

Draft Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, December 4, 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 Pope provided the invocation.

2. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Mike Singleton 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	Yes	
Willie E. Burton	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Ricardo Moore		Excused
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	2

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, December 4, 2025. The motion was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for November 20, 2025 for Mykel Golden and Ahmed Aljebori. The minutes were adopted as presented.
7. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
8. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Dewaelsche**

A. **Resolution Honoring Former Michigan State Representative Fred Durhal Jr. (Posthumously)**

Resolution Honoring Former Michigan State Representative Fred Durhal Jr. (Posthumously)

Whereas, The Honorable Fred Durhal Jr. learned responsibility, public service, and community advocacy growing up in Detroit as the oldest of 12 children. Born in Rochester, New York, he came to the city as an infant when his parents followed professional and social opportunities to the Motor City. His father Fred Sr. worked for the railroad and was an active member of his labor union. His mother Jean Whaley Durhal led the neighborhood block club and school PTAs; and

Whereas, With his community roots and outgoing personality, he drew interest from Mayor Coleman A. Young, who appointed Fred Jr. as an assistant to work on programs important to residents and safe neighborhoods, including outreach for citizen radio patrols and the anti-arson campaign during the

Devils Night-Halloween period. From Mayor Young to Congresswoman Barbara Rose Collins, elected officials benefited from his passion for public service and commitment to Detroit's progress; and

Whereas, Fred Durhal Jr. made public safety and services key issues when he became a candidate for the Michigan House of Representatives. He won a special election to fill the district vacancy left when Rep. Kwame Kilpatrick became mayor in 2002. State Rep. Durhal returned to Lansing again from 2009-2016. He relentlessly advocated for his constituents and championed the City of Detroit as he served on the powerful appropriations committee and became expert in general government and corrections budgets. Detroit Police Commissioners and other leaders worked with him throughout his career in the public and private sectors, always finding him an unwavering supporter of safe neighborhoods and community-led oversight of the Police Department; and

Whereas, Detroit lost a great champion on November 19, 2025, when Fred Durhal Jr. died at age 73. The Board joins the greater Detroit community in mourning the loss of this remarkable statesman and leader. His legacy endures in his legislative achievements and through his six children, including Fred III, who followed in his footsteps as a State Representative before his election to the Detroit City Council. Our sincere condolences go to all his family, friends, and many colleagues across Detroit and the state.

Therefore, be it

Resolved, The Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution posthumously in honor of the dedicated public service of the Honorable Fred Durhal Jr., whose contributions as a State Representative, Congressional and Mayoral aide, and civic leader greatly benefited public safety, area residents, and the City of Detroit.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, "to adopt the Resolution Honoring Former Michigan State Representative Fred Durhal Jr." The motion was adopted.

9. **Chief of Police Report.**

Deputy Chief Michael Parish reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Charges were recently filed in a homicide in connection with a missing case. Christian Epps was reported missing on October 30, 2025 by his mother. His remains were located on November 3, 2025. 39 year-old Michael Knox of Detroit has been charged in connection with the homicide. Charges have been issued in connection with a June fatal crash. On June 19, 2025, a male victim in his 40s was laying unresponsive in the roadway at West 7 Mile and Ferguson after being struck by two vehicles. The Department's Fatal Squad Unit completed the investigation and on November 21, 2025, identified Darryl Rice of Detroit as the suspect involved in the fatal crash. Community updates include the following: several precincts participated in a turkey giveaway for the community during the Thanksgiving holiday. On Monday, December 1, 2025, Detroit PAL collaborated with Detroit Red Wings and Detroit Tigers to provide PAL kids with an extra special Christmas by taking the children on a shopping spree at Meijer. On November 20, 2025, two of the Department's law enforcement explorers experienced a house fire. 18-year-old Deanna Hayes and her 15-year-old brother Elante Irvin suffered smoke inhalation and Elante suffered first and second degree burns on his hands and feet. Both are active in the Department's Explorers Program. The family lost clothing, school supplies and personal items in the fire. There is a GoFundMe set up on Facebook for the family.

Commissioner Banks inquired about the woman that was shot 6 times. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that it would be inappropriate for him to speak about that incident as it is currently under investigation. Stated that the video will be released in accordance with the video release policy. **Commissioner Banks** inquired about the pregnant woman that was tased. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that he doesn't have the facts pertaining to that incident and therefore cannot make a report on it. Stated that he can look into the incident and report back to the Commissioner. **Commissioner Banks** requested to see the body worn camera / dash cam video of the tasing incident involving the pregnant citizen. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated understood.

Commissioner Burton inquired about a closed-door session next week regarding the concerns that Commissioner Banks has raised. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that he can look into that being a possibility. The officer involved shooting is being investigated by the Michigan State Police and would have to see if it is feasible for them to provide a briefing on the incident. Stated that he will have an answer to the Board Secretary very soon.

Vice Chair Woods stated that he agrees with Commissioner Burton on a closed-door session being held to address Commissioner Banks concerns.

Commissioner Bernard expressed concern about the uptick of use of force by officers in the community. Provided a recommendation that there be an internal task force to look at these issues. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely Commissioner.

10. **Oral Communication / Public Comments: continued** – Ms. Bonita Davis, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Bernice Smith and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.

11. **Presentation to the Board.**

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

- A. ALWOP PO Hollis
- B. ALWOP PO Allen
- C. DPD Budget Report – Q1 FY26
- D. 251124 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- E. 251124 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- F. 251201 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- G. 251201 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- H. Budget Committee Memorandum
- I. Policy Committee Memorandum
- J. Announcements

Next Board Meeting (Community): Thursday, December 11, 2025 @ 6:30 p.m. at WCCCD Curtis Ivery Campus, 1001 West Fort Street, Detroit, MI 48226

January Community Meeting: Thursday, January 8, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 12th Precinct @ TBD

Next Committee Meetings – All Committee Meetings held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Monday, December 8, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

13. **Unfinished Business**

14. **New Business.**

A. Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 203.5 Juveniles and School Incidents

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “By direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy Item 8A, Directive 203.5 Juveniles and School Incidents.” The motion passed.

Commissioner Bernard motioned, “I move that we move forward to extend the expiration date of December 9, 2025 to Friday, December 12, 2025 of the following Special Orders, based on the polling consensus of the Policy Committee Members.” The motion passed.

Policy Directive 201.11 Use of Force/Detainee Injury Reporting/Investigation
Policy Directive 202.2 Search and Seizure
Policy Directive 204.3 Operating While Intoxicated
Policy Directive 305.4 Transportation of Detainees

B. 2024-2025 Annual Report

Vice Chair Woods motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the BOPC 2024 Annual Report.” The motion passed.

C. BOPC 2026 Calendar

Vice Chair Woods motioned, “to amend the BOPC 2026 Calendar to include that two schools host a meeting.” The motion passed.

Vice Chair Woods motioned, “that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the BOPC 2026 Calendar including the amendment to have two schools host a meeting.” The motion passed.

15. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.

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