

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 9, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Location: Considine Little Rock Recreation Center, 8904 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, MI 48202

1. **Chair Dewaelsche** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was declared.

A. **Invocation.** Commissioner Cedric Banks provided the invocation.
2. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Charnita Williams, Minister Eric Blount, and Ms. Bernice 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		Excused
Linda D. Bernard, Esq.	Yes	
Cedric Banks	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	7	3

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, October 9, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 2, 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 and Third Precinct Report.**

Chief Todd Bettison reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Chief Bettison had Walk a Mile Wednesday on Wednesday, October 8, 2025. The final Walk a Mile Wednesday will be Wednesday, October 15, 2025. On Monday, October 7, 2025, a press conference was held where DPD reported out on 3rd quarter crime statistics.

Commissioner Moore inquired when a crime stat is categorized as a crime. **Chief Bettison** stated that it is treated as a crime and preliminary crime data is placed on the investigation. It is treated as a crime and is investigated. Upon a complete investigation, the crime will be properly categorized even if it is not a crime at all. What is reported out in crime statistics is preliminary in nature.

Commissioner Burton thanked the Chief and his team for their hard work and services in the reduction of crime. **Chief Bettison** stated thank you.

Commissioner Bernard inquired about the overdose related calls and drug trafficking in Detroit. Has the Department been able to identify where the drugs are coming from into Detroit and are there any special initiatives to try and stop drug trafficking in the community? **Chief Bettison** stated that DPD is partnered with the DEA drug task force and the largest drug bust in Michigan history occurred recently. Millions of dollars' worth of Fentanyl has been taken off the

streets. **Commissioner Bernard** asked what the number one drug in the City of Detroit is. **Chief Bettison** stated it's a combination and mixture of various drugs. Heroin, meth, crack, fentanyl and pills are on the streets in the City of Detroit.

Vice Chair Woods inquired about two officers that resigned and if they resigned in good standing. Vice Chair Woods was referring to the separation report. **Chief Bettison** stated that he hasn't seen that report and is therefore not familiar with those two officers that Vice Chair Woods is referring to. Additionally, Chief Bettison stated that if an officer resigns under investigation, it will state that the officer resigned under investigation/charges. **Vice Chair Woods** inquired on what ICE stood for. **Chief Bettison** stated that the officer resigned from DPD to start working with ICE. Chief Bettison stated that DPD has lost approximately four officers who have resigned to take positions with ICE. **Vice Chair Woods** requested that DPD HR Director Katrina Patillo report out to the Board on how many officers have resigned from DPD to start employment with ICE. **Chief Bettison** stated absolutely.

Chair Dewaelsche stated that she was wondering if ICE hiring initiative was going to have an impact on DPD officers leaving.

Commander Matthew Fulgenzi reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the Third Precinct. Commander Fulgenzi stated that data driven strategies have been pivotal in driving down crime in the area. The Community Summit was held last week at Public Safety Headquarters. Every month throughout the summer the Third Precinct hosted a community bike ride. The final one will be October 23, 2025. Senior bingo will be on October 14, 2025. The next community meeting is October 21, 2025.

Vice Chair Woods stated that Commander Fulgenzi is an amazing commander. Commander Fulgenzi is always available to assist. Vice Chair Woods inquired if Commander Fulgenzi keeps up with the number of complaints that are out of the Third Precinct. **Commander Fulgenzi** stated that there are tracking mechanisms in place to track those complaints. **Vice Chair Woods** inquired if complaints are up or down in the Third Precinct. **Commander Fulgenzi** stated he doesn't have that information available at this time.

Commissioner Bernard congratulated Commander Fulgenzi on having the lowest rate of Shot Spotter hits. Inquired on what is causing less shots fired in the Third Precinct. **Commander Fulgenzi** stated that it is teamwork, working with the community and deploying officers to needed areas to deter such incidents.

Commissioner Moore inquired if all three casinos are in the Third Precinct. **Commander Fulgenzi** stated yes.

9. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Former Commissioner William Davis, Mr. Elvis Beal, Mr. Jahdante Smith and Ms. Charnita Williams provided public comments.

10. **Presentations to the Board.**

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

- A. Chief of Police Appointment to the Rank of Captain
- B. 251006 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- C. 251006 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- D. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, October 16, 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 14, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.
Policy Committee, Tuesday, October 21, 2025 @ 5:00 p.m.

12. Unfinished Business.

13. New Business.

A. Motion to Cancel October 30, 2025 Weekly BOPC Board Meeting

Chair Dewaelsche motioned to “cancel the October 30, 2025 Weekly BOPC Board Meeting.” The motion passed.

14. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m.