

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 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 David Boyd provided the invocation.

2. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Bernice Smith and Mr. Bill Welbourne 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		Excused
Willie E. Bell	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Robert Jones		Excused
Quorum (Yes)	7	3

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, October 16, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 9, 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. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Dewaelsche.**
8. **Chief of Police Report.**

Assistant Chief Franklin Hayes reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. On Monday, October 13, 2025, the Community Brunch was held in the Fifth Precinct. Residents were able to join Fifth Precinct officers and chaplains. On Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Project Greenlight hosted an open house for business partners and potential business partners. On Wednesday, October 15, 2025, Chief Bettison concluded his Walk a Mile Wednesday series in the Fourth Precinct. On Thursday, October 23, 2025, the Third Precinct will be holding its final Cycling with the Community event for the season. On Friday, October 24, 2025, the Domestic Violence Unit and Victim Assistance Program will be hosting a Domestic Violence Awareness Event at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. On Saturday, October 25, 2025, every Detroit Police Department Precinct will be hosting a drug drop off, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Community members can dispose of any unused medications. On Saturday, October 18, 2025, 30 Citizens Radio Patrol will be happening at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The community will be able to discuss Radio Patrol events, updates and information for the remaining of 2025. On Friday, October 31, 2025, every Detroit Police Department Precinct will be hosting a Trunk or Treat.

A. Chief of Police Recommendation to Appoint to the Rank of Captain (1)

Chief Bettison submitted a recommendation to appoint to the Rank of Captain.

Chairperson Dewaelsche moved, “to approve the recommendation of Chief Bettison to appoint Lieutenant Toniqua Davis to the Rank of Captain.” The motion passed.

B. Chief of Police Recommendation to Promote to the Ranks of Lieutenant (8), Sergeant (18) and Detective (15)

Chief Bettison submitted a list for the promotion to the Ranks of Lieutenant, Sergeant and Detectives.

Commissioner Bernard moved, “to approve the recommendation of Chief Bettison to promote the following individuals to the rank of Lieutenant.” The motion passed.

Sergeant Samuel Mackie
Sergeant Lawrence Addison
Sergeant Lisa Bryson
Sergeant Joshua Felix

Sergeant Tony Goins
Sergeant Daniel Harnphanich
Sergeant Jamal Hamood
Sergeant Charles Lynem

Commissioner Bernard moved, “to approve the recommendation of Chief Bettison to promote the following individuals to the rank of Sergeant.” The motion passed.

Police Officer Bryan Cottrell
Police Officer Imer Gozic
Police Officer Brian Ferreira
Detective Ryan Walden
Police Officer Jennifer Cleary
Police Officer Robin Rodgers
Police Officer Malika Nixon
Police Officer William Hill
Police Officer Dominic Vitale

Police Officer Amber Cogborn
Detective Kimberly Cochran
Detective Dillon Hanson
Police Officer Julian Shanti
Detective Brendan Brown
Police Officer Steven Anouti
Detective Heather Reyes-Morales
Detective Marcus Rice
Police Officer Bradley Tobel

Commissioner Carter moved, “to approve the recommendation of Chief Bettison to promote the following individuals to the rank of Detective.” The motion passed.

Police Officer Quinton Lindsay
Corporal Felicia Washington
Police Officer Lamear Downes
Police Officer Amanda Hudgens
Police Officer Caitlyn Patrick-Davidson
Police Officer Davita Rutledge
Corporal Steven Pierce
Police Officer Terrell Williams

Police Officer Rebecca O’Connell
Police Officer Jason Taylor
Police Officer Kristopher Gruben
Police Officer Steven Kosa
Police Officer Tremayne Brooks
Police Officer Julian Aldrich
Police Officer Ciara Helms-Hill

9. **Oral Communication / Public Comments: continued** – Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Rashida Rainbow Roberts, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Taura Brown and Ms. Karen Winston provided public comments.

10. **Presentations to the Board.**

A. Detroit Public Safety Foundation Presentation – Executive Director Patti Kukula.

Executive Director Patti Kukula presented the Detroit Public Safety Foundation. Presentation included an overview of the foundation’s board & staffing, mission, events, programs, projects, grants and sponsors.

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

- A. ALWOP PO Shane Shaw
- B. 251013 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- C. 251013 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report

- D. Policy Committee Memorandum
- E. Draft 2026 BOPC Weekly Calendar
- F. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 2025 at 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

November Community Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. in the 2nd Precinct at Adams-Butzel Recreation Center, 10500 Lyndon Street, Detroit, MI 48238

Next Committee Meetings: All Committee Meetings are held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

12. Unfinished Business.

13. New Business.

- A. 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 Ali Dakhallallah, Badge 4388, Assigned to the Seventh Precinct. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – A 2/3 majority vote required)**

Vice Chair Woods 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 Ali Dakhallallah, Badge 4388, Assigned to the Seventh Precinct.” (A 2/3 majority vote required) (Time 4:25 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting Time (4:37 p.m.)

Vice Chair Woods motioned “to postpone the closed-door session until the next available meeting.” The motion passed.

14. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.