

**Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: February 16, 2017 – 3:00 PM**  
 Location: Detroit Public safety Headquarters. 1301 Third Ave., Detroit MI 48226

**Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (February 16, 2017)**

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Ricardo R. Moore, Vice Chair	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Willie E. Burton (3:09 PM)	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Reginald Crawford (3:15 PM)	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Excused	
Derrick Sanders	Yes	
Richard Shelby	Yes	
Bishop Edgar Vann	Excused	
Quorum (Yes)	9	

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for February 16, 2017.**

**The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:  
 Thursday, February 9, 2017**

**BOPC Officers Reports(s):** After welcome and opening remarks **Chairman Bell** asked Chaplin Berry to provide the invocation. **Chairman Bell** asked the Commissioners in attendance to introduce themselves and add any comments to the record. Chair Bell acknowledge the return of Commissioners Lisa Carter and asked for continued support for her and her family. Other elected officials, representatives and VIP's were also asked to identify themselves or their organizational affiliations.

**Chief of Police Report:** Representing Chief James Craig was **Assistant Chief Steven Dolunt**. **AC Dolunt** introduced members of the Department and summarized DPD CompStat data for February 12, 2017. Dolunt discussed the Year to Date Comps for Homicide (19% increase, Non-Fatal Shootings 46% increase, Sexual Assault 5% increase, Carjacking -13% decrease). Dolunt also discussed a recent police shooting of a civilian which had occurred on February 14, 2017 in Precinct #10. Dolunt indicated the investigation into the shooting was being handled Homicide and the Michigan State Police. **Commissioner Crawford** challenged the need to release detail information about police contacts related to the victim. **Dolunt and Media Director Woody** indicated detailed information had not been released by the department, but that many of the media organization have the same access to third party informational sources that can put them in a position to have the above type of information. **Commissioner Crawford** followed up indicating that maybe we should have a conversation with the media about their reporting practices. Commissioner Moore inquired about DPD Live and their handling of the incident and if they could have been the source of some of the detailed information on the victims law enforcement contacts.

**Resolutions and Memorials:**

**Resolution read into the record by Commissioner Lisa Carter.**

**RESOLUTION - HONORING RETIRED OFFICER CURTIS YANCEY**

**WHEREAS**

Curtis S. Yancey was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on July 15, 1985. Upon graduating from the

Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Yancey began his career at the Seventh Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Yancey faithfully served at the Seventh Precinct, being assigned to Traffic Enforcement, where he remained until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Yancey was the deserving recipient of numerous awards and honors including one (1) Chief Unit Award, one (1) Chief Merit Award, one (1) Perfect Attendance Award and numerous letters of commendations and Certificates of Appreciation; and

**WHEREAS** Officer Yancey has tirelessly served the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for more than 31 years. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected by his peers as the consummate professional.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT,**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the city of Detroit, recognize the lifelong commitment to Public Safety by Police Officer Curtis S. Yancey. Your fidelity to law enforcement has been an invaluable asset to the Department and merit our highest regard.

We salute and congratulate you, Police Officer Curtis Yancey.

**Motion:** Motion to **HONOR RETIRED OFFICER CURTIS YANCEY** (Carter)

**Second:** (Moore)

**Vote:** Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Abst = 0                      (Excused = 2)                      **Action: Approved**

**Resolution read into the record by Commissioner Ricardo Moore.**

**RESOLUTION HONORING RETIRED INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM GALEN**

**WHEREAS** Mr. William Galen was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on February 3, 1986. Upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, his career began at the Seventh Precinct; and

**WHEREAS** Police Officer Galen faithfully served at the Seventh Precinct for thirteen years, in May 1998, he transferred to Narcotics Enforcement. May 2001, he was promoted to the rank of Investigator and assigned to the Ninth Precinct Investigation Operations Unit, which eventually became a part of the Eastern District Investigative Operations Unit where he remained until his retirement; and

**WHEREAS** Investigator Galen also served as the Detroit Police Lieutenants and Sergeants Association Steward for the investigative unit and served the citizens and department well by working diligently to maintain good working relations between labor and management; and

**WHEREAS** Investigator Galen was the deserving recipient of many awards and honors including, one Department Citation Medal, two (2) Chief's Unit Awards, and three (3) Perfect Attendance Awards, a Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of commendation from community leaders and executives within the Detroit Police Department; and

**WHEREAS** Investigator Galen outstanding service and faithful duty to the Detroit Police Department, the citizens of Detroit and surrounding communities for more than 26 years has been exemplary. His professionalism, commitment to public service, integrity and dedication has been a credit to the Detroit Police Department. He is highly respected by his peers as the consummate professional; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT**

**RESOLVED** That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department, award this resolution to Investigator William Galen in recognition of his 26 years of outstanding service and dedication. His 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 thank and congratulate you, Investigator William Galen.

**Motion:** Motion to **HONOR RETIRED INVESTIGATOR WILLIAM GALEN**

**Second:** (Carter)

**Vote:** Yes = 9                      No = 0                      Abst = 0                      (Excused = 2)                      **Action: Approved**

**Presentation from the Department to the BOPC: Chief of Police Annual Report (2012 Detroit City Charter, Chapter 7.806.6).** **Captain Mark Bliss** outlined the creation of a DPD Annual report Committee and indicated the Department's intent to have the document ready, shared with the Board and released late February-March, 2017.

**Central City Integrated Health – Community Re-Entry Division.** **Mathew Brown** and **Norris Howard** addressed the Board in connection with the Criminal Justice Liaison program, a program designed to divert, from jail or prison individuals who are diagnosed with Mental Illness, Substance Abuse and Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities. The speakers suggested their ability to work with DPD to help identify individual and transport these individuals to alternative facilities for treatment. **DC Washington** also addressed the Board indicating the Department has been in discussion with various types of programmatic efforts like Central City Integrated Health and was seeking ways to combine efforts with these type of institutions. DC Washington indicated the discussions were continuing.

**BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports:**

**Recruitment.** **Commissioner Brooks and Dewaelsche** provide a general update on police recruitment. **Commissioner Brooks** also discussed the difficulty in raising funds for the driver's license fees for Cody students given the recent announcement of Cody's school closing. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** indicated that an effort is currently underway to construct and update a calendar of public events and programs that will help enhance the recruitment efforts. The calendar will include information from one-stop agencies like SerMetro and well as churches and other community organizations.

**Commissioner Moore** inquired about the capacity of the new SUN Guard system. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** also directed the attention of the Board to a recent notice from the Board of Zoning Appeals (February 28, 2017 Agenda). On the agenda there are seven (7) medical marijuana appeals or request for zoning variances. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** encouraged Commissioner to attend the above hearings for more information. The Commissioner also applauded the Detroit Police Department in its efforts resulting in the closure of the Victory Inn on Michigan Avenue, **AC Dolunt** indicated the Inn was closed as part of a national chain for human trafficking.

**Board Secretary Report: No Report.**

**Old Business:** None.

**Announcement:** Next Meetings: Thursday, February 16, 2017, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Avenue, Detroit MI. 48226

Next Community Meeting: March 9, 2017 @ 6:30 PM @ Wayne County Community College  
Downtown Campus, 801 W. Fort Street.

**Oral Communications:** **Eric Blount**, expressed his concerns associated with Tuesday's fatal shooting and inquired into the

reasons why a less than lethal weapon like Tasers were not used. **AC White** responded to Mr. Blount indicating the Department has not authorized the use of Tasers. AC White also updated the Board on the deployment of Body Worn Cameras. He indicated Precinct #4, #7 and #11 have cameras. The rollout for the cameras are one precinct per month. The complete deployment is expected to end by the end of the year. **Kiana Suggs**, complained about the Department's lack of follow-up in a case wherein she is being stalked. Ms. Suggs recounted several encounters with the individual who she named as the stalker. Ms. Suggs was referred to AC Dolunt. **Bernice Smith** complained about an individual who has threaten her. Ms. Smith was referred to the Department, provided she was interested in seeking a criminal complaint on the individual. **Kathleen Pope**, account manager with Goch & Sons Towing discussed the efforts by Goch & Son's Towing's competitors to appear before the Board and provide negative information. Ms. Pope also provided materials to the Board for future consideration (Order Holding the Defendant, James Milton and Marvel Milton in contempt of Court; Show Cause Injunctive Order, 2/7/2017). **Katherine Richardson** representing Tenant Council of Angels for Seniors who complained about the treatment of seniors by the Department and inquired if training was available for Police in their treatment and contact with seniors. **Michelle George**, health nurse discussed medical protocols for product that can alleviate the impact of HIV contacts/exposure if administered immediately following contact with a HIV infected person. Ms. George was referred to Police medial.

#### **Motion to Adjourn (Sanders)**

**Chairman Bell: Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM**