

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, September 18, 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.** Chaplain Troy Dantzler 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		Excused
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	2

3. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, September 18, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for September 11, 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. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Dewaelsche.**

A. **Resolution Honoring Corporal Kenneth Johnson**

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WHEREAS Kenneth Johnson entered the Metropolitan Police Academy on December 14, 1998. Upon graduation, Police Officer Kenneth Johnson was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on May 7, 1999 and assigned to the 10th Precinct; and

WHEREAS Police Officer Johnson exhibited a strong commitment to improving the safety and quality of life for all residents, stakeholders, and neighborhoods as he served and patrolled the 10th Precinct. During a temporary reorganization, Officer Johnson was assigned to Western Operations on September 1, 2005, then re-assigned to the 10th Precinct on February 2, 2009; and

WHEREAS Officer Johnson displayed tremendous knowledge and leadership in performing his duties. Based on heroic actions, he earned life-saving citations in 2007, 2010 and 2014. On September 16, 2015, Officer Johnson was appointed to the rank of Corporal. On October 10, 2016, Corporal Johnson was assigned to the Task Force Administration under Organized Crime, where he served until his retirement on August 1, 2025; and

WHEREAS Corporal Johnson also was the deserving recipient of four citations, one Department Citation and Medal, the Major League Baseball 2005 All-Star Game Award, the 2006 Super Bowl XL Recognition Award, both Consent Judgement Awards, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, and the 2014 Ford

Fireworks Award. He received numerous commendations from supervisors and letters of appreciation from the public. During more than 26 years of service, Corporal Johnson was known and respected as a consummate professional in public safety and law enforcement.

THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED The Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking on behalf of the residents of Detroit, awards this resolution in recognition of Corporal Kenneth Johnson and his over 26 years with the Detroit Police Department. His dedicated service, steadfast courage, and enduring community spirit merit our highest regards and best wishes for his future endeavors.

We thank and congratulate you, Corporal Kenneth Johnson.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “to adopt the Resolution Honoring Corporal Kenneth Johnson.” The motion was adopted.

7. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Michael Parish reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Deputy Chief Parish reported that an arrest was made in connection with a homicide that occurred on July 25, 2025 at a business in the area of Mack and Cadillac. A 3-day traffic enforcement initiative along Gratiot occurred last week in response to the increase of critical accidents that have been occurring. Officers made 480 traffic stops, issued 1,107 citations, recovered 3 firearms and made 13 arrests. On Sunday, September 14, 2025, a street vendor who was selling food without a permit in the 2100 block of Springwells. A sergeant responded to the incident and the vendor was arrested for resisting and obstructing. On Friday, September 19, 2025, the Second Precinct will be hosting a resource fair from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the intersection of Mark Twain and Keeler. On Saturday, September 20, 2025, DPD and DMC will be hosting a 5K Run Walk. On Saturday, September 27, 2025 DPD along with Detroit Public Safety Foundation will be hosting a skating party for the community at the Lexus Velodrome, located at 601 Mack Avenue. Event will be held from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Deputy Chief Parish reported that from September 11, 2025 to September 17, 2025, 3 officers were involved in traffic crashes. All officers are receiving treatment.

8. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** - Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Peggy Goodwin, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Lanora Chambliss, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Mr. Garrett Burton, Ms. Angie Sierra, Ms. Julie Semma, Mr. Mike Hrorh, Ms. Victoria Camille, Ms. Franae Remes, Ms. Sheila Santos, Ms. Taura Brown, Former Commissioner William Davis, and Mr. Lorenzo Colvin provided public comments.

9. Presentations to the Board.

- A. **Human Resources Bureau – Director Katrina Patillo, DPD Personnel:** Director Katrina Patillo, Human Resources Bureau presented information regarding staffing and hiring of DPD personnel for the month of August 2025.

Commissioner Bernard inquired on the numbers pertaining to candidates registered for reading, writing and physical agility tests. **Director Patillo** stated that 108 were scheduled for the written test and 31 were no shows and for the physical agility test there were 60 scheduled and there were 32 no shows.

- B. **Major Crime Division – Commander Rebecca McKay:** Commander Rebecca McKay presented information regarding the Major Crime Division, including the various units within the Major Crime Division, staffing of those units, and closure rates for the units.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired about the homicide closure rate and how it compares to similar cities. **Commander McKay** stated that it is the highest closure rate that the City of Detroit has ever achieved. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired what it means to have 431 cases assigned and 405 recovered as it pertains to missing persons. **Commander McKay** stated that is just in regards to the missing persons unit. They have been assigned 431 cases with regard to a missing person and of those 431 cases, 405 have been recovered.

Commissioner Bernard asked if there is anything that the Board can provide to help support the unit. **Commander McKay** stated that she can't think of anything at the moment but she will communicate that to the Board should anything be needed. **Commissioner Bernard** inquired on who handles media relations for major crime. **Commander McKay** stated that occasionally it is herself or one of the captains that communicate with their media relations team.

10. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier.

- A. 250915 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 250915 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Policy Committee Memorandum
- D. Personnel & Training Committee Memorandum
- E. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 25, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

October Community Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the 3rd Precinct at Considine Little Rock Recreation Center, 8904 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

Next Committee Meetings: All Committee Meetings are held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Tuesday, September 23, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.
Budget Committee, Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.
Policy Committee, Tuesday, September 30, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

11. Unfinished Business.

12. New Business.

A. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 201.5 Responding to Mental Health Crisis

Commissioner Bernard motioned, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy Item 8A, Directive 201.5 Responding to Mental Health Crises." The motion was adopted.

B. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 203.7 Vice and Narcotics

Commissioner Bernard motioned, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy Item 8B, Directive 203.7 Vice and Narcotics." The motion was adopted.

C. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 203.10 Child Abuse and Safe Delivery of Newborns

Commissioner Bernard motioned, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy Item 8C, Directive 203.10 Child Abuse and Safe Delivery of Newborns." The motion was adopted.

D. Extension of Special Orders with the Expiration Date of September 25, 2025 until November 9, 2025

Commissioner Bernard motioned, "that all police special orders listed on attachment 8D, with the expiration date of September 25, 2025 be extended for 45 days until November 9, 2025 and to present a status update within 30 days, October 25, 2025." The motion passed.

E. Motion to appoint administrative assistants

Vice Chair Woods motioned, "By direction of the Personnel & Training Committee, I move to appoint Armani Arnold to BOPC Administration, Passion Crawford to BOPC Office of the Chief Investigator and Lisa James to BOPC Office of the Chief Investigator." The motion passed.

- F. 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 Dietrich Lever Jr., Badge 3478, Assigned to the Transit Unit. (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 Dietrich Lever Jr., Badge 3478, Assigned to the Transit Unit.” (A 2/3 majority vote is required) (Time 5:10 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (Time 5:51 p.m.)

Commissioner Bell moved that “the Board accept the Chief's recommendation to change the duty status for Police Officer Dietrich Lever Jr., Badge 3478, Assigned to the Transit Unit, to Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits.” The motion passed.

YES: 5

NO: 2

MOTION: PASSED

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

NO: Commissioners Smith and Burton

13. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 5:52 p.m.