

**Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 2, 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 Darren Penson provided the invocation.

2. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Charnita Williams and Mr. Jahdante Smith 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		Excused
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	7	3

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, October 2, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for September 25, 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.**

A. **Oath Administration and Badge Presentation for Investigator Toiya Lawrence**

**Chair Dewaelsche** called Investigator Toiya Lawrence to take the oath of office. Chair Dewaelsche administered the oath of office and congratulated Investigator Lawrence for her service and dedication to the citizens of Detroit and presented her with her badge.

8. **Chief of Police Report.**

**Deputy Chief Karl Sloan** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. On October 1, 2025, a shooting occurred at the Rosa Parks Transit Center. The two parties involved in this shooting were taken into custody. A physical altercation that occurred two months ago between the two parties is what led to the shooting. On September 25, 2025, there was a fatal hit-and-run accident on the Eastside. The suspect fled the scene but was quickly apprehended and taken into custody. On September 29, 2025, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged the suspect with operating while intoxicated causing death, reckless driving causing death and leaving the scene of an accident. In the past week, the Detroit Police Department joined the DEA, the Detroit Wayne Integrated Health Network, Love Detroit Prevention Coalition, and the Youth Connection as they announced the installation of permanent DEA prescription drug take-back boxes. Unused prescription drugs can be disposed of in the boxes. On September 29, 2025, the Detroit Police Department celebrated and decorated the career

of Corporal Lester Lee, who served for 28 years with the Police Department. On October 1, 2025, Chief Todd Bettison held a Walk a Mile Wednesday in the Twelfth Precinct. On October 3, 2025, Chief Bettison will be a panelist at the Community Investment Breakfast. On October 14, 2025, the Third Precinct will be sponsoring a senior bingo with karaoke event.

**Commissioner Bernard** inquired on where the Chili Cook Off event is going to be held. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that she will find out that information and get back to Commissioner Bernard.

**Vice Chair Woods** requested that Deputy Chief Sloan elaborate on the drug take-back program. Additionally, inquired about Faith in Blue. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that the Board will receive the details on Faith in Blue. As it pertains to the drug take-back program, the boxes are available in every precinct. No questions will be asked and citizens can drop off any unused prescription drugs.

9. **Oral Communication / Public Comments: continued** – Ms. Ann Byrne and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

10. **Presentations to the Board.**

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

- A. Chief of Police Recommendation to Promote to the Ranks of Lieutenant, Sergeant and Detective
- B. City of Detroit Civil Rights, Inclusion & Opportunity Department Memorandum Re: White vs. BOPC, 22-0113-C
- C. 250929 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- D. 250929 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- E. Budget Committee Memorandum
- F. Announcements

Next Board Meeting (Community): 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

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 14, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

12. **Unfinished Business.**

13. **New Business.**

14. **Adjournment.**

**Chair Dewaelsche** adjourned the meeting at 3:39 p.m.