

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: September 7, 2017 – 3:00 PM**

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

**Chairperson Lisa Carter called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (September 7, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:10 PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the Agenda for September 7, 2017.

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules** approved the following Board Minutes:  
**Thursday, August 31, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Report(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairperson Lisa Carter** asked Commissioner Bell to provide the invocation. **Chairperson 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 AC Arnold Williams representing Chief of Police James E. Craig to the meeting and invited him to introduce his staff.

**Chair Report:** **Carter** restated the Board’s concerns about officer safety and acknowledged the need to remain supportive to friends and family of injured and fallen DPD personnel. Carter also stated, HR Director Oxendine was on bereavement leave and would provide HR updates at our October meeting.

“As I am sure everyone is aware, the southern parts of our nation continues to be lashed by tropical storms and hurricanes. We express our condolences to the families whose lives have been changed by these traumatic storms. Within the next few days I am encouraging Commissioners to support the Chief in outstanding efforts to help first responders in the region. I also understand that BOPC staff is looking at ways that we can make a more direct contribution to the relief effort even as we will be away from the city attending the NACOLE conference. Please expect an e-mail with the details.

I have also added to the agenda the Chief’s recommendation for the fourth Round of Departmental promotions for Lieutenants and Sergeants. A summary of the promotional package was e-mailed to Board members Tuesday. I am hopeful that we can move on this matter later in our meeting.

Conference packages are available today and will be distributed to Board members who plan to attend the NACOLE conference. Again, because of the conference, we have cancelled our September 14, 2017 Meeting. Our next meeting when we return is a community meeting to be held Thursday, September 21, 2017, at the Operating Engineers Local 324, 1550 Howard St., Detroit, MI. Our Commissioner hosts for the community will be Commissioner Sanders and myself.

Many of our young people have already begun to return to school. I ask that our Department and members of our community extend a watchful eye in an effort to protect our young people as they engage in one of the most important and challenging endeavors of their lives. The education of our children is one of the most important responsibilities that we have as a society. We encourage all to take special advantage of the necessary preparation toward our collective future.

I want to end my report today by letting Detroiters with families in regions affected by Harvey – and now Irma – that we stand with you and to all those impacted, we are praying for you and hope you stay safe and experience the best possible outcomes.”

**COP Police Report: Assistant Chief Arnold Williams** reported that the city’s crime continues to trend downward. Williams also reported on the Chief’s initiative to provide support to “first responders” associated with the recent wave of storms in the south including 10 DPD volunteer officers that would accompany a semi-tractor load of goods to be donated to first responders. **Commissioners Bell and Mallett** suggested better cooperation and scheduling of BOPC meetings with police community relations organizations throughout the precincts. **Commission Burton** requested a correction amending the Chair’s comments that he would also be a host of the next community meeting inasmuch as it also falls within his district. **Commissioner Mallett** also reported on a discussion with a group of citizens involved with the Department’s community relations effort, wherein they suggested that the police could drive down the street and determine if you (the citizen) have current insurance. **AC Williams** indicated that the Department has access to SOS data that returns this information. Williams also indicated that with recent changes in state law, citizens can now show “proof of insurance certification over mobile devices to officers during traffic stops. **Bell and Mallett** suggested the need for more citizen information in their encounters with police including BOPC production of some type of citizen’s guide focused on rules and regulations and citizen responsibility. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired about the capacity for precincts to host city-wide BOPC meetings. Dewaelsche encourage the coordination of at least one yearly meeting with the city wide police community relations organization. **Commissioner Crawford** requested DC Barren to address the issues of outside police agencies entering Detroit. **DC Barren** reported on a series of exchanges with other Police Departments to develop a protocol when outside police agencies are to come into Detroit to serve warrants and conduct other policing operations. **Commissioner Sanders** requested a copy of the draft protocol be shared with the Board. **Commissioner Vann** requested an update on the death of Damon Grimes. **AC Williams** responded the report has not been completed. **Vann** also added his voice to the need to produce and share with citizens information related to police procedures and other municipal dictated operations like the use of and rationale for things like bike lanes. **Vann** highlighted that absent critical information to be shared with the public that a vacuum of information can add to a misunderstanding and potentially a conspiratorial narrative that complicated police work leading to a disconnect between indigenous Detroiters and the Department. **Chairperson Carter** indicated that several of these issues like the bike lanes and Q-line issue have been addressed with the Mayor. Carter indicated that she would continue to raise these issues with the Mayor and we need to continue BOPC efforts to produce PSA and educational booklets. **Commissioner Brooks** also underscored the need to have publically accessible rules and regulations for biking.

**Action Item: 4<sup>th</sup> Round Promotions / Recommendations from Chief of Police, Craig.** **Commissioner Bell** requested that candidates for promotions be read into the record.

Promotion Candidates for Lieutenant

Devin Dunbeck (Sgt.)	Richard T. Firsdon	Derrick Maye (Sgt.)	Heather Cameron (Sgt.)
Sharon R. McClure (Hall) (Sergeant)		Michael E. Russell (Sergeant)	

Promotion Candidates for Sergeant

Andre Brooks (P.O.)	Alexander Roths (P.O.)	William Jackson (P.O.)	Jerrold Willis (P.O.)
Walter Merida (P.O.)	Beverly Wilson (Corp.)	Thomas Kozlowski (P.O.)	Myron Watkins (P.O.)
Craig Pomaville (P.O.)	Jarmiare McEntire (Det)	Tremayne Burton (Det.)	Robin W. Cleaver (P.O.)
Rhonda S. Sherman (P.O.)	Dennis Smith (P.O.)	Elena Chavez (P.O.)	

**Commissioner Mallett** moved adoption. **Commissioner Brooks** seconded. **Chair** opened the matter for discussion. **Commissioner Sanders** requested a more detailed review of two candidates among the Chief’s promotional recommendations. **Commissioner Bell** suggested a closed session to discuss personnel matters and the promotions. **Mr. Hicks** indicated that the Board already has a closed session scheduled for the current meeting in the matter of PO Earl Crutchfield who has exercised his right to a closed session. **Chairperson Carter** indicated that the Board would take up both matters during the closed session already scheduled.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks** reported on seven (7) communications received by the Board.

**Old Business. None.**

**New Business: None.**

**Announcements:**

**Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, September 21, 2017 at the Operating Engineers Local 324, 1550 Howard St., Detroit, MI. 48216

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

**Ms. Faith** indicated her appreciation for information about the department and the work of the Department. **Ms. Tamilikia Foster** complained about an incident on August 19, 2017 where she was hit from behind and injured by a drunk driver and officers were insulting and refused to take her report. Incident was referred to OCI and Command. **William Davis** announced a demonstration in the front of Little Caesars Arena in association with Kid Rock and his support for the confederate flag. **Bernice Smith** shared information about previous lawsuits involving the MSP officer alleged to have shot and killed 12 year old kids. **Fredia Butler** corrected a name from her pervious comments before the Board to Mary Smith. **Scott Bowman** complained about the time allotted to Commissioner Bell's in a meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct Police Community Relations Council. **Commission Dewaelsche** announced a workshop sponsored by LaSed for families impacted by DACA / federal immigration policy.

**The Board by Order of the Chair convened a closed session discussion to take up PO Crutchfield change of duty status and the Chief's recommendation for promotions. Commissioner Bell moved and Commissioner Sanders supported to move into a closed session. All members voted in the affirmative. Motion approved.**

**Board reconvened to regular order.**

**Commissioner Mallett moved to amend his motion on the floor to approve the promotional list submitted by Chief Craig excluding until further review the names of three officers (Detective) Jamiare McEntire, PO Rhonda Sherman and PO Myron Watkins. Commissioner Brooks Seconded the motion.**

**Yes = 9                  No = 0                  Motion approved**

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**Commissioner Mallett moved and Commissioner Bell Seconded** the following motion " Officer Earl Crutchfield is alleged to have been issued duplicate payroll checks wherein he cashed both checks and the Department is pursuing fraud charges against Officer Crutchfield." Warrants, arrest and processing have occurred in the above matter.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Sanders, Mallett, Brooks, Dewaelsche, Bell, Burton, Crawford, Vann and Carter** All (9) voting, **Yes to Concur** with the Chief's recommendation to suspend without pay.

**No Commissioners** voting to object to the Chief's recommendation.

Motion to adjourn.