

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 15, 2026 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

1. **Commissioner Camille** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. A quorum was not declared.
 - A. **Invocation.** Chaplain Troy Danzler provided the invocation.
2. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Lieutenant Mark Young provided public comment.
3. **Quorum Met - 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	
Henrietta Ivey	Yes	
Lavish T. Williams	Yes	
Darious Morris	Yes	
Scott Boman	Yes	
Beverly J. Watts	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Victoria Camille	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the amended Agenda for Thursday, January 15, 2026 to move New Business Item 8A Motion in support of the reappointment of Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison prior to the Chief of Police report. The amended Agenda was accepted and adopted.
5. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 8, 2026. The minutes were adopted as presented.
6. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2025 for Eric Hollis. The minutes were adopted as presented.
7. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for December 18, 2025 for Coleton Allen. The minutes were adopted as presented.
8. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
9. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Dewaelsche**

A. Resolution Honoring Police Officer Tilman Blair (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Police Officer Tilman Blair (Posthumously)

- WHEREAS** From an early age, Tilman Blair made a personal commitment to serving the community and becoming a police officer. His dedication led him to join the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy on August 14, 1967. Upon graduation, Police Officer Blair was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on October 21, 1967 and assigned to the Thirteenth Precinct; and
- WHEREAS** Police Officer Blair excelled in his assignments and exhibited excellence in working with the community. After serving the Thirteenth Precinct, his assignments included the Fourth Precinct, the Identification Section, the Court Section, the Special Events Section, the Traffic Enforcement Unit, the Second Precinct, and the Traffic Safety Unit, where he served until his retirement on December 1, 2025; and
- WHEREAS** During 58 tremendous years of service, he was the deserving recipient of numerous recognitions and awards. His honors included 2005 Major League Baseball Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, the NFL

Superbowl XL Award in 2006, the 2014 Ford Fireworks Award, both Consent Judgement Awards, and the Chief's Unit Award in 2016. He also received many accolades from area residents, as well as praise from peers and superiors who considered him a consummate law enforcement professional; and

WHEREAS Police Officer Blair loved working in public safety and was very proud to be a law enforcement professional and a member of the City of Detroit Police Department. His nearly six decades of service was a rare and remarkable achievement, and he touched and inspired scores of people during his career. Sadly, retired Police Officer Tilman Blair passed away on Month, Day, Year. The Board extends sincere condolences to his family and friends, who will celebrate his remarkable life on Monday, Day, Year, location.

Therefore, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Police Commissioners awards this resolution posthumously in honor of retired Police Officer Tilman Blair for his lasting impact on Detroit and residents during 58 years with the Detroit Police Department. His passionate dedication to law enforcement and his many contributions to public safety for Detroit residents merit our highest regards.

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to approve the resolution honoring Police Officer Tilman Blair (Posthumously)." The motion was adopted.

B. Motion in support of the reappointment of Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison

Vice Chair Woods motioned "in support of the reappointment of Todd A. Bettison for the Chief of Police." The motion passed.

10. Chief of Police Report.

Chief Todd A. Bettison reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Chief Bettison held a joint press conference with the Mayor, community partners and council member Angela Whitfield-Calloway. An ordinance requires all hotels/motels to display signage communicating that there is help for trafficking victims. Additionally, the Vice Unit is working diligently as it pertains to big events, which tend to draw large crowds that leads to an uptick in sex trafficking. Traffic enforcement efforts last week lead to 330 traffic stops, 776 tickets for moving violations were written and 93 tickets for speeding. The enforcement took place in the Seventh, Eighth, Tenth and Twelfth Precincts. Over the last 3 weeks, the Narcotics Unit executed several search warrants, which lead to three felony arrests, eleven misdemeanor arrests and recovered amounts of cocaine, fentanyl, marijuana and pills off the street. In 2025, there were 143 incidents where DPD officers administered Narcan prior to EMS arriving. On Friday, January 23, 2026, the Detroit Police Department will be hosting a fair for community members who are in search of services related to special needs, mental health, physical services and intellectual disabilities. The fair will be held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. On Wednesday, January 14, 2026, there was an in-custody death at the Detroit Detention Center. A male was in DDC custody for larceny. During rounds the gentleman was found unconscious and was later determined to be deceased. It appears that it was due to natural causes, however, it is being investigated and awaiting autopsy results.

Commissioner Williams inquired about what the typical response time is for officers and are there officers sitting at the transit center. **Chief Bettison** stated that DPD typically does have a transit unit and that 98% of the time there is a DPD unit sitting at Jason Hargrove Transit Center and also at the Rosa Parks Transit Center. **Commander Fulgenzi** stated that the Rosa Parks Transit Center is staffed 24/7/365.

Commissioner Watts inquired about what the average response time is and does it vary. **Chief Bettison** stated that it does. For last week, priority one, the response time was ten minutes and thirty-six seconds. This is measured from the time a citizen calls 911 to the time DPD officers arrive to the citizen. Stated that it can vary from day to day depending on what's going on.

Commissioner Boman inquired about a City Council settlement that occurred last week where half a million dollars was paid out and the incident involved some police interaction. Requested that the Board receive that information. **Chief Bettison** deferred to Corporation Counsel. **Corporation Counsel** Conrad Mallett stated that he would be glad to get that information over to the Commissioner. **Commissioner Boman** inquired on how well inmates are monitored, in reference to the inmate that passed while in custody. **Chief Bettison** stated that officers do thirty-minute checks. Pertaining to that incident, the individual presented with health problems, was taken to the hospital and then released into police custody. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if there are vehicles jointly operated by federal and local agencies. **Chief Bettison** stated no.

Commissioner Camille requested a status on the audit that Vice Chair Woods requested during the November 5th policy meeting pertaining to gas stations. **Chief Bettison** deferred to Deputy Chief Michael Parish. **Deputy Chief Michael Parish** stated that the audit was completed, and he will summarize the results and meet with the Board and OCI. Audit was conducted and of the

audit sampling, 93.21% were determined by the Civil Rights Division finding no issues within the stops. The remaining numbers, there were concerns regarding the in-car video and/or the body-worn camera usage due to some limitation or issue an appropriate review could not be done. There was one verified case where an officer conducted a search based on the smell of marijuana. **Commissioner Camille** requested that the Board receive a copy of the answers that the Chief of Police provides to Councilwoman Gabriela Santiago-Romero regarding ICE. **Chief Bettison** stated yes, that as he sends his responses to her, he will send that information to the Board as well. Both parties will receive it at the same time. **Commissioner Camille** inquired on how a deeper look can be taken to make sure that DPD is not passively or unknowingly assisting ICE through technology. Would like an audit across all surveillance technology to identify points of entry that ICE may have to leverage DPD data to conduct immigration enforcement. **Chief Bettison** stated that he welcomes that suggestion. ICE does not use DPD facilities and DPD does not share data with ICE.

11. **Oral Communication / Public Comments – continued:** Ms. Noelle Belanger, Mr. Jimmy McCarroll, Ms. Selesa Likine, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Beth Powder, Ms. Fredia Butler, Mr. Jahdante’ Smith, Ms. Rella Landfair, Ms. Bonita Davis, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Avery Bolt, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Veronica Rodriguez, Mr. Adam, Ms. Audrey Bourriaud, Ms. Jenny Marck, Ms. Jawana Oliver, Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Loren Branch, Ms. Gwendolyn Gibson, Ms. Monique Donahue, Ms. Molly Moening, Ms. Sandra Turner-Handy and Ms. C Gina Brown-Anderson provided public comments.

12. **Presentation to the Board**

- A. **DPD Budget Report (FY Q1 July-September 2025) – 10 Minutes**
- B. **Human Resources Bureau – 10 Minutes**

Vice Chair Woods motioned “to postpone the DPD Budget Report and Human Resources until next week.” The motion passed.

13. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier**

- A. 260112 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 260112 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

February Community Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 11th Precinct @ TBD

Next Committee Meeting – All Committee Meetings held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Personnel & Training Committee Meeting – Tuesday, January 20, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

14. **Unfinished Business**

- A. **Discussion – Reporting of Lawsuits Filed Against DPD.**

Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallett stated that he would pass out the form pertaining to this matter and that he and Commissioners can have a substantial conversation about it next week.

15. **New Business**

- A. **Statement of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners in Response to the Killing of Renee Good of Minneapolis, Minnesota by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Response to the Murder of Renee Good of Minneapolis by ICE

Detroiters have a long and proud tradition of civic engagement. Through rallies, marches, sit-ins, legal observation, protests, public comment, art, education, and leafletting, residents have long participated in shaping our shared civic life. While we may not always agree with one another, we affirm that everyone is guaranteed constitutional rights to religion, speech, press, peaceful assembly, and petitioning their government. These freedoms are central to the values we hold as Americans.

When actions by law enforcement raise concerns about the protection of these fundamental liberties, it can be deeply unsettling for individuals and communities alike. Those engaged in advocacy at many levels are reminded of the importance of vigilance in safeguarding these rights. Incidents that call these protections into question can have far-reaching impacts, including physical and emotional harm, fear, and distress—not only for those directly involved, but also for their families, communities, and others who are affected by learning of such events.

We acknowledge that practices and approaches within law enforcement can sometimes extend beyond individual agencies. While the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Charter-mandated authority is limited to oversight of the Detroit Police Department, our broader concern is the safety and well-being of Detroit residents in all interactions with law enforcement.

We strongly oppose the use of law enforcement to undermine lawful dissent or to limit First Amendment activity. Accordingly, we remain committed to ongoing review of policies, departmental conduct, and community complaints, and to addressing concerns promptly and responsibly when they arise.

We will continue to explore all lawful and constructive avenues available to us to help ensure that residents are protected and that constitutional rights are respected within the City of Detroit.

We respectfully urge Mayor Mary Sheffield and the Detroit City Council to affirm that federal law enforcement agencies engaging with Detroit residents do so in a manner consistent with the policies and procedures that govern local law enforcement.

Finally, we encourage city, county, and state prosecutors to consider establishing clear processes to ensure accountability when any individual employed by or contracted with the federal government is alleged to have violated the rights or safety of Detroit residents.

Commissioner Camille moved for adoption of "Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Response to the Murder of Renee Good of Minneapolis by ICE." The motion passed.

16. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.