

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 24, 2025 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

1. **Chair Dewaelsche** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A quorum was declared.
 - A. **Invocation.** Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided the invocation.
2. **Oral Communication / Public Comment:** Ms. Valerie Parker, Mr. James Ford, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Bernice Smith and Caller 076 provided public comment.
3. **Introduction of Police Commissioners.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chair	Yes	
Darryl Woods, Vice Chair	Yes	
Tamara Liberty Smith		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks		Excused
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	6	4

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the amended Agenda for Thursday, July 24, 2025 to move Item 8A New Business – Closed Session directly following the Chief of Police report. The amended Agenda was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for July 17, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
7. **Resolution Honoring Lieutenant Ronald Lockhart (Retirement).**

Resolution Honoring Lieutenant Ronald Lockhart

Whereas, Lieutenant Ronald Lockhart was appointed to the Department on January 20, 1986. After the successful completion of the Police Academy, he began his admirable career assigned to the Eighth Precinct. He has been assigned to various commands including Internal Controls, Eastern Operations, Tenth Precinct, Training, Technical Support, Communications Operations, Internal Affairs, Northwestern District, Sixth Precinct, and the Eleventh Precinct Investigative Operations Unit. He was promoted to the rank of Sergeant on July 6, 1995, and to the rank of Lieutenant on January 22, 1999. On March 6, 2017, he was assigned to the Second Precinct, which is his current assignment; and

Whereas, As an officer in his various commands, he was responsible for coordinating efforts to reduce crime and patrol response times. He was also accountable for increasing positive relationships with the City's communities and business stakeholders where he served; and

Whereas, During his career Lieutenant Lockhart was the recipient of several meritorious awards, commendations, citations and letters of appreciation from the citizens of Detroit. He received the All Star Game Award, Rosa Parks Award, Superbowl Award, Confinement Judgement Award, Ford Fireworks Award, and the Conclusion of Consent Judgement Award; and

Whereas, He served the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit with loyalty, professionalism, integrity and dedication. He is highly respected throughout the law enforcement community. Through his sharing of procedural knowledge, skills and techniques he has contributed to the development of many officers.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved

That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the citizens of the great City of Detroit, recognizes and honors the lifelong contributions and commitment to excellence in public service of Lieutenant Ronald Lockhart. His display of unwavering community spirit has improved the quality of life for the citizens of Detroit.

We thank and congratulate you.

Commissioner Pressley motioned “to adopt the Resolution Honoring Lieutenant Ronald Lockhart.” The motion was adopted.

8. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Kari Sloan reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Deputy Chief Sloan reported that last week, Neighborhood Police Officers from the Chief’s Neighborhood Liaison patrolled the Twelfth Precinct. Officers addressed blight in the area, abandoned vehicles, parking violations, conducted Project Greenlight business checks and stopped by community barbecues. On Monday, July 21, 2025, Chief of Police and members of the Executive Team appeared before City Council to speak about increasing the fine for parental responsibility for curfew violators. On Wednesday, July 23, 2025, Walk-a-Mile Wednesday took place with DPD and citizens in the Eighth Precinct. Residents were able to talk with the Chief regarding issues in their neighborhood. On Friday, July 25, 2025, a promotional and appointment ceremony will be held at Greater Grace Temple, located at 23500 West 7 Mile in Detroit for the 15 officers that the Board of Police Commissioner recently approved. On Saturday, July 19, 2025, the Department’s 1 Day Hiring event was held at the Training Center, located at 6050 Linwood in Detroit. 402 people attended the event, with 352 of those applying to police officer positions.

Commissioner Bernard inquired on the resignation showing on the separation report. The reason for the separation shows the candidate cited ‘no family support’ as the reason for the resignation. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that there are various aids available to students in the academy to provide support them through the academy. Stated that she is unfamiliar with this particular student so couldn’t speak on specifics surrounding it.

Commissioner Bell inquired on the homicide rate being down nationally. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that yes that is correct.

Commissioner Bernard inquired about the skeletal remains found in the garage of new homeowners that is reported on the 24 Hour Summary Report for July 23, 2025. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that the new homeowners of the home found skeletal remains in the garage. Homicide went out to the scene and is currently investigating. No determination has been made at this time on what happened or who it is.

9. New Business

Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268a, the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Ahmed Aljebori, Badge 249, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct. (A 2/3 majority vote is required)

Commissioner Pressley moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268a the Department’s request for the Board to consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Ahmed Aljebori, Badge 249, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct.” (A 2/3 majority vote is required) (Time 3:48 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (4:09 p.m.)

Commissioner Woods moved that “the Board accept the Chief’s recommendation to change the duty status for Police Officer Ahmed Aljebori, Badge 249, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct, to Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits.” The motion passed.

YES: 5

NO: 1

MOTION: PASSED

YES: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Bell, Carter, Pressley

NO: Commissioner Bernard

10. **Oral Communication / Public Comment: continued** – Mr. Adam Barrett, Ms. Elena Herrada, Ms. Glenda McGadney, Ms. Victoria Camille, Ms. Rain, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Taura Brown and Mr. Overwith provided public comments.

11. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.**

- A. 250721 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 250721 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Personnel & Training Committee Memorandum
- D. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, July 31, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

Next Community Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. in the 5th Precinct at Community Center at AB Ford Park, 100 Lenox Street, Detroit, MI 48215

Next Committee Meetings: All Committee Meetings are held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Towing Committee, Wednesday, July 30, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

12. **Unfinished Business.**

13. **Adjournment.**

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.