

## About the Board of Police Commissioners

The Board of Police Commissioners provides community-led oversight of the Police Department. Detroit residents created the Board to “head” the Police Department as part of the 1974 City Charter. The original Board had five Police Commissioners appointed by the Mayor. The current Charter gives the Board “supervisory control and oversight” of the Department. It also expanded the Board to 11 Police Commissioners, with seven elected by district and four appointed. The Board meets each week, except for some holidays. Since 1974, all Police Commissioners have served as volunteers.

**About the Youth Advisory Panel:** The Board approved a resolution in May 2022 to establish the Youth Advisory Panel to help amplify the voices of 14-24 year olds and ensure a regular way for them to engage in police accountability and reform. Panel members review police policy, attend BOPC meetings, and host or participant in activities that support police reform and youth safety. The Panel must have at least seven members to reflect the seven electoral districts for Police Commissioners; there are 14 members. Panel members are selected annually from applications due each September 30th. ■ [www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC](http://www.detroitmi.gov/BOPC)

## About Wayne State University

Founded as the Detroit Medical College in 1868, Wayne State University is a premiere and innovative center of higher education in the heart of the City. Wayne State currently offers nearly 375 degree and certificate programs through 13 schools and colleges. The University also plays a pivotal role in the growth and vitality of Midtown. Dr. Kimberly Andrews Espy has served as WSU President since 2023.

**About Wayne Law:** The Law School has offered nationally acclaimed programs for over 90 years. It is home to the renowned Carl Levin Center for Oversight and Democracy and the Damon Keith Center for Civil Rights. Richard Bier-schbach is the Dean of the Law School. ■ [www.wayne.edu](http://www.wayne.edu)

## Community Partners

Michigan United  
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## Board of Police Commissioners

Tamara Liberty Smith, District 1 (Vice Chair)  
Linda D. Bernard, District 2  
Cedric Banks, District 3  
Willie E. Bell, District 4  
Willie E. Burton, District 5  
Lisa Carter, District 6  
Ricardo Moore, District 7  
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, At Large  
Jesus Hernandez, At Large  
QuanTez Pressley, At Large  
Darryl Woods, At Large (Chair)

## 2025 Youth Advisory Panel

Jayden Allen	Renee Nails
Herbert Anderson	William Perkins
Alexis Escoto	Ivani Phillips
Jeremiah Gill	Amulen Rozmus
Jabari Jefferson	Allure Williams
Ashley Jennings	Angelica Williams
Keyaira Johnson	Jeremiah T. Williams

## Symposium Committee

Board of Police Commissioners  
Teresa Blossom  
Wayne Law  
Professor Rebecca Robichaud | Fellow Molly Moening



**The Youth  
Advisory Panel (YAP)  
of the Board of  
Police Commissioners  
in collaboration with  
Wayne Law presents:**



# Young People & 21st Century Policing



**Saturday, March 15, 2025  
Wayne State University  
Law School Auditorium  
Detroit, Michigan**



**Board of  
Police Commissioners**



**WAYNE STATE  
Law School**



**Michigan Roundtable  
for Just Communities**

**Program Opening**

BOPC Youth Advisory Panel

**Welcome**

Dean Richard Bierschbach

Wayne State University Law School

**Special Remarks and Recognitions**

Police Commissioner Lisa Carter, YAP Champion

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners

**Introduction of Panelists by YAP Moderators**

*Todd A. Bettison, Chief of Police, City of Detroit*

*Col. James Grady II, Director of Michigan State Police*

*Anthony Holt, Chief of Police, Wayne State University*

*Issa Shahin, Chief of Police, City of Dearborn*

**Symposium Panel**

*Opening Remarks by Panelists*

*Question & Answer Session*

*Closing Remarks by Panelists*

**YAP Call to Action**

Lunch

**Police Chiefs Panel**



**Chief Todd A. Bettison** is the 44th Chief of Police for the City of Detroit. He had a distinguished 27-year career at the Detroit Police Department, retiring as 1st Assistant Chief of Police – the second highest ranking member of the department – before accepting the position of Deputy Mayor in 2021. He returned to the Police Department as interim Chief in late 2024 prior to his permanent appointment in February. Chief Bettison is highly regarded and deeply respected for his leadership skills, management ability and strong connection with the community. He holds a bachelor’s degree from Wayne State University in Criminal Justice and a graduate business certificate from the Mike Ilitch School of Business.



**Colonel James F. Grady II** is the 20th Director of the Michigan State Police. Since joining the MSP in 1998 as a trooper, he has served with distinction as he rose through the ranks. Prior to his appointment to MSP Director by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer in 2023, he was captain of the training division. Colonel Grady holds a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice and criminology from Eastern Michigan University and is currently working toward a Master of Business Administration degree from Cleary University. As MSP Director, Col. Grady also serves as Director of Emergency Management and as Michigan’s Homeland Security Director.



**Chief Anthony D. Holt** has served as Associate Vice President and Chief of Police at Wayne State University since August 2008. He has held multiple positions within the university police department since becoming a police officer in 1977. As the Chief Law Enforcement Officer, he is responsible for all aspects of campus and community security. Chief Holt is the past President of the Metro Detroit Chapter of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and serves on the executive board. Chief Holt is the Co-Founder of the Public Safety and Youth Forum and is a frequent contributor to the Michigan Gang Research Project. He is a graduate of Wayne State University.



**Chief Issa Shahin** has served as Chief of Police for the City of Dearborn since January 2022. He rose through the ranks after becoming a police officer in 1998. He served as Commander of the investigative division before his appointment as Chief. He has made a priority of strengthening relationships with residents and incorporating the latest policing practices to best serve Dearborn, which has a unique requirement to maintain a certain minimum number of police officers. Chief Shahin made history as the first Muslim to lead the department. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Eastern Michigan University.