

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 23, 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 Soca Taylor provided the invocation.
2. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Alvina Gatson, Mr. Myles McHaney IV and Minister Eric Blount 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	Yes	
Willie E. Bell		Excused
Willie E. Burton		Excused
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	2

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, October 23, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for October 16, 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. Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Darren Stallworth (Posthumously)

Memorial Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Darren Stallworth

Whereas, Retired Police Officer Darren Stallworth was appointed to the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy on November 20, 1995. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Patrol Officer Section with the Ninth Precinct on May 2, 1996; and

Whereas, Officer Stallworth found a home in the Ninth Precinct as he served and patrolled its communities and neighborhoods continuously during his career. When a reorganization assigned him to the Eastern District from September 14, 2005 to January 6, 2014, he remained a cornerstone for the thousands of residents, youth, business owners, and others that he had encountered since his first day on patrol. After his official reassignment to the Ninth Precinct on January 6, 2014, Officer Stallworth continued to patrol and protect the beloved eastside until his retirement on November 24, 2015; and

Whereas, During active service, he was the deserving recipient of numerous honors. His acknowledgements include the 2005 Major League Baseball All-Star Game Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, and

the 2006 NFL Superbowl XL Award, as well as numerous commendations from supervisors and letters of appreciation from the citizenry. During his 20 years with the Detroit Police Department and long after his retirement, he remained widely respected in the community and in law enforcement as the consummate professional; and

Whereas, Retired Police Officer Darren Stallworth was a tremendous resource and mentor to many across metro Detroit. Sadly, he passed away on October 10, 2025 at 57 years old, leaving his family, friends, and his former colleagues at the Police Department and throughout public safety and law enforcement to mourn the loss of a remarkable and dedicated public servant.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners recognizes retired Police Officer Darren Stallworth posthumously in honor of his 20 years of dedicated service to the Ninth Precinct, the Police Department, and the City of Detroit. The Board joins with the community in mourning his passing and extends sincere condolences to his family and friends.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “to approve the Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Darren Stallworth (Posthumously).” The motion was approved.

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. Current events going on in the City of Detroit include the following: Cycling with the Community occurring Thursday, October 23, 2025 in the Third Precinct located at 2875 West Grand Boulevard beginning at 6:00 p.m. On Friday, October 24, 2025, the Domestic Violence Unit and the Victims Assistance Program will be hosting a domestic violence awareness event. On Saturday, October 25, 2025, every Detroit Police Department precinct will be hosting drop-off Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Community members will be able to dispose of unused medication safely by dropping them off at any DPD precinct. Also on Saturday, October 25, 2025, Citizens Radio Patrol will be hosting their quarterly meeting at 10:00 a.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. On Wednesday, October 29, 2025, there will be Community and Cops Game Night at the Ninth Precinct. On Friday, October 31, 2025, Citywide Initiative Halloween in the D will take place with each precinct hosting a trunk or treat for members of the community.

Commissioner Moore inquired about an article that was published in Bridge Detroit that stated that the City of Detroit is only solving 4 out of 10 violent crimes between 2019 and 2024. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that he is unfamiliar with the article. **Commissioner Moore** inquired about what the Department considers to be a GANG. **Assistant Chief Hayes** spoke about the Gang Intelligence Unit and what their mission consists of and provided the federal definition of a gang according to the Department of Justice and the Department of Homeland Security. **Commissioner Moore** inquired if the City of Detroit still has a gang problem. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that they have done a great job addressing gang violence but there are still groups and gangs throughout the City.

Commissioner Bernard inquired about there being a unit in DPD that goes into the schools to speak with the youth about gun issues. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that Captain Derek Griffin oversees programs of that nature as well as various other programs. Assistant Chief Hayes also briefly spoke of the various programs that the Department has as it pertains to reaching the youth. **Commissioner Bernard** inquired if officers use the speaker that is in their police cruiser to address crowds. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that is an option that an officer may use but the officer has the discretion and authority to approach the crowds to address them.

9. Oral Communication / Public Comments: continued – Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Former Commissioner Reginald Crawford and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

10. Presentations to the Board.

11. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier.

- A. Recommendation for Pay Increase for Director Katrina Patillo
- B. 251020 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- C. 251020 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- D. Policy Committee Memorandum
- E. Announcements

The October 30, 2025 BOPC Board Meeting has been cancelled due to the Annual NACOLE Conference

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, November 6, 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, Wednesday, November 5, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

12. Unfinished 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 motioned "to postpone the closed-door session until the November 6, 2025 meeting." The motion passed.

13. New Business.

- A. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 403.5 Drug and Controlled Substance Abuse

Commissioner Bernard motioned, "By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt Item 8A Directive 403.5 Drug and Controlled Substance Abuse." The motion was adopted.

14. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 4:18 p.m.