

Approved Minutes Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, May 8, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Location: Crowell Recreation Center, 16630 Lahser Road, Detroit, Michigan 48219

1. **Commissioner Moore** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

A. **Invocation.** Chaplain Glenn Hodges provided the invocation.

B. **Introduction of Police Commissioners.** A roll call was held, and a quorum was declared.

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Darryl Woods, Chairperson	Yes	
Tamara Liberty Smith, Vice Chairperson	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks		Excused
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Jesus Hernandez		Excused
QuanTez Pressley		Excused
Eva Garza Dewaelsche		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	7	

C. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, May 8, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.

D. **Chairperson Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for May 1, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.

E. **Introductions of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

2. **BOPC Officers' Report.** No Report

3. **Chief of Police & 10th Precinct Report.**

Deputy Chief Michael Parish represented **Chief of Police Todd Bettison** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the DPD and the community. DC Parish provided the status of the 5th Precinct, 7th Precinct and 12th Precinct Traffic Enforcement Initiatives in effort to keep residents and visitors safe while driving in the city. We need to thank the officers from the 4th Precinct and other units who assisted our law enforcement partners, our businesses, and the community for a safe and successful Cinco de Mayo. Chief Bettison kicked off the 1st Walk A Mile Wednesday of this year, and that took place in the 9th Precinct, former chief of police, James E. White, joined the department in passing the torch as he started this tradition back when he first became chief. Throughout the summer, the Department will continue to walk through different precincts in the city on a bi-weekly schedule. A couple of weeks ago our supervisor in charge of Civil Rights gave a report regarding Body Worn Camera compliance, we committed to the Board that we would sit down with Chief Investigator to reconcile our numbers, and we did that. I think the point of confusion was all that Dr. Martin was referring to was when he was speaking of compliance was overall compliance with activating the Body Worn Camera. That was not to say that all of the conduct on the Body Worn Camera was compliant. That is just to say that the officers complied with policy 99% of the time, which they turned it on. That was where our data and Chief Investigator's data appeared to conflict. I promised to get back to the Board and saw the opportunity to do it now.

Commissioner Bell, "Motion to accept Chief Bettison recommendation to promote to the rank of Detective, Police Officer Tatiana Walton." The motion passed.

8th Precinct Report – Commander Dietrich Lever provided an overview of crime statistics, utilization of high visibility target enforcement. Every Tuesday we have our federal, state and local partnerships in the 8th Precinct, talking about how to reduce violent crime. Our Community Engagement programs Ceasefire, Brotherhood program, and NPO led programs. We have two Community Violence Intervention (CVI) groups in the 8th Precinct. The CVI uses evidence-based, community-driven strategies to prevent and interrupt violence established by relationships with people involved in or affected by violence, crime in the community. We have a unique relationship and a partnership, and we also have a common goal of reducing violent crime.

Commissioner Moore My question deals with the 30 series. Can you explain to the community what the 30 series is at the 8th Precinct?

Commander Lever The 30 series is our Special Operations, officers that you see, who have on the black shirt and the green pants, and they are responsible for policing violent offenders in the 8th Precinct. They lead our restore orders twice a week, and we rely on them to impact violent crimes to make people make different decisions. We have confiscated over 210 guns year to date.

Commissioner Moore Have you received any type of complaints against the 30 series? Citizens at gas stations, specifically, young black males at gas stations, it appears that they are being targeted without any probable cause. They are being run up on by the 30 series and not just 8th Precinct. I have just heard it a lot at the 8th Precinct without a cause. They are just patting them down. Where is the gun? Where's the gun at, or if they are pulling them over on a traffic stop. They are using articulate words like I saw heavy breathing, as if the individual was scared of the police, and to obtain a gun which eventually comes out of the situation. Have you heard about anything like that?

Commander Lever Yes, I did get a complaint a person I won't name today. I actually sat down with him. In this instance, the guy was walking down the street and on BWC, I was actually able to see the weapon. It was hanging out of his pocket.

Commissioner Bernard Asked can you define for our audience here today, or Commander Parrish either one of you. Exactly what Open Carry is in Michigan.

DC Parish You are carrying your gun out in the open with no effort to conceal it. If you are going to open carry, make sure your gun is fully exposed. Not partially hidden, not partially concealed. Make sure it is fully exposed, because that is the only way that you will avoid a CCW charge with certainty. Understand that if you happen to get into a vehicle that open carry will now become CCW Motor vehicle. So, if you have plans on getting into a vehicle from an open carry situation, and stepping into a vehicle, you've got to take the firearm out. You have to unload it. You have to secure the ammunition in the glove box preferably, secure the gun, so that it is as far away from the ammunition as possible, preferably the trunk.

Chairperson Woods Residents need to understand about open carry and I think there should be a strong public service campaign to educate the public on what is open carry what is not open carry. I strongly suggest some type of public service announcement because again, I have gotten numerous calls, on this particular issue, and we need to protect citizens, especially well intended citizens from a felony charge.

Commissioner Burton The month of May is Mental Health Awareness month. What actions are you taking in the 8th Precinct on addressing mental health? What numbers to report out on how to educate the community more effectively, on how they can get involved? I am sure the precinct level has social workers. Are those social workers going out on some of those mental health runs? It was something that Commissioner Carter myself, addressed years ago. How many calls for service are you receiving for mental health? Has there been any change in those numbers from last year to this year?

Commander Lever Yes, we do have the Crisis Intervention Team. We have a dedicated car for the precinct at all times. We do respond to the runs, however, if we have a mental crisis intervention team car available, they will respond for us. I do not have the exact numbers, but I can get the exact numbers for you to compare them.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Virginia Emanuel, Ms. Chanita Williams, Ms. Lisa Micou, Dr. Gordon, Ms. Victoria Camile, Minister Eric Blount, CAC Scotty Boman, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Ms. Patricia Montgomery, and Mr. Roo provided public comments.

Gail Tubbs, 8th Precinct Community Relations Council President provided words of appreciation to the 8th Precinct, addressed collaboration and partnership with Councilman Tate and welcomed the Board of Police Commissioners to the community.

5. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier.**

- A. 250505 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 250505 BOPC ShotSpotter Weekly
- C. Personnel & Training Committee Memorandum
- D. **Announcements**

The Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226.

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the 7th Precinct at Sacred Heart Activities Building, 3451 Rivard Street, Detroit, MI 48207.

Next Committee Meetings:

Personnel & Training Committee Friday, May 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. Location: Woodward Conference Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Citizen Complaints Committee Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. Location: Woodward Conference Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Budget Committee Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. Location: Woodward Conference Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Policy Committee Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. Location: Woodward Conference Room, Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

6. **Unfinished Business.**

Commissioner Moore motioned, “to accept for interview the recommended named applicants for the position of Administrative Assistant to the Board of Police Commissioners, Lewis Everingham, Krystal Fields, Jasmine Juarez Espinoza, Dior Mathis, and Philip Tarver.” The motion passed.

Commission Moore motioned, “for interview of the recommended name applicants for the position of Administrative Specialist 3 to the Board of Police Commissioners, Jerome Jackson, Dior Mathis, Candace Roy, Jonya Underwood, and Jelani Yeager. The motion passed.

7. **New Business.**

8. **Adjournment.**

Chairperson Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.