

Draft Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, July 31, 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 Wilson James provided the invocation.
2. **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	Yes	
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
QuanTez Pressley	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	1

3. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, July 31, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for July 24, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
5. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
6. **Resolution Honoring Police Commissioner QuanTez Pressley.**

Resolution Honoring Police Commissioner QuanTez Pressley

- Whereas, QuanTez Pressley has etched a lasting mark on the City of Detroit, its residents, and its institutions during many years of civic leadership and community service, including recently as a member of the Board of Police Commissioners; and
- Whereas, Police Commissioner Pressley joined the Board in March 2022 following his appointment to a five-year term by Mayor Mike Duggan and confirmation by the City Council. During a critical time, he helped steer the Board, the Police Department and the City through the twin global challenges remaining from the COVID-19 pandemic and a new era in police reform after the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis, Minnesota police officer; and
- Whereas, Along with his powerful commitments to community involvement and public service, Commissioner Pressley contributed greatly to the Board of Police Commissioners through his remarkable experience on boards, starting as the first youth representative on the Board for Detroit Public Schools. Most notably, Commissioner Pressley served as Vice Chair and ascended to Chair during a crisis through which he steered the Board, Police Department and community. He also made numerous contributions in his roles as a Committee member or Committee Chair, having a tremendous impact on core mandates for handling non-criminal complaints against police officers and the entire Department, transmitting an annual department budget to the Mayor; and selecting finalists for Police Chief of one of the nation's top law enforcement agencies; and
- Whereas, Commissioner Pressley continues to be a forceful leader for uplifting and improving the community in his many other leadership roles in local and state organizations, including as Lead Pastor of Third New Hope Baptist Church. As he resigns his service as a Police Commissioner this month, the Board and community will long remember his contributions and impact.

Therefore Be It Resolved

The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution in recognition of dedicated and diligent service by Police Commissioner QuanTez Pressley, whose dedication and commitment to civilian oversight, the City of Detroit, and local residents merit our highest regards.

We salute you, Commissioner QuanTez Pressley, for a job well done and wish you continued success in the future.

Commissioner Bernard motioned “to adopt the Resolution Honoring Police Commissioner QuanTez Pressley.” The motion was adopted.

7. Chief of Police Report.

Assistant Chief Eric Ewing reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. On July 27, 2025 at 8:56 p.m., a 6 year old child was shot and succumbed to his injuries. This incident occurred due to two individuals shooting at one another and the stray bullet struck the 6 year old child. This morning, another shooting incident occurred around 6:30 a.m. Two children, ages 8 and 7, were sleeping in their bed when they were both shot. One was shot in the arm and the other in the foot. Their injuries are not life threatening and they will recover. This incident occurred when an individual from a black pickup truck exited the vehicle on the passenger side and shot into the residence. Police are requesting help from the public on solving both incidents and instructing citizens to contact the Eleventh Precinct, Crime Stoppers or Detroit Rewards TV and provide any information they may have. On July 28, 2005 at 4:00 a.m., a quadruple shooting occurred. 2 individuals succumbed to their injuries and 2 were non-fatally wounded. The perpetrator in this incident was identified, arrested and is awaiting charges with the Wayne County Prosecutors Office. On July 29, 2025, Detroit City Council voted to increase the fines for parents of youth who violate curfew. The first offense is \$250 and the second offense is \$500. On July 26, 2025, the Department had the Community Violence Intervention Youth Basketball League game at the Coleman A. Young Recreation Center. On August 5, 2025, each precinct will be hosting their National Night Out event. On August 6, 2025, the next Walk a Mile Wednesday with the Chief of Police will be held. The walk will begin at 6 p.m. in the Sixth Precinct in the Brightmoor and Rouge areas. Assembly will be at the Godland Community Church. On July 30, 2025, a graduation ceremony for 9 reservists completing their academy was held.

Commissioner Moore inquired on what the process is for a report that goes through the Prosecutor's Office for approval or denial. **AC Ewing** stated that the Department is responsible for gathering all the evidence, drafting an investigative report and submitting the report to the Prosecutor's Office. The Prosecutor's Office determines the charges. The charges do not come from the Detroit Police Department. **Commissioner Moore** inquired if there are checks and balances in place, for the report to be reviewed prior to submission. **AC Ewing** stated yes, the Administrative Sergeant or Lieutenant in Charge will review the report.

Commissioner Bernard inquired on funeral arrangements for the children that have recently passed that AC Ewing reported out on in the Chief's report. **AC Ewing** stated that he can get the funeral arrangements over to Commissioner Bernard.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired on what the alternative is if a parent cannot afford the \$500 fine for violating curfew. **AC Ewing** stated that it is all being written out at this time, but there will be opportunities for that to happen. **Chair Dewaelsche** also inquired on what else is being done besides the fines to curb the violence and shootings of children in the City of Detroit. **AC Ewing** stated the CVI groups/programs such as the CVI Basketball League and the Police Cadet program are initiatives the Department has to help curb the violence and shootings.

8. Oral Communication / Public Comment: continued – Ms. Sharon Pannell, Ms. Fredia Butler, Lieutenant Mark Young, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Dana Lunn, Ms. Beverly Watts, Ms. Bernice Smith, Former Commissioner William Davis and Mr. Jahdante Smith provided public comments.

9. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier.

- A. Resignation Letter
- B. 250728 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- C. 250728 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- D. Towing Committee Memorandum
- E. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, August 7, 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

Policy Committee, Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

10. Unfinished Business.

11. New Business.

12. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 4:26 p.m.