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The Board of Police Commissioners and Staff are currently under investigation by the Auditor General, Office of the Inspector General, the Detroit Police Department Internal Affairs Unit, and current Board and Staff leadership.

Some or all of these investigations were initiated because of inconsistencies discovered by Commissioners and/or Staff members who recognize the importance of transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in our service to the community.

The Board of Police Commissioners and Staff are committed to be fully cooperative with these investigations. Staff will continue to be given the opportunity for due process, and if warranted, any appropriate discipline will be brought before the full Board for determination after the conclusion of the investigations.

In the meantime, the Board will continue to operate in the best interest of the residents of Detroit by taking the necessary measures to maintain the security and integrity of all documentation and potential evidence.

This includes limiting and/or removing select staff members' access to BOPC/OCI offices, citizen complaint records, personnel records, and/or operational systems based on perceived or actual risk and best corporate management practices. We appreciate the community's patience and support as the Board and Staff go through the growing pains of improving transparency, accountability, and fiscal responsibility in order to provide the civilian oversight that Detroiters deserve. A full report will be made available to the community upon the completion of the investigations.

Bryan Ferguson, Chairman Board of Police Commissioners