

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2020 – 3:00 PM
Location: Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform**

BOPC Chairperson Annie Holt called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 PM (July 9, 2020)

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chairperson	Yes	
Annie Mae Holt, Vice-Chairperson	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Excused	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Evette Griffie	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez	Yes	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Martin Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for Thursday, July 9, 2020.

Chairperson Holt stated, “Good afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Annie Holt, Chairperson of the Board. I will be conducting this afternoon’s virtual meeting. On behalf of the Board, for those in attendance and viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for joining our meeting.” Chairperson Holt invited Chaplain James Powell to provide the invocation.

INVOCATION: Chaplain James Powell

I. MOTION: To approve the agenda.

Motion: Commissioner Griffie **Second:** Commissioner Burch **Discussion:** None

Yay: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez and Commissioner Holley

Nay: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis

Abstain: Commissioner Jones

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 3 Abstain = 1 **Motion: PASSED**

II. MOTION: To approve the June 25, 2020, Meeting Minutes with necessary corrections.

Motion: Chairperson Bell **Second:** Vice Chairperson Holt **Discussion:** None

Yay: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, and Commissioner Holley

Nay: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis

Abstain: Commissioner Jones

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 3 Abstain = 1 **Motion: PASSED**

The Board considered the following Business Items:

- Introduction of BOPC Staff
- Introduction of Chief of Police and DPD Staff
- Introduction of Elected Officials, VIPs, civic leaders or their representatives

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Commissioner Davis called a point of order stating that the Installation of Officers’ Ceremony should not take place until the resolution of the legal issue brought before the Board on term-limit restrictions for the position of Vice-Chairperson. An update was shared that Corporation Counsel Lawrence Garcia, City of Detroit Law Department would supply a legal opinion on this matter and a written extension request was previously submitted to the full Board requesting same.

The Honorable Judge Craig Strong performed the Installation of Officers’ Ceremony installing Chairperson Willie E. Bell and Vice-Chairperson Annie Mae Holt into office for the term of July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021.

Chairperson’s Report: Chairperson Bell discussed the Board’s oversight authority, vision for the next term, and outlined today’s business agenda.

III. MOTION: To approve the Appointment of Captain Sonia J. Russell to the Rank of Commander.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Griffie **Discussion.**

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones

Nay: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, and Commissioner Davis

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 3 **Motion: PASSED**

IV. MOTION: To approve the Appointment of Lieutenant Gerry Johnson Jr. to the Rank of Captain.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Brown **Discussion.**

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burch, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones

Nay:

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

V. MOTION: To approve the Appointment of Lieutenant Ryan Connor to the Rank of Captain.

Motion: Vice-Chairperson Holt **Second:** Commissioner Griffie **Discussion.**

Yes: Chairperson Bell, Vice-Chairperson Holt, Commissioner Griffie, Commissioner Hernandez, Commissioner Holley, and Commissioner Jones

Nay: Commissioner Brown, Commissioner Burton, Commissioner Burch, and Commissioner Davis

VOTE: Yes = 6 No = 4 **Motion: PASSED**

Resolution: Commissioner Evette Griffie read the resolution honoring retiring Corporal Herman King.

**RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRING
CORPORAL HERMAN KING**

WHEREAS Herman King was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on April 14, 1986. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Police Officer King began his career at the Ninth Precinct Patrol Operation Section; and

WHEREAS He dutifully served the Ninth Precinct Patrol Operation Section, Eastern District, Office of Civil Rights, Gun License, and Fifth Precinct. Officer King displayed tremendous diligence and aptitude in his assignments. On October 18, 2018, he was promoted to the rank of Corporal and continued to serve at the Fifth Precinct until his retirement; and

WHEREAS During his law enforcement career, Corporal King served in the United States Army and held the rank of 1st Sergeant. He was the deserving recipient of a Chief Merit Award, Perfect Attendance Award, Perfect Driving

Award, Consent Judgment Award, the Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and the Hurricane Harvey Relief Award, as well as commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of appreciation from citizenry; and

WHEREAS

Corporal King has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and its neighboring communities for 34 plus years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity, and dedication have 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, awards this resolution in recognition of Corporal Herman King’s 34 plus 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 Herman King.

Vice-Chairperson Holt moved to adopt the resolution honoring retiring Corporal Herman King. **Commissioner Davis** seconded. Discussion.

VOTE: Yes = 10 No = 0 **Motion: PASSED**

Chief of Police Report: Chief of Police’s Summary of CompStat Data and other Crime Information/DPD Information:

Power Point Presentation: Policy Review Facial Recognition Technology posted on the Board’s Website.

Chief Craig reported on the following items: Fallen Ohio Officer Anthony Dia; Comp Stat Crime and Statistical Data for the reporting period; Department Appointments, COVID-19 impacts, and recent critical incidents impacting the Detroit Police Department and the community. See attached Deposition Transcripts for more information.

		Comp Stat Data Provided: (See Full Report in Packet) as of July 9, 2020					
Part I Violent Crimes:	Criminal Homicides:	Sexual Assaults:	Aggravated Assaults	Non-Fatal Shootings:	Robbery:	Carjacking:	Total:
Totals:	+32%	-29%	+14%	+54%	-8%	-5.2%	7% Increase in Part I Violent Crimes
Part I Property Crimes	Burglary	Larceny	Auto-Theft				Total:
Totals:	-27.8%	-16.7%	-6.6%				17.1% Decrease in Property Crimes

Chief of Police Craig discussed the case involving Mr. Robert Williams’s arrest, the Department’s use of Facial Recognition Technology, and the Department’s current Board-approved Facial Recognition Technology policy guidelines and parameters. **Director Chris Graveline, Professional Standards Bureau, Assistant Chief James E. White, Administrative Operations, and Captain Michael Parish, Management Services Section,** discussed the investigative component of Mr. Williams’s case and the Facial Recognition Technology Policy currently implemented. **Corporation Counsel Lawrence Garcia, City of Detroit Law Department,** discussed the sensitivity surrounding the nature of this case and reminded Commissioners that open discussions into criminal cases cannot occur every time to prevent hindering the City from defending its claims in future lawsuits.

Commissioner Griffie acknowledged requesting and ensuring the Department would return to the full Board with a full investigation report of the case of Mr. Robert Williams and the use of Facial Recognition Technology and inquired into the following: whether any disciplinary measures would be imposed on the involved officers, and whether there were any other violations of other Department policies regarding the case involving Mr. Robert Williams. **Commissioner Brown** discussed his concerns with Mr. Williams's arrest based on the Board's approved Facial Recognition Policy timeline and the process for approving Department policy. **Commissioner Burch** expressed her concerns about the arrest of Mr. Williams and the Department's Facial Recognition Contract. **Commissioner Burton** inquired about the recent protest incident involving the police vehicle and requested for video, audio, body-worn cameras, and in-car video dating back two hours during the protest to be presented to the Board. **Commissioner Burton** also discussed his dissatisfaction with the use of Facial Recognition Technology and inquired about an incident involving the officer falsifying the Chief of Police's signature. **Commissioner Davis** discussed the challenge with determining how a witness's statement who was not at the scene could be used to implement a warrant and an arrest and asked whether this issue had ever occurred previously. **Commissioner Davis** also asked whether there were any other cases that had clear violations of the use of Facial Recognition Technology. **Commissioner Hernandez** thanked Chief of Police Craig for the Department's transparency involving the case and expressed that he looked forward to a thorough investigation into this matter. **Commissioner Jones** thanked Chief of Police Craig for the Department's transparency and asked whether any policy adjustments were needed or additional layers of supervisory review should be implemented within the Department's use of the Facial Recognition Technology System. **Vice-Chairperson Holt** discussed her satisfaction with the Department's transparency and also noted another incident similar to this case urging for information to be shared on that matter as well. **Chairperson Bell** acknowledged and thanked Commissioner Griffie for taking steps to ensure the discussion took place this afternoon and her work regarding protocol, policy, and communications and expressed that the Board was looking forward to more discussion on this matter with the Department.

Corporation Counsel Lawrence Garcia discussed the legal authority regarding "hold-over" status relating to the Board Appointments, citing that the "hold-over" designation is legally permissible and also stating the appointment could be held until either a resignation occurs or an appointee replacement after completing the term in office occurs.

PRESENTATION(S) TO THE BOARD: Tenth Precinct Presentation was postponed to the following week.

Report from Interim Board Secretary/Communications Submitted to BOPC as incoming information: Ms. White reported on the following items:

1. Human Resources' Report
2. Community Letters Calling for Immediate Police Reform
3. Follow-Up to ACLU FOIA Request dated March 13, 2020
4. Correspondence from Fredia Butler dated June 18, 2020
5. Sergeant Dewayne Jones Arbitration Appeal – Lewis & Munday Law Firm

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- V. **MOTION: Commissioner Davis moved that Mr. Robert Williams be allowed to appear before the Board and have comments more than two minutes.**

Motion: Commissioner Davis **Second:** Commissioner Brown
order.

Discussion. Chairperson Bell ruled motion out of

Announcements: Chairperson Bell announced the following:

- A. **Next Meeting:** Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Virtual Meeting
- B. **Next Community Meeting:** Thursday, August 13, 2020, at 3:00 p.m., BOPC Virtual Meeting

Oral Communications/Public Comments.

Adjournment:

Chairperson Bell recognized Commissioner Griffie. **Commissioner Griffie** moved for adjournment.

Motion: Commissioner Griffie **Second.** Commissioner Hernandez Discussion.

VOTE: **Yes = 10** **No = 0** **Motion: PASSED**

Chairperson Bell adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

See attached Deposition Transcripts for more information.