

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: June 6, 2019 – 3:00 PM**

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

**BOPC Chair Willie Bell called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 PM (June 6, 2019)**

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 (3:17 PM)	Yes	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Evette Griffie	Excused	
Annie Mae Holt	Excused	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for June 6, 2019.**

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
Thursday, May 30, 2019**

**Chairman Willie Bell** said “Good Afternoon! I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell, I represent District #4. I serve as the 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 Annie Holt has asked to be excused from today’s meeting.

Today, is another sad day for the Detroit Police Department. I am sure that each of us recall the recent report that Sergeant Elaine Williams, #S-263, died as a result of non-duty related injuries. Sergeant Elaine Williams was assigned to Major Crimes. As a Board, we add our condolences to the long list of people from the Department and beyond who will miss the warm and friendly face of Sergeant Elaine Williams. Final arrangements for Sergeant Williams viewing are **Wednesday, June 12, 2019, 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. at the Detroit World Outreach Church located at 23800 W. Chicago, Redford Charter Township, MI 48239. Funeral arrangements are scheduled for Thursday, June 13, 2019, Family Hour: 10:00 A.M., Funeral: 11:00 A.M. also at Detroit World Outreach Church located at 23800 W. Chicago, Redford Charter Township.** I ask for a moment of silence to honor Sergeant Elaine Williams’ life and her contributions to the City and the Detroit Police Department.

>>Moment of silence for Sgt. Elaine Williams.

Chairman Bell continued, “Today, we have invited Chaplain Stanley Mobley to provide the invocation.” Chaplain Mobley provided the invocation for the meeting.

**Chairperson’s Report – Willie Bell** said “On behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers including the recent death of Sergeant Elaine Williams. Our concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is ranked as two of the most important priorities of the Board. 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 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2<sup>nd</sup> 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. 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.

I want to point to several important items for your consideration and information. The Board of Police Commissioners will have its annual Board Training on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Please mark your schedules and plan to attend this annual training. We will be reviewing the mission and goals of the Board as well as a few of our operational procedures. The training session is scheduled to start on Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon and conclude at 5:00 PM. We will return to the training session Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM and work until 5:00 PM. Within the next week, staff will release a detailed schedule for the training session.

Again, I remind the Board, we are continuing to work with NACOLE (National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement) to host the National Conference on September 22 thru 26, 2019 in Detroit. During the same time, Detroit will be celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> year as a civilian oversight organization on July 22, 2019. We are inviting law-enforcement and other civic minded individuals and organizations to join us at the conference. The planning process is well underway, and again we invite your participation.

I will be traveling this weekend to attend the national board meeting of NACOLE, we will be discussing the latest arrangements for the upcoming conference. I can report that NACOLE has accepted our recommendation to have the former Federal Attorney of Michigan, Barbara McQuade as one of our keynote speakers. This is one recommendation we made early in the process of planning the conference. We are happy to see that Professor Barbara McQuade will be joining us.

Typically, I provide some historical facts about the importance of the day in history. These facts give context to our work and reminds us of the contributions made by others. I am inspired by the work of many others who have come before me. One example of this spirit is 75 years ago, today 155,000 Allied Troops, largely made up of American, British and Canadian soldiers stormed the beaches at Normandy to free France from the evils of Nazi Germany. In the same tradition of bravery and the commitment to work toward justice and greater social goals, in the mid 1960's former United State Air Force member James Meredith was shot while marching against fear in Mississippi. James Meredith spirit of resistance was picked up by other civil rights leaders including the Reverend Martin Luther King, Jr. and Stokely Carmichael. James Meredith would recover from the snipers bullet and later rejoin the "March Against Fear" demonstrating his commitment to justice and equal rights. I also want to acknowledge the recent death of Loren Monroe, Michigan's first African American appointed state treasurer and later became Detroit's auditor general. Loren Monroe died on Wednesday. His contributions to financial oversight and management is a credit to the work of State and local government.

Today, we have two action items on the agenda. The first is a resolution honoring the life and service of Sergeant Elaine Williams. We will read the resolution into the record at the appropriate time for Sergeant Williams. The second resolution is for Karen Swift who is retiring from the Department after 15 plus years of service. We will read DPD Senior Analyst Karen Swift's retirement resolution into the record at the appropriate time.

We have one presentation today. We have asked Alvin Stokes, President of the City-Wide Police Community Relations Council to join us and discuss the work of the City-Wide Police Community Relations Council. I understand that the Department will also be joining Mr. Stokes in his presentation. The city-wide network of Police Community Relations Organizations are a vital part of policing and support to law enforcement. On behalf of the Board, I want to thank Mr. Stokes in advance of his presentation. I hope the City-Wide Police Community Relations Organization will help us mobilize for our June 13, 2019 public hearing on Police Surveillance at St. John Lutheran Church located at 4950 Oakman Boulevard, Northwest Detroit, in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Police Precinct. We will be receiving input from citizens in connection with the traffic-mounted cameras and the facial recognition technology currently under review by the Board.

I also want to report that the Chief of Police has transmitted to the Board a request to suspend Officer Rochelle Mayberry. Our office has notified the DPOA of a tentative hearing scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Officer Mayberry has been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor with a one count misdemeanor. Officer Mayberry was arraigned on June 3, 2019 in 36<sup>th</sup> District Court. The Chief's transmittal letter in connection with Officer Mayberry also notes an extensive history of misconduct on the part of this officer. The Chief's request is for a change of duty status without pay, but with continuing medical benefits.

Under the Chief's Report, I am requesting an update on our crime statistics and any critical issues facing the Police Department. I ask for an update on the recent announcement of a serial killer operating on the eastside of the City of Detroit. At a recent Community Relations Council meeting in District #4, several concerns were raised about the announcement. Citizens encouraged the Department to prioritize this matter and to share accurate information on the incidents and the histories of the female victims.

Additionally, I would ask the Chief of Police to provide information on what appears to be a higher than normal rate of shootings in the city. As a Board, we stand with the Department to eradicate the unnecessary use of guns and the violence that it brings to a community. I also ask the Chief to report on the recent vehicle pursuit involving the Michigan State Police and DPD that resulted in the fatal shooting of one of the suspects.

At the end of the meeting we will have public comments from the audience. 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. He will need your card before the beginning of public comments. We will hold each speaker to the allotted 2 minutes. I ask that everyone turn off your cell phones and other electronic devices. This request does not include the devices held by DPD personnel as many of you are on emergency standby. I ask DPD personnel to put their phone on vibrate so that ringing phones will not interrupt our meeting."

**Chairman Bell** concluded by indicating that Stephen Grady, Chief of Staff for Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones will also address the Board with a update on the mobilization of volunteers and clergy related to the recent allegation of a serial killer operating on Detroit's eastside neighborhood.

**Resolutions: Commissioner Darryl Brown** read into the record a resolution honoring the life and work of Sergeant Elaine Williams (Posthumously).

**RESOLUTION HONORING SERGEANT ELAINE WILLIAMS (Posthumously)**

**WHEREAS** Elaine Williams was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on February 18, 2005. Upon graduating from the Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Williams began her career at the Western District; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Williams dutifully served the Western District, Tenth Precinct, Criminal Investigative Bureau, Eleventh Precinct, and Chief Neighborhood Liaison, before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant on January 19, 2016, and assigned to the Sixth Precinct, Force Investigations, and Major Crimes. On Monday, June 3, 2019, Sergeant Elaine Williams, badge 2703 passed away; and

**WHEREAS** During her law enforcement career, Sergeant Williams was the deserving recipient of a Lifesaving Award, Chief's Merit Award, Chief's Unit Award, Chief's Citation Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from citizens and superiors; and

**WHEREAS** Sergeant Williams passionately served the Detroit Police Department, and the citizens of Detroit. Her professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication were a credit to the Detroit Police Department. She was highly respected by the citizens for whom she served 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 Sergeant Elaine Williams' 14 years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards. We salute you Sergeant Elaine Williams for a job well done.

**Commissioner Lisa Carter** moved the resolution honoring the life and work of Sergeant Elaine Williams (Posthumously).

**Commissioner William Davis**, Second.

**VOTE - Yes = 9,**

**No = 0,**

**MOTION APPROVED**

**Commissioner William Davis** read into the record a retirement resolution for DPD Senior Analyst Karen Swift.

**RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED SENIOR PERFORMANCE AND COMPLIANCE ANALYST KAREN RENEE SWIFT**

**WHEREAS** Senior Analyst Karen Swift was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 25, 2004, where she was assigned to the Civil Rights Division. Her other assignment included Risk Management; and

**WHEREAS** Senior Analyst Karen Swift is a graduate of Northwestern High School. She later went on to further her education and graduated from the University of Detroit Mercy with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting. She also maintained annual training from the Institute of Internal Auditors; and

**WHEREAS** Senior Analyst Karen Swift was a 2013 recipient of a Chief's Merit Award and was recognized for her valuable service to the Department. She was instrumental in the Detroit Police Department achieving, and maintaining, compliance with the Department of Justice Consent Judgement; and

**WHEREAS** Senior Analyst Karen Swift has served the Detroit Police Department with great commitment and dedication for over 15 years. Her professionalism, commitment and integrity has been an asset to the Detroit Police Department. She 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 to Senior Analyst Karen Swift for her 15 plus years of dedicated and diligent public service. Her professionalism, integrity, and standard of commitment to the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards and best wishes for continued success. We salute and congratulate you, Senior Performance and Compliance Analyst Karen Swift.

**Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche** moved a retirement resolution for DPD Senior Analyst Karen Swift **Commissioner William Davis**, Second.

**VOTE - Yes = 9, No = 0, MOTION APPROVED**

**Chairman Bell** invited Stephen Grady, Chief of Staff for Detroit City Council President Brenda Jones to address the Board with a update on the mobilization of volunteers and clergy related to the recent allegations of a serial killer operating on Detroit's eastside neighborhood. Mr. Grady outlined several cooperative efforts between community groups and the police. Mr. Grady also indicated that representative of Detroit Clergy will also be attending a meeting to ascertain how they can help in the effort. The meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2019 at Russell Street Baptist Church.

**COP Police Report: Chief of Police James Craig** reported that crime is continuing to trend downward as against last year. Chief James Craig reported crime and Statistical data utilizing DPD Department report dated June 6, 2019. Chief Craig reported year-to date data by category including, -13% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 9% increase, Aggravated Assaults -5% decrease, non-fatal shootings -2% decrease, Robbery -12% decrease, Carjacking -38% decrease, Burglary -6% decrease, Larceny -8% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -5% decrease and Part 1 offenses -7% decrease. Chief Craig reported on the increase number of shooting over the recent period. He indicated that between 5-31 and 6-3, 15 nonfatal shooting had occurred, 9 of the shootings on the westside of the city and 4 on the eastside of the city. Of the 15 shootings, 11 were of unknown motivation and 6 had a vehicle nexus. Chief Craig also reported on the arrest of suspect involved in several other crimes including the incident involving the veteran assault, the designer sunglasses incident and the kidnapping of the five year old youngster. Chief Craig also reported on a DPD/MSP car chase resulting in the death of one of two suspects involved in the incident. Craig indicated that Detroit Police fired on the suspect as the suspect put the lives of officers in danger. Chief Craig also outlined three incident of which he indicated that there were markers that suggest a serial killer operating on the eastside of the city of Detroit (May 19, 11<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct, decomposed body found in dumpster, May 20, 2019 incident in the 9<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct and June, 2019 in the 7<sup>th</sup> Police Precinct in the 3000 block of Mack Avenue. Chief Craig indicated that a victimology profile was conducted suggesting common factors including age of the victim, female, and eastside locations.

**Presentations to the Board: (A) City-Wide Detroit Police Community Relations Council, President Alvin Stokes and DPD Sergeant Jordan Hall**

**(A) City-Wide Detroit Police Community Relations Council, President Alvin Stokes and DPD Sergeant Jordan Hall** outlined the mission and the work of the Detroit City-Wide Police Community Relations Council. **Sergeant Hall listed the current officers and Board of the City-Wide Community Relations Council;** Alvin Stokes, President, Don Johnson, Vice President, Alicia Hicks, Secretary, Ruth Barton, Treasurer, Bill Willborn, Sergeant at Arms. Hall also provided information on the leadership and meeting times for each of the CRC (see below). Hall and Stokes also listed several cooperating events involving the CRC and DPD, past and projected.

CRC Precinct Presidents	PRECINCT COMMUNITY RELATIONS ORGANIZATION MEETINGS
2 <sup>ND</sup> PRECINCT: Ms. Fredia Butler	▶ 2 <sup>ND</sup> PRECINCT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY, 13530 LESURE, 6:00 P.M.
3 <sup>RD</sup> PRECINCT: Mr. Earnest Little	▶ 3 <sup>RD</sup> PRECINCT: 3 <sup>RD</sup> TUESDAY, 2875 W. GRAND BLVD, 6:30 P.M.
4 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: Ms. Mini Ramirez	▶ 4 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY, 4700 W. FORT, 6:00 P.M.
5 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: Mr. Jay Henderson	▶ 5 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: 1 <sup>ST</sup> WEDNESDAY, 5555 CONNOR, 7:00 P.M.
6 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: Ms. Mary McGee	▶ 6 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: 4 <sup>TH</sup> MONDAY, 17567 HUBBELL, 7:00 P.M.
7 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: Mr. Damian Benson (interim)	▶ 7 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: 3 <sup>RD</sup> WEDNESDAY, 1000 ELIOT, 6:00 P.M.
8 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: Mr. Maurice Gholston	▶ 8 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: LAST MONDAY, 21555 W. MCNICHOLS, 7:00 P.M.
9 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: Ms. Sandra Turner-Handy	▶ 9 <sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT: 1 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY, 19601 CRUSADE, 7:00 P.M.

10 <sup>th</sup> PRECINCT: Mr. Alvin Stokes 11 <sup>th</sup> PRECINCT: Ms. Kim Jackson 12 <sup>th</sup> PRECINCT: Mr. Don Johnson	▶ 10 <sup>th</sup> PRECINCT: 1 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY, 8675 ROSA PARKS, 6:30 P.M. ▶ 11 <sup>th</sup> PRECINCT: 2 <sup>ND</sup> TUESDAY, 5100 E. NEVADA, 6:00 P.M. ▶ 12 <sup>th</sup> PRECINCT: 1 <sup>ST</sup> THURSDAY, 1441 W. 7 MILE, 6:00 P.M.
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**BOPC Standing Committee Reports: None.**

**Report from Secretary to the Board: Mr. Hicks presented and summarized 4 items as incoming/outgoing items into the BOPC and placed informationally on the agenda as follows,**

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct GIS Crime Map Report
2. Articles from the Policing Project (New York University School of Law) – Surveillance Technology and Democracy
3. Communication from Chief re: Change of Duty Status for PO Rochelle Mayberry
4. BuzzFeed New Article: COPS Across the U.S. Have Been Exposed Posting Racist and Violent Things on Facebook. Here the Proof (June 1, 2019) article distributed on behalf of Commissioner Dewaelsche.

**Old Business: None.**

**New Business: None.**

**Announcements:** The next meeting (BOPC Community meeting) is scheduled for June 13, 2019 @ 6:30 PM at St. John Lutheran Church (2<sup>nd</sup> Precinct) located 4950 Oakman Boulevard, Detroit, MI 48204. The following months Community Meeting is scheduled for July, 11, 2019 at 6:30 PM at Durfee Innovation Center, 2470 Collingwood Street, Detroit, MI 48206.

**Oral Communications – Public Comment.** **Ms. Bernice Smith** indicated that the Department has responded to several of her concerns related to the Grand Blvd (Hancock/Warren) area. Ms. Smith also indicated she had recently had a birthday and she is 87 years of age.

**Motion to Adjourn.** **Chairman Bell** adjourned the meeting at 4:28 PM.