

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 14, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Location: Community Center at AB Ford Park, 100 Lenox Street, Detroit, MI 48215

1. **Chair Dewaelsche** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. A quorum was declared.
 - A. **Invocation.** Chaplain Samuel Scarber provided the invocation.
2. **Oral Communication / Public Comment:** Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Roo, and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.
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	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	2

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, August 14, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for August 7, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
7. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
8. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Dewaelsche.**
9. **Chief of Police & 5th Precinct Report.**

Deputy Chief Arnold Williams reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. On Friday, August 8, 2025, the Eleventh Precinct had an Operation Safeguard. This was in response to the number of shootings taking place at that time in the precinct. Also in the Eleventh Precinct there was a quadruple stabbing. Two of the individuals suffered fatal stab wounds. The suspect has been identified but is still at large. On Saturday, August 9, 2025, a 15 year old robbery suspect was fatally shot. This incident occurred in the 3100 block of Hendricks. The 15 year old along with two other individuals were attempting to rob a 22 year old CPL holder. The CPL holder shot the 15 year old during the robbery. The 18 year old that was with the 15 year old was arrested, however, the third suspect has not been identified. Detroit Police Department submitted a warrant to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office and it was denied, deeming it self-defense. On Monday, August 11, 2025, there was a quadruple non-fatal shooting in the Seventh Precinct at the senior apartments in the 7500 block of East Jefferson. Three individuals were arguing with the suspect, who then shot the three individuals. One of the victims that was shot tackled the suspect and he dropped his gun. A woman then picked the gun up and shot the suspect non-fatally and was taken into custody. On Friday, August 15, 2025, there will be a graduating class. The graduation will be taking place at Greater Grace Church at 10:30 a.m. Also on August 15, 2025, the 5th Annual Jazz in the Park at the Second Precinct will be held

at the Adams-Butzel Recreation Center. On Wednesday, August 20, 2025, the next Walk a Mile Wednesday event will occur in the Fifth Precinct.

Commissioner Moore inquired if the Department has a zero tolerance or a low tolerance when it comes to workplace violence. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated zero tolerance for workplace violence. Stated that it is zero tolerance and no tolerance.

Commissioner Bernard inquired if the quadruple stabbing suspect is in custody. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that no, the suspect is not in custody but the suspect has been identified.

Commissioner Smith inquired if there is anything that can be done to help further strengthen the curfew by getting at parents that are still allowing their children to be outside past curfew. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that the parental responsibility ticket and the increased fines have been put in place to strengthen the curfew and parents being involved. Additionally, Deputy Chief Williams stated that if it appears that it is a juvenile out past curfew to call 9-1-1. **Commissioner Smith** also inquired about 13 year old Stephan Nolan who was fatally injured and if there are any leads in his case. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that they haven't received any information or plausible leads that could lead the case forward but it is still being investigated.

Vice Chair Woods requested that the Board is provided the updates as it relates to the curfew violations. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated yes that the Board will be included in the statistics distribution as it pertains to the curfew violations.

5th Precinct Report.

Commander Lawrence Purifoy reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the 5th Precinct.

Commissioner Moore inquired about a shooting that occurred on July 4th and if that incident involved Fifth or Ninth Precinct officers. **Commander Purifoy** stated that incident involved Ninth Precinct officers. **Commissioner Moore** inquired how Ninth Precinct officers came over into the Fifth Precinct. **Commander Purifoy** stated that they often piggyback and help one another out.

10. **Oral Communication / Public Comment: continued** – Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Rhonda Irvin, and Ms. Taura Brown provided public comments.

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

- A. ALWOP PO Tiasha Horton
- B. 250811 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- C. 250811 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- D. Budget Committee Memorandum
- E. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 21, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

September Community Meeting: Thursday, September 11, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the 4th Precinct at Marathon Oil Michigan Headquarters, 1001 South Oakwood Avenue, Detroit, MI 48217

Next Committee Meetings: All Committee Meetings are held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

12. **Unfinished Business.**

13. **New Business.**

- A. **Motion to adopt recommendation to the full Board of Police Commissioners to renew Dr. Frances Jackson's 2-Year Contract.**

Chair Dewaelsche stated, "By direction of the Budget Committee, I move to adopt the recommendation to renew Dr. Frances Jackson's two-year contract as the BOPC Parliamentarian at an hourly rate of \$125." The motion was adopted.

B. Motion to adopt recommendation to the full Board of Police Commissioners to request Purchase Card for the BOPC.

Chair Dewaelsche stated, "By direction of the Budget Committee, I move to adopt the recommendation to request a purchase card for the Board of Police Commissioners." The motion was adopted.

Commissioner Carter motioned, "that it be referred to the Policy Committee to adopt a policy." The motion was adopted.

14. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m.