



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Police Commissioners  
**FROM:** Linda Bernard, Esq., Chairperson Policy Committee  
**DATE:** November 18, 2025  
**RE:** Policy Committee Meeting Memo

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Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Policy (BOPC) Committee, please find the key updates from the committee meeting held on November 18, 2025:

**Board Attendees:** Committee Chairperson Linda Bernard, BOPC Chairperson Eva Dewaelsche, Vice Chairperson Darryl Woods, Sr.

**BOPC Staff/DPD Staff:** BOPC Secretary – Lydia Garnier, BOPC Executive Policy Manager – Felecia Tyson, BOPC Administrative Assistant – Armani Arnold, BOPC Administrative Assistant – Candace Hayes, Civilian Oversight Analyst – Mary Barber, and Deputy Chief Michael Parrish

**Community/Committee Attendees:** Honorable Cylenthia LaToye Miller, 3<sup>rd</sup> Judicial Circuit Court  
During Tuesday's Policy Committee meeting, Judge Cylenthia Miller provided a brief but highly informative analysis of Directive 203.5 – Juveniles and School Incidents. Her review highlighted several key areas where the directive can be strengthened to better align with Michigan juvenile law and current judicial practice. She brought forward relevant statutory and judicial resources, including:

- **MCL § 712A.14 – Officers or county agent authorized to take child into custody; notice; jail or detention facility.**
- Sections of the **Michigan Juvenile Justice Benchbook:**
  - **2.3 – Jurisdiction Over Status Offenders,**
  - **3.2 – Obtaining Custody of a Juvenile Without a Family Division Order,**
  - **3.3 – Obtaining Custody of a Juvenile with a Family Division Order,**
  - **3.4 – Conditions for Detention of a Juvenile,**
  - **Chapter 4 – Diversion and Consent Calendar Procedures,**
  - **7.7 – Statements Made by Juveniles.**

Her guidance emphasized how these legal standards impact police authority, juvenile custody decisions, diversion opportunities, and the handling of juvenile statements. The information provided will be instrumental in updating Directive 203.5 to ensure it is both legally sound and operationally effective for officers responding to incidents involving juveniles and school environments.

All recommendations will be incorporated into the final copy of the policy and to be presented to the Board.

**The next Policy Committee meeting is TBD**