

Draft Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

Date of Meeting: June 28, 2018 – 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 (June 28, 2018)

Detroit Police Commission Membership / Attendance	Attend	Not-Attend
Lisa Carter, Chairperson	Yes	
Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Elizabeth Brooks	Yes	
Darryl D. Brown	Yes	
Shirley A. Burch	Excused	
Willie E. Burton	Excused	
William M. Davis	Yes	
Conrad Mallett, Jr.	Excused	
Jim Holley	Yes	
Vacant	N/A	
Quorum (Yes)	7	

The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the Agenda for June 28, 2018.

**The Board acting in accordance with its rules approved the following Board Minutes:
Thursday, June 21, 2018**

Chairperson Lisa Carter said, Welcome, Good Afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, I represent District #6. I am also the Chairperson for the Board of Police Commissioners and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of the Board, for those in the attending audience, thank you for joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your government cable channel, thank you for viewing our meeting. Commissioner Willie Burton has asked to be excused from today's meeting.

Chairperson Carter asked each Commissioner to introduce themselves for the record. Detroit Police Chaplin Corp, Chaplin Mobley was asked to provide the invocation. Carter asked all elected officials, Civic leaders BOPC and DPD staff introduce themselves.

BOPC Officers Report: **Chairperson Lisa Carter** said, on behalf of the Board, I want to express our concern and support for fallen and injured officers and their families. Our Board receives a weekly report from the Department listing injured officers. I would ask the Chief 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 in regular session, 3 weeks in the month on Thursdays at 3:00 PM. We also meet in the community every 2nd Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM. 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. Our objective is the same as the city of Detroit, to provide for the best use of your tax dollars to improve on the quality of life within our city. As a Board, we bring a unique perspective to policing, the eye and the viewpoint of civilians. The principle of civilian oversight is as old and as important as all of the founding principles in our democracy. Separation of powers between and within government allows for accountability, transparency, rights to appeal and citizen control. These principles are important nationally as well as locally.

Today is the last opportunity I will have to Chair a full Board meeting. Under our rules, we recently elected a new Chair and Vice Chair for the 2018-2019 Board season. The new leadership is Willie Bell, Chair, District #4 and Darryl Brown, Vice Chair, District #1. I will hand over responsibilities to Chairman-elect Willie Bell, as Chair, at our July 12th Community Meeting. I will remain on the Board as a Commissioner for the balance of my term and continue my contributions to the work of civilian oversight. The

Board will not meet on July 5, 2018 due to a holiday conflict. On behalf of the Board, we wish each of you an enjoyable and productive 4th of July.

As many of you may have noted, under my Chairpersonship, I have initiated several operational procedures in connection with our Board meetings. The changes have been with the support and guidance of our leadership team, Commissioners Dewaelsche, Bell and I.

- I initiated a more expansive Chairperson's report. The report is currently designed to raise critical questions with the Department especially on those occasions when average citizens have called a critical issue to our attention or the Department made headlines that require explanations.
- I also sought to dramatically increase the participation of our subcommittees. Work is funneled upward to the full Board. The end result is that Subcommittee discussions and recommendations are more comprehensive and best reflect the due consideration that should accompany our oversight responsibilities.
- I also continued and enhanced our investment in training for the Board. I note the most recent successful Board training conducted on June 8th and 9th.
- I worked with the Board, the National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement (NACOLE), the Detroit Convention Bureau and BOPC staff and we successfully sought and were awarded the 2019 NACOLE Conference to be held in Detroit. The conference is projected to take place September 29, 2019 thru October 4, 2019.
- Finally, I have encouraged, and many of our Commissioners have responded to our Board participating in ride-a-longs within the precinct, dialogue with new police academy classes and hopefully a more efficient BOPC office.

In short the citizens of Detroit have demanded civilian oversight over the Police Department.

I want to share with each of you a published example of this dialogue by highlighting a special insert in the Michigan Chronicle. Several copies of this insert have been placed at your Board seat for you to share with community and civic leaders in your respective neighborhoods. The inserts tell the story of civilian oversight in Detroit describing many of our operations and partners who join with us to improve the quality of life for residents and visitors to our city.

I also would like to call attention to a few other items on today's agenda. The Board has received a communication from the Chief of Police recommending the appointment of Lieutenant Jevon Johnson as a replacement for retiring Captain Octaveious Miles. Captain Miles has had a stellar career with the Department. We will have a resolution honoring Captain Miles later in the meeting. I would note the tone of the Chief's letter as a tone that encourages Board cooperation. This appointment letter is in stark contrast to the last letter of appointments. The Chief concludes in his letter that he would appreciate any feedback or concerns, regarding the impending appointment. While this is not a letter requesting approval for the appointment, it is a clear indication of the Chief's intentions and an invitation for dialogue.

We will have two presentations to the Board. The first is the monthly report from the Office of the Chief Investigator. Dr. Polly McCalister, our chief investigator will make the report. Dr. McCalister's presentation will be followed by a report on Police Department Grants. Executive Manager Sharrece Farris will summarize the Department's grant activity. Ms. Farris has supplied our office with additional supportive information that is currently under review. Today's presentation is an overview and subsequent questions can be asked today or later of the Grants Management staff. Toward the end of the meeting we will have oral communications. 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, and he needs your card before the beginning of public comments.

Chairperson Carter asked Commissioner Willie Bell to read into the record a resolution honoring the retiring Captain Octaveious Miles.

RESOLUTION HONORING CAPTAIN OCTAVEIOUS D. MILES

WHEREAS Mr. Octaveious D. Miles was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 21, 1995. After successfully completing his training at the police academy, Officer Miles began his lifelong career in public service at the Seventh Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer Miles's assignments with the Detroit Police Department included the Narcotics Special Enforcement, and Public Information Office. On November 27, 2000, Officer Miles was promoted to the rank of Investigator and reassigned to the Public Information Office, First Precinct and Internal Controls; and

WHEREAS Investigator Miles was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on February 6, 2004 and his assignments included the Third Precinct, Homicide, Executive Protection (where he served as a Crew Sergeant, the Officer-In-Charge as he worked closely with the Mayor's detail) and Police Recruiting. During these assignments Sergeant Miles utilized his skills to lead and educate personnel under his purview; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Miles was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant on January 23, 2015 and served as the Officer-In-Charge of Force Investigations and Internal Controls. On December 12, 2016, he was appointed to the rank of Captain and assigned to the Eleventh Precinct and to his current command, Downtown Services. Captain Miles's outstanding work ethic, integrity and professionalism lead him to his final assignment as Captain of Downtown Services, where he served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS Captain Miles was the deserving recipient of the following awards: Lifesaving Citation, Chief's Merit Awards, the 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 citizens and superiors; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognize and honor his 23 years of loyalty, contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Captain Octaveious D. Miles. His display of courage and unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit. We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. We thank and congratulate you, Captain Octaveious D. Miles.

DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONER

Commissioner Bell moved approval of the resolution honoring the work of Captain Octaveious Miles.

Commissioner Brown second, Bell's motion.

VOTE: Yes = 7 No = 0 Abst. = 0 MOTION APPROVED

COP Police Report: Detroit Assistant Chief of Police Arnold Williams representing COP James Craig reported on a successful Firework event. AC Williams indicated there were no major incidents and that the Department cleared out the downtown area in record time. AC Williams also updated the Board on injured officers. AC Williams also reported that crime is continuing to trend downward. AC Williams reported on CompStat data for the reporting period ending June 24, 2018. Williams reported Homicides percentage change between 2016 and 2017, -7% decrease in Homicides, Sexual Assaults 45% increase, Robbery -12% decrease, Carjacking 7% increase, Aggravated Assaults -9% decrease, non-fatal shootings -20% decrease, Burglary -20% decrease, Larceny -1% decrease, Stolen Vehicle -23% decrease and Part 1 offenses -11% decrease. **Commissioners Elizabeth Brooks and Lisa Carter** congratulated **Bryant George** a two year DPD police officer assigned to the 2nd Police Precinct for the Angelo B. Henderson Community Commitment Award and the 2018 Michiganian of the Year Award. **Commissioner Eva Dewaelsche** acknowledged the current term of office of the Chief of Police indicating that he has served longer than any of the most recent COP. **Commissioner Darryl Brown** congratulated the Department on the Fireworks and their participation at the Mayor's community meeting. **Commissioner Bell** also pointed to the great work of Commissioner Carter as Chair and Commissioner Dewaelsche as Vice Chair. Bell also described the work of the BOPC Leadership team and acknowledged Ms. **Teresa Blossom** for her work in communications including the recent publication of the special insert into the Michigan Chronicle. **Commissioners Carter and Dewaelsche** thanked each of the commissioners and staff for their support over the past year.

Presentations to the Board: (A) Monthly Report from the Office of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCallister (B) Grants and Contracts, Grants Manager Sharrecc Farris.

(A) Monthly Report from the Office of the Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly McCallister and Senior Investigator Rosalia Madrigal (Spanish translation) reported on Citizen Complaints for May 2018 reported a 20% increase on Citizen Complaints as compared to May 2017. OCI intake for May was 97 citizen complaints, 79 complaints were closed in the May, 2018. OCI Chief identified several goals including addressing language barriers and a "Think before you Speak" initiative which is a direct dialogue or communications exchange program in the 7th Police Precinct.

(B) Grants and Contracts, Executive Manager Sharrecc Farris described the organizational structure of Grants and Contracts and discussed some of the objectives of Grants including Grants vision and strategic priorities, internal controls designed to safeguard the integrity of the program, its resources and to prevent and detect fraud. Executive Manager Farris discussed the grant lifecycle including the (1) Pre-award (vetting, writing and application management), (2) Post-award process (financial tracking and reporting, deliverables and reporting and auditing), (3) Closeout (reconciliation, review of requirements Grantor and City), and (4) Evaluation (methodology, criteria). Ms. Farris discussed the current grant portfolio of \$17,913,003.96 inclusive of ATPA prevention, COPS Hiring Grant, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Detroit Community Based Violence Prevention Initiative - Ceasefire grants. Ms. Farris also discussed 2018-2019 proposed and submitted grants totaling \$12,304,846.00. **Commissioner Jim Holley** observed that several of the grants required matching funds, he asked how match dollars are obtained and recorded. **Ms. Farris** responded that match amounts are part of the vetting process, if the grant requires it they consult with the CFO and Chief's office to locate match funds oftentimes these match funds are from the General Fund or other line-items within the budget. **Commissioners Brown and Davis** asked if any of the grant funds are returned. **Mr. Hicks** asked about

disallowed costs that would require going deeper into the General Fund to cover costs. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** asked about the reported difference of \$4M documented in the original budget approved by the BOPC and the reported \$17M today. Dewaelsche also asked about 2017 JAG Grant, 2017 Port Security Grant and the 2016 Smart Policing Grant as each of the grants did not have any expenses posted against the revenue. **Ms. Farris** indicated that each of these grants have a purchasing order and they are waiting to actually receive goods under the grant. **Dewaelsche** also asked if we had receive any advances which might require the return of funds. **Ms. Farris** responded that she would better know in September toward the end of several of the grants periods. Mr. Hicks asked about one specific 2016 grant award which according to the information submitted by DPD Grants and Contracts no expenses are posted against the revenue. **Ms. Farris** indicated that this grant was a multiple jurisdictional grant with Wayne County and it required a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) and a contract. The plan under the grant is to purchase a computer server and as such this also added an extended procurement time. **Ms. Farris and Mr. Blair** indicated that both would follow-up on the questions asked by the Board and return answers to the Board as soon as possible. **Mr. Hicks** also indicated for the record, the BOPC acknowledged the cooperation of the Grants and Contract staff including Ms. Farris. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** added that the information submitted and cooperation by Grants was very detailed and helpful. **Commissioner Carter** asked about the request by the BOPC to be notified as grants are awarded to DPD. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** clarified the notification request amending it to receive awards only. Dewaelsche also emphasized the need for DPD to answer outstanding questions asked by the BOPC including the spread of grant funds over multiple fiscal years. **Mr. Hicks** indicated that one of the items that the BOPC is struggling to understand is if the actual budgetary allocation for FY:2018 increased between the original \$4.5M and the \$17M reported today. To put it another way, did the actual police budget increase with the added grant funds from the original presentation to the BOPC in January 2017.

BOPC Standing Committee Reports: None.

Report from the Board Secretary. **Hicks** noted the letter from the Chief to promote Lt. Johnson, Project Green Light data, Michigan Chronicle insert and other communications including a MOU from the Lieutenants and Sergeants Association contract negotiation. **Commissioner Bell** asked about a timeframe for approval for Lt. Johnson. **Commissioner Dewaelsche** asked for a description of changes in the new contract extension. **Mr. Hicks** indicated that we will ask for a summary from Labor Relations. **Commissioners Dewaelsche** indicated that Detroit does not want to be “the place” for medical marijuana. Dewaelsche asked that Corporation Counsel Garcia comeback to the Board to update us on the status of marijuana enforcement.

Old Business: **Commissioner Holley** requested a list of some of the items discussed in the recent Board training session so that we can track the items discussed and handle the same items by developing a list of BOPC priorities. **Chairman-elect Bell** indicated that such a report can be developed in 30 days. **Commissioner Carter** suggested the same information can be used to develop or update a BOPC strategic plan.

Announcements: The next community meeting of the BOPC is Thursday, July 12, 2018 at Joseph Walker Williams Center, in the 10th Police Precinct located at 8431 Rosa Parks, Detroit 48206 at 6:30 PM and following August community meeting will be held in 5th Police Precinct. Location TBA.

Oral Communications from the Audience / Public Comments: None.

Commissioner Bell moved with no other business before this Board that the Board of Police Commissioners meeting be adjourned. Second, **Commissioner Davis**

VOTE: **Yes = 7** **No = 0** **Abst. = 0** **MOTION APPROVED**

Adjournment 4:38 PM.