

**Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, August 7, 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 3:00 p.m. A quorum was declared.
  - A. **Invocation.** Commander Chaplain Shari Lowman provided the invocation.
2. **Oral Communication / Public Comment:** Ms. Bernice Smith 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	Yes	
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.		Excused
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	2

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, August 7, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for July 31, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for July 24, 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 Report.**

**Deputy Chief Mark Bliss** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. On August 1, 2025, two juveniles, both age 13 years old, were involved in a shooting, one fatal and one non-fatal. The suspect is described as a black male with dreadlocks. He fired shots at the victims and then drove away in a gray SUV. The incident is still under investigation. On August 2, 2025, one juvenile victim was involved in a non-fatal shooting. The victim was shot by the suspect following an argument. Officers located the suspect and the suspect was declared a barricaded gunman. After hours of negotiation, suspect surrendered peacefully. Suspect has been charged with several offenses, including assault with intent to murder. On August 2, 2025, Chief Todd Bettison along with members of the Detroit Police Department attended the funeral services for Rylee Love. The investigation into Rylee Love's murder is ongoing. Earlier this afternoon, Chief Bettison and Deputy Chief Williams gave an update regarding a double fatal shooting that occurred this morning in the 3800 block of Bewick. The circumstances of the incident is that the suspect arrived to the location and started an argument with the victim and another individual. The suspect shot the victim and the other individual shot the suspect. Both victim and suspect are deceased. The other person who fired shots has been detained for questioning. The canine unit just received six new members, including 3 highly trained German Shepherds and their handlers. On August 5, 2025, each precinct hosted an event for National Night Out. On August 6, 2025, Chief Bettison along with members of the Detroit Police Department walked a mile in the Sixth Precinct. The next Walk a Mile Wednesday is scheduled for August 20, 2025.

**Commissioner Smith** inquired about the 15 year old that was shot on August 6, 2025 in the Eleventh Precinct. It was a non-fatal shooting and he's in critical condition in the hospital. The Department did not report out on that incident. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that he doesn't have any additional information on that incident and it was not included on his report out. Stated that he can get additional information on that incident and get that to Commissioner Smith. **Commissioner Smith** also requested that the Board get an update on the citywide curfew. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that all incidents are tracked and they do have a daily report and that information can be sent to the Board.

**Commissioner Moore** inquired about a citizen being allowed to view body worn camera footage if they file a complaint at the precinct. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that body worn camera footage review is done through the Office of the Chief Investigator and they don't have access to that at the precinct. Additionally, it is not the Department's policy to review body worn camera footage at the precinct. **Commissioner Moore** also inquired if the Department knew about a car show happening over the weekend on Grand River and if it was regulated by the Department.

**Vice Chair Woods** inquired if it never happens, referring to body worn camera footage being viewed at the precinct especially if they are directly involved with the situation. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that if a citizen has an issue and files a complaint, the Department wants to ensure that it is investigated completely and with integrity.

10. **Oral Communication / Public Comment: continued** – Minister Eric Blount, Lieutenant Mark Young, Mr. Gregory Pawlowski, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Roo, Mr. Terry Burks, Ms. Ruby Riley, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Taura Brown, CAC Scotty Boman and Mr. Jahdante Smith provided public comments.

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

- A. 250804 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 250804 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Policy Committee Memorandum
- D. Announcements

Next Board Meeting (Community): 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

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  
Budget Committee, Tuesday, August 12, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.  
Policy Committee, Tuesday, August 19, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

12. **Unfinished Business.**

13. **New Business.**

**A. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 205.11 Officer Involved Shooting Investigations.**

**Chair Dewaelsche** stated, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy, Directive 205.11 Officer Involved Shooting Investigations." The motion failed and was referred back to the Policy Committee.

**B. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 304.6 Body-Worn Cameras**

**Chair Dewaelsche** stated, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy, Directive 304.6 Body-Worn Cameras." The motion failed and was referred back to the Policy Committee.

**C. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 203.6 Surveillance**

**Chair Dewaelsche** stated, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy, Directive 203.6 Surveillance." The motion passed.

- D. Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), the Department's Request for the Board to Consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Kevin Bryant, Badge 673, Assigned to the Sixth Precinct. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – A 2/3 majority vote is required)**

**Chair Dewaelsche** moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), the Department's Request for the Board to Consider Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Kevin Bryant, Badge 673, Assigned to the Sixth Precinct.” (A 2/3 majority vote is required)(Time 4:15 p.m.). The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (4:47 p.m.)

**Vice Chair Woods** moved that “the Board accepts the Chief's recommendation to change the duty status for Police Officer Kevin Bryant, Badge 673, assigned to the Sixth Precinct, to Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits.” The motion passed.

**YES: 8**

**NO: 0**

**MOTION: PASSED**

**YES: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Smith, Banks, Bell, Burton, Moore, Jones**

**14. Adjournment.**

**Chair Dewaelsche** adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.