

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: July 6, 2017 – 3:00 PM

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

Chairman Willie Bell called the BOPC meeting to order at 3:00 PM (July 6, 2017)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Willie E. Bell, Chair	Yes	
Vacant, Vice Chair	N/A	
Elizabeth Brooks (3:26 PM)	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter (3:31PM)	Yes	
Reginald Crawford	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche	Yes	
Conrad Mallett	Yes	
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 July 6, 2017.

The Board acted in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, June 29, 2017

Installation Ceremony: Chairman's Oath and Charge of Office

Judge David Braxton, Wayne County Probate Court presiding, Lisa Carter, will you please rise and approach the podium? You have been constitutionally elected Chairman of this Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. It will be your duty to preside at meetings, to enforce impartially the bylaws of the Board. You are charged with the responsibility for the proper functioning of all committees. You must become familiar with Roberts Rules of Order, the Board's bylaws.

Lisa Carter, are you prepared to take the oath of office as Chairperson of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners?

Please raise your right hand and repeat after me the oath of office. In the presence of honored guests and the members here assembled I, **Lisa Carter** do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, and all local ordinances, and that I will faithfully and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office of Chairman, according to the law and the best of my ability.

By the authority vested in me by the State of Michigan, I now proclaim you duly installed as Chairman of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. I congratulate you upon your election.

Installation Ceremony: Vice Chair's Oath and Charge of Office

Judge Maria Qxholm, Federal Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Michigan presiding, Eva Garza Dewaelsche please rise and approach the podium. The office of Vice Chair is an important post. It will be your duty to preside in the absence of the Chairman, as such, to conduct the duties as are specifically prescribed in the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners bylaws. You must immediately familiarize yourself with the rules of parliamentary procedure and the bylaws of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners.

Are you prepared to take the oath of Vice Chair of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners?

Please raise your right hand and repeat after me the oath of office. In the presence of honored guests and the members here assembled I, Eva Garza Dewaelsche do solemnly swear [or affirm] that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Michigan, and all local ordinances, and that I will faithfully and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office of Vice Chairman, according to the law and the best of my ability.

By the authority vested in me by the State of Michigan, I now proclaim you duly installed as Vice Chairman of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. I congratulate you upon your election.

Chairman Willie Bell relinquished the Chair to the New Chairperson, Lisa Carter. Chairperson Carter and Vice Chairman Dewaelsche both thanked judges Braxton and Oxholm for presiding over their installation ceremonies. Chair Carter presided over the rest of the meeting.

Chief of Police Report, Representing James E. Craig, First Assistant Chief LaShinda Stair: AC1 Stair reported on the crime statistics as of July 2, 2017. The reports as distributed to the Board report a -7% decrease in total violent offenses and a -6% reduction in total Part 1 offenses. AC1 Stair also indicated the opening of the new 8th precinct would be pushed back a few weeks.

Presentation to the Board: (A) Human Resources (B) Public Safety Foundation (C) Wayne County Domestic Violence Review team.

(A) Human Resources. Director Gail Oxendine gave her monthly human resources report for DPD employment and recruitment for the June statistical period. HR **Director Gail Oxendine** highlighted the personnel associated with DPD as 3114 total position, 2553 sworn positions filled, and 561 civilian positions. She also indicated last month the Department has made 27 hires (POs) and 6 (civilians) and 0 Police Assistant. Director Oxendine also gave demographic statistics descriptive of the force as of June, 2017. Detroit residency information as of June 20, 2017 as reported is for sworn officers 633 Detroiters and 1808 Non-Detroiters and for Civilian 319 Detroiters and Non-Detroiters 206. Year to date recruitment total is 3460 with 84 in process and 215 hired. Temporary Disqualifications 655, Permanent Disqualifications 636. Academy graduates W/M = 26, W/F = 6, B/M = 12, B/F = 4, and Hispanic/M = 4. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** inquired about the difference and rationale between permanent disqualification and temporary disqualifications from the police academy. **Dewaelsche** also inquired if the large number of disqualifications become over time sources for re-recruitment.

(B) Public Safety Foundation, Catherine Govan, Executive Director. Ms. Govan indicated the Detroit Public Safety Foundation is a non-for-profit organization supporting the Detroit Police and Fire Departments. The major focus of the Foundation is to "cover funding for things not in the City's budget". The areas of focus is on equipment, technology, training, community outreach and wellness. The two major community outreach events are the Youth Jam and the NPO Summit. Two of the most important annual events include the "Women in Blue" (recognition of female officers within the Department) and Above & Beyond (recognition of first responders in police and fire). Some of the equipment engagements have been to assist in proposal development to provide funds for turnout gear for firefighters, \$1M grant for Body Worn Cameras, purchase of two K9 dogs along with other equipment related assists. The Foundation projects its contribution/investment in the DPD and DFD since 2013 at \$4 million dollars. The Foundation also reports it has secured \$80 Million in federal grants for the Department(s). **Commissioner Bell** inquired about BOPC's representation on the Public Safety Foundation's Board pointing to the past practice of including Board members in the Foundation. Bell suggested the Board has a role to play in supporting the work of the Foundation as it shapes Department policy.

(C) Wayne County Domestic Violence Review Team, Trisha Gerard, Principle Attorney, Domestic Violence Unit. Ms. Gerard outlined the mission of the Wayne County Domestic Violence Review Team (WCDVRT). WCDVRT was authorized by the Domestic Violence Act, 1978, Public Act 389 to review homicide and near fatal incidents which result in cases wherein intimate partner violence occur. Ms. Gerard indicated the purpose of the team is to prevent domestic violence cases from escalating into murder or suicide cases by policy changes through the examination of the individual circumstances associated with intimate partner violence incidents. Ms. Gerard said that 66% of the domestic violence homicides in Wayne County occur in Detroit. In 2014, 31 intimate partner homicides were committed in the City of Detroit and 125 were committed statewide (Michigan). **Ms Gerard and Sergeant Kyla Williams** also addressed the five step violence fatality review process (1) homicides with specific circumstances related in intimate partner violence, (2) data collection, (3) case reconstruction, (4) outreach and interviews and (5) development of recommendations. **Commissioner Shelby** inquired of these cases, how many are associated

with elder abuse? Ms. Gerard indicated that there is an increase in actual cases, but also an increase in reporting cases due to the educational efforts used to encourage more reporting. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** also inquired about cultural differences associated with the WCDVRT work.

BOPC Standing and Ad hoc Committee Reports: Commissioner Brooks summarized several recruitment engagements. **Commissioner Shelby** indicated that the CCR Committee has forwarded to the Policy Committee revisions in the OCI SOPs.

Report from the Board Secretary: Mr. Hicks reported on communications received by the Board.

Old Business. None.

New business. Commissioner Crawford reported on a projected investigative report on “Bad Cops” currently be promoted by the Detroit Free Press for its Sunday edition. Crawford encouraged BOPC members to review the report once it is published.

Announcements:

Next Community Meeting, Thursday, July 13, 2017, the Boys and Girls Club of Southeastern Michigan, 4242 Collingwood, Detroit MI. 48204.

Oral Communications from the Audience:

Kathleen Pope, Goch & Sons Towing inquired about the status of her towing application. **Roger Robinson** requested the Board intervention to obtain a required stolen vehicle report to share with his insurance company to encourage an out of state law enforcement agency to recovery a vehicle owned by Mr. Robinson that has been illegally taken out of state. **Fredia Butler** expressed her concerns around the traffic stop involving Commissioner Vann. **Bernice Smith** also expressed her concerns about the traffic stop involving Commissioner Vann and challenged a statement attributed to Commission Carter about the President’s offer to send in ATF personnel into Detroit. Commissioner Carter indicated that her remarks were misquoted.

Chairperson Carter accepted a motion to adjourn at 5:00 PM