident-Officer Program" which is reported to have cut crime by 50% in select neighborhoods outside of Chicago. **Commissioner Bell** suggested that residency based programs provide for better coverage for police services including the current NPO program. **Chief Craig** responded that these and other programs should be examined, but that in Detroit 65% of the officers live outside of the City. Craig continued by indicating that he has ordered a deeper dive into the issue of disqualified academy applications/recruits to determine if we are missing some opportunities to expand our recruitment pool. **Mr. Hicks** offered that the Board can examine and report on the disqualification appeals to the BOPC as a means to provide the Chief with some feedback on the types of disqualifications reviewed by the Board. **Commissioner Burch** indicated that she and several other commissioners had recently visited the Detroit Police Academy and was impressed with it training program.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Communications – 911 Dispatch, Director James Flemings

(A) Communications – 911 Dispatch, Director James Flemings and staff reported on the Communications Bureau which is composed of the 911 Call center, Police Dispatch, Notifications and Control, Telephone Crime Reporting, Keeper of the Records and the Message Center. Flemings and staff reported on the following staff deployment per section,

911 Call Center / Emergency	Police Dispatch	Telephone Crime Reporting
1 Administrative Supervisor	4 Lieutenants	1 Sergeant (OIC)
12 Senior Emergency Service Deployment Operator's	10 Sergeants	1 Administrative Assistant
97 Emergency Service Deployment Operators	3 Police Corporals	6 senior Telecommunications Operators
	10 Police Officers	41 Telecommunications Operators
	49 Emergency Service Operators	
Total 110	Total 76	Total 49
January to May (2018) call volume 347,933 call for service	January to May (2018) call volume 86,849 call for service	January to May (2018) call volume TCRU 17,761 Superior Reports, 1,958 supplemental reports, from 54,635 incoming calls.

Director Flemings and staff also reported on the operations and mission of the Message Center, Notifications & Control and the Keeper of the Records sections. Flemings also reported on the sufficient reduction in response time from 2012 to 2018 and number of citizen complaints between 2017 and 2018. **Commissioner Burch** inquired if alerts from the Greenlight program are given immediate attention by the dispatch center. **Commissioner Davis** inquired insofar as Detroit provides dispatch service for Highland Park and Hamtramck does Detroit receive and compensation for the services. Fleming responded that Detroit receives the State surcharge credit/funds that normally would go to Highland Park and Hamtramck. **Commissioner Holley** asked if the City of Detroit is doing all of the necessary things to reduce the criticism that suggest that services from Detroit are being diverted to other cities. **Director Flemings** indicated that services provided to these cities do not diminish service to Detroiters. Commissioner Bell inquired if the Department utilizes the Knox Rapid Access System. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired about the vendor and type of language translation services utilized by the Communications sections. **Flemings** responded indicating that the Department has a contract with Cyber Language Services which is capable of translating 257 dialogues. **Dewaelsche** expressed her concern that a live translator presumably a member of the Department be available for translations.

BOCP Standing Committee Reports:

Budget Subcommittee Report: Authorization to transfer from DPD cost center to non-Departmental cost center, reports provided by Ms. Faye Johnson, CPA, BOPC Executive Manager for Fiscal Operations

Motion moved by Commissioner Mallett to accept the report, authorize the transfer between cost centers and authorize the transmission of a letter over the signature of the Chair (Lisa Carter) to CFO John Hill.

Second, Commissioner Bell

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Policy Subcommittee Report: Authorization to transfer policy recommendation to Chief of Police

- (a) Foot Pursuits 13 recommendations to DPDPM 202.7
- (b) Property Control 6 recommendations to DPDPM 306.3
- (c) Personal Cell Phone Use for Official Business Purposes While on Duty DPDPM 102.3 – 6.12

Report provided by Ms. Melanie White, BOPC Executive Manager for Policy Development,

Motion moved by Commissioner Mallett to accept the report, authorize the transfer of Policy subcommittee recommendations to the Chief of Police over the signature of the Chair (Lisa Carter).

Second, Commissioner Bell

VOTE: Yes = 9 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

Report from the Board Secretary. Mr. Hicks reported on six items, 4 listed on the agenda including a news article on Immigrants, Latinos in Michigan Bay Border Patrol by Niraj Wariko, and two walk-ons (Precinct Compstat data broken down by Districts and a package from Nationwide Recovery, Inc. (Towing) of transcripts and affidavits related to their lawsuit against the City.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: The next meeting of the BOPC is Thursday, May 24, 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. **Commissioner Brooks** announced the Women in Blue fund raiser for the Public Safety Foundation to be held May 23, 2018.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments:

Bernice Smith reminded the Board to adhere to its rules on oral communications. **Fredia M. Butler**, Community Activist read into the record "Commissioners on May 3rd, I came before you asking for help regarding the used car lot located at 10100 Joy Road. I informed you that the Board of Zoning and Appeals denied them to establish the existing business. They have installed cameras, extremely bright lights and attached a fence to the barber shop. I asked the owner of the barber shop whether they received his permission and he said no. He said he wasn't there when the fence was installed. He measured the space he owns from his building which is two feet. Commissioner if I or anyone else violated the law and opened an illegal business, I believe it would be shut down instead of being issued tickets. Past community leaders said that they have never experienced an issue after the Board of Zoning and Appeals had denied the existence of a business. They cited a case when the board of zoning denied a business to bring an additional liquor store and strip club to our community; it was no longer an issue. In this case, the owners of the used car lot are operating as if they were approved. What good is the law if one is allowed to violate it? Our County Commissioner Alisha Bell and former Wayne State Governor Gary Pollard went to the Board of Zoning and Appeals with us requesting that this business be denied. They cited the over saturation of used cars and repair shops in our area. They also spoke about how these businesses are affecting our environment and the value of our homes. These officials live in the community and they work on behalf of the people. Commissioners after listening to the report May 3rd by the officer regarding the tow business, I wonder if there is a possible connection between the two businesses; the used cars and repair shops." **Kevin Savage** indicated that his company ABA might be disqualified from bidding on the new Towing RFP because of the restriction in the RFP related to shared space and lot size.

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

Second, **Commissioner Davis**

VOTE: **Yes = 9** **No = 0** **Abst. = 0** **MOTION APPROVED**

Adjournment 5:25 PM.