



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chairperson Budget Committee
DATE: February 18, 2025
RE: Budget Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Budget Committee, please see the key follow-up and recommendation from the committee meeting held on February 18th, 2025:

Board Attendees: Committee Chairperson Garza Dewaelsche, Chairman Darryl Woods, Commissioner Burton

Staff Attendees: Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier, Executive Fiscal Manager – Drew Fries

- **Summary of BOPC Budget Committee’s Review and Recommendation of DPD’s FY2025-26 Budget Draft:** The BOPC Budget Committee received DPD’s Budget Draft on December 3rd, 2024 – the earliest the Board of Police Commissioners have received DPD’s Budget Plan in years. Since then, the Budget Committee has led a quantitative budgetary reconciliation and a qualitative review where 30+ inquiries were raised to DPD. These questions from the BOPC were discussed in great detail in several in-person meetings with DPD’s CFO Nazarko and Commander Parish, marking the highest level of collaboration between DPD and the BOPC on the Police Department’s budget in more than a decade. From initially receiving DPD’s Budget Plan, to the analysis conducted, to the gathering of inquiries, to the compiling of DPD’s responses – all Board of Police Commissioners have been kept up to speed on the details of this examination. All and all, I am proud to report that this has been a very rigorous and complete review of the DPD Budget Request. As such, the BOPC Budget Committee would like to recommend the approval of the 2025-26 fiscal year DPD Budget Draft to full Board of Police Commissioners.

We thank you for your consideration and the next BOPC Budget Committee meeting is to be announced, thank you.

Sincerely,

Eva Garza Dewaelsche
At-Large
Chairperson, BOPC Budget Committee