



BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

Youth Advisory PANEL

YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL PURPOSE

The primary purpose of the Youth Advisory Panel is to provide a platform for consistent youth engagement and advocacy with the Board as the charter-mandated entity with supervisory control and oversight of the Detroit Police Department.

The Board desires the Youth Advisory Panel to serve as a regular and active resource for Detroit Police Commissioners and its stakeholders in civilian oversight, a role central to effective community policing and social justice.

Participation will provide youth with exposure to government and leadership and provide educational, civic, and networking opportunities that can assist them in achieving their future goals.

YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL PARTICIPATION CRITERIA

Youth must be City of Detroit residents between the ages of 15-24 years old.

Other criteria for consideration

1. Each youth must complete and submit an application by the annual deadline. A completed application includes a signed support statement from a parent or guardian for any minor or a community leader for those aged 18 and over
2. Youth should be enrolled in a school or college OR active as a community advocate
3. Youth should be interested in community policing, civilian oversight, or government/civic affairs.

INTERVIEW REQUIREMENT

Youth must participate in an interview as part of the selection process for members of the Youth Advisory Panel.

NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION

The Board will notify applicants about their status using email or telephone information supplied in the application. Successful applicants also will receive additional information essential to participation in the Youth Advisory Panel.

YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL COMPOSITION

Panel membership is comprised of at least seven (7) Detroit residents. Youth may range in age from 15-24 years old.

MEETING SCHEDULE

1. Meetings are held monthly and may be in-person or on a virtual platform.
 - The first meeting serves as orientation, which includes a swearing-in for Youth Advisory Panel members.
 - Members must attend the orientation meeting in person
2. One annual community forum is held that serves as the Panel-led summit for today's youth to network and enhance their education and civic engagement.
 - Panel Members plan the event and determine the event's agenda
3. Youth Advisory Panel members may attend any BOPC public meeting or event; however, attendance is not mandatory.

THE YOUTH PANEL SELECTION OF LEADERS

The Youth Advisory Panel members vote to select two (2) Lead Advocates after its orientation.

Lead Advocates are selected annually. Lead Advocates are responsible for:

- Alternating to conduct the panel meetings
- Submitting an Advocate Report on a quarterly basis/from each meeting
- Lead Advocates work with the Board staff to determine meeting agendas, schedules, and other logistics.

DECISIONS OF YOUTH PANEL

- Recommendations or decisions by the panel requires a simple majority of the panel members attending

YOUTH COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITY REQUIREMENTS

The Youth Advisory Panel assists the Board in public education and engagement with residents, including:

- One annual publication about the Youth Advisory Panel and its goals
- One annual summit or forum that enhances awareness and education around civic responsibility, community policing, and civilian oversight

ONGOING AND LENGTH OF PARTICIPATION

Applications for the Youth Advisory Panel are available annually.

Each Youth Advisory Panel member MUST re-apply through a new statement of commitment

- Minors need approval by signature of a parent/guardian.

BENEFITS OF PARTICIPATION

- Each member of the Youth Panel will receive a Certificate of Recognition from the Board of Police Commissioners
- Youth Panel members will be invited to participate in media and speaking engagements as needed
- As Youth Panel leaders, the Youth Panel Advocates will be eligible to attend BOPC-authorized designated trainings and conferences recommended by Board Executive Staff based on active participation, involvement, and success as panel members.

ADMINISTRATION

1301 Third Street, Suite 767 | Detroit, Michigan 48226
Phone: 313-596-1830 | Email: bopc@detroitmi.gov

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF INVESTIGATOR

The Board's investigative unit for non-criminal complaints about police misconduct

900 Merrill Plaisance | Detroit, Michigan 48203
24-Hour Complaint Lines:

- Phone: 313-596-2499 | Fax: 313-596-2482
- Online form: detroitmi.gov/bopc



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2026 YOUTH ADVISORY PANEL PARTICIPATION FORM

Note: Participation forms are due by September 30, 2025. Please email the completed form as a jpeg, PDF or other file to bopc@detroitmi.gov. All submissions received by the deadline are subject to review. Selections are based on applications and interviews. Panel selections are in October. Each applicant can expect a notification of status by telephone and email. If you have questions, please call 313-596-1830.

First Name _____ **Last Name** _____

Phone Number _____ **Email Address** _____

Name of High School / College / Church attended _____

Grade Point Average *(High school students must have at least a 2.7 GPA to participate):* _____

Social Media information (Platforms / Handles): _____

Mailing Address _____

City _____ **Zip Code** _____

Fields / Areas of Interest _____

Briefly state what you want to achieve or contribute as a member of the Youth Advisory Panel.

Statement of Commitment: If selected as a member of the Youth Advisory Panel to the Board of Police Commissioners, I commit to attending the orientation meeting in person and to participate in as many other in-person or virtual meetings as possible. I commit to sharing ideas and suggestions through respectful interaction and decorum in meetings and in interactions with fellow Panel members, the Board, and members of the public. As a member of the Youth Advisory Panel, I understand my name and photo may appear in City of Detroit publicity materials about the Panel or Board. I also understand that any Youth Advisory Panel member may be dismissed for lack of participation, inappropriate behavior, or other justifications.

Signature _____ **Age (15-24 years)** _____ **Date** _____

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Support by Parent/Guardian (for Minors) or Teacher/Community Leader (ages 18 and up)

I support _____ as a member of the Youth Advisory Panel for the
City of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners.

I believe _____ will be an active participant by attending meetings and engaging in
respectful dialogue and advocacy that will contribute greatly to the Board's engagement with Detroit's youth.

Name _____

Relationship to Youth _____

Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Signature _____ **Date** _____