

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Location: Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church, 13651 Dequindre Street, Detroit, MI 48212

1. **Vice Chair Woods** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was declared.
2. **Quorum Met – Introduction of Police Commissioners.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chair		Excused
Darryl Woods, Vice Chair	Yes	
Henrietta Ivey	Yes	
Lavish T. Williams	Yes	
Darios Morris	Yes	
Scott Boman	Yes	
Beverly J. Watts	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Victoria Camille	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	1

3. **Vice Chair Woods** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 12, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.
4. **Vice Chair Woods** requested the approval of the Closed Session Minutes for February 5, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.
5. **Invocation.** Pastor Dr. Louis Forsythe provided the invocation.
6. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**
7. **Vice Chair Woods** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 5, 2026. The minutes were adopted as presented.
8. **BOPC Officers' Report – Vice Chair Darryl Woods.**

A. Resolution Honoring Retired Sergeant David Babcock (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Retired Sergeant David Babcock (Posthumously)

WHEREAS Officer David Babcock joined the Detroit Police Department on August 18, 1969. Following his graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Second Precinct. Officer Babcock had the opportunity to work in various assignments which included the Aviation Section, the Seventh Precinct, and the Crime Laboratory Section, a division responsible for analyzing evidence from crime scenes and interpreting laboratory findings; and

WHEREAS On December 22, 1999, Officer Babcock was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. He ensured members maintained detailed reports regarding the findings of evidence for use in criminal investigations, court proceedings, and witness testimony, while at the Crime Laboratory Section. On January 18, 2000, Sergeant Babcock was assigned to Crime Scene Services, where he managed his team, ensuring the preservation of evidence and promoting a safe work environment. Throughout his tenure, Sergeant Babcock was dedicated to preserving evidence and photographing numerous crime scenes across the city of Detroit and provided expert witness testimony, significantly contributing to the criminal justice process; and

WHEREAS Throughout his stellar career, Sergeant Babcock was the recipient of the NFL Super Bowl XL Award, Rosa Parks Funeral Award, MLB All-Star Game Award, 2014 Fireworks Award, six Departmental Citations, several Chief's Merit Awards, the Perfect Attendance Award, the conclusion of Consent and the Confinement Judgement Award; and

WHEREAS Sergeant David Babcock concluded his distinguished career with the Detroit Police Department on September 9, 2022, after dedicating over fifty-three (53) years of service to both the department and the citizens of Detroit. On January 23, 2026, the Family Advocate and Management Liaison for Engagement (FAMLE) received notification of the passing of Retired Sergeant David Babcock, badge S-1132. The Board extends sincere condolences to his family and friends, who will celebrate his remarkable life on Saturday, February 14, 2026.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby honor and recognize Retired Sergeant David Babcock for his fifty-three years of faithful and honorable service to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit

Commissioner Williams motioned "to adopt the resolution honoring retired Sergeant David Babcock." The motion was adopted.

9. 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. On February 5, 2026, officers from the Narcotics Unit substantial and simultaneous search warrants at an apartment complex, a senior apartment building in the 8300 block of East Jefferson Street. The investigation revealed that the suspect was producing illegal substances and distributing them in the building. Officers made one felony arrest, confiscated large amounts of cocaine, fentanyl and marijuana. Officers received three handguns and one AR-15 rifle. From February 1st through February 7th, the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted operations in the 8th, 9th, 11th, and 12th Precincts. Officers conducted a total of 462 traffic stops and issued a total of 1,011 tickets for moving violations and 201 tickets for speeding. On Monday, February 9, Assistant Chief Ewing swore in and appointed 16 new police chaplains. The Detroit Police Department has one of the largest Chaplain Corps, which support families in need and officers, especially in times of crisis. DPD chaplains have been active for over 50 years. The unit is made up of volunteers. On February 11, the Department shared a recent scam regarding fraudulent texts from the 36th District Court concerning unpaid parking citations. The Department is advising members of the community to not respond to the text or click or any link but delete the message and report it as spam. If anyone has been scammed, they can report that to the Federal Trade Commission as well. Tomorrow, February 13, the Chief will be having Cupid Bingo with the Chief. It will be at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters in the Skyler Herbert Room. On Saturday, March 7, there will be a Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy Forum. The Detroit Police Department will be hosting that event. Community members are encouraged to come and voice their concerns and learn procedures that the police use to accomplish their duties. It will be held at Say Detroit Play Center with a start time of 9:00 a.m. To register, contact Sergeant Justin Hearn 313-900-9377. It will be on the Departments social media page as well. Chief Bettison spoke before City Council regarding how Detroit police interact and do they enforce immigration laws. Chief Bettison has stated publicly that they do not and that's against their policies, rules and procedures. If during a traffic stop the individual doesn't speak English, it is against their policy to contact a federal agency such as Border Patrol, ICE or any other federal agency to assist with language translation. Such actions on the part of any member of the DPD constitutes an egregious violation of local and department policy. DPD holds contracts with certified translation services that can be contacted 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. There's absolutely no reason to contact federal law enforcement agencies to assist with translation services. On February 9 at 3:15 p.m., a sergeant of the Detroit Police Department responded to an officers request for a supervisor for a traffic stop. The officer requested the sergeant to the scene because the subject didn't speak English. The sergeant made the decision to contact Border Patrol, which is a violation of our department policy. Border Patrol did arrive. Border Patrol conducted their investigation. Border Patrol determined that the individual was not a U.S. citizen and was taken by Border Patrol. The sergeant has been suspended with pay. A request to suspend without pay has been submitted to the Board. The Department has procedures in place where body-worn cameras are audited. During an audit of body-worn cameras, supervisors determined that on December 16, 2025 a police officer was investigating an individual on a felony warrant at a location on the west side. This police officer, believing that the individual was not a U.S. citizen, decided to contact Border Patrol. Border Patrol responded and ultimately took the individual. That officer was suspended immediately and has submitted that officer to the Board to be suspended without pay as well. Chief Bettison stated that 98-99% of the officers do it the right way every day. But the 1-2% that decide to violate the rules and procedures will be held accountable. Chief Bettison told this to Council member Santiago-Romero. Chief Bettison stated that he intends to terminate these two officers. Chief Bettison stated that he intends to look into how often officers are utilizing the translation services. Last year it was utilized 1,522 times.

Commissioner Watts inquired if there is a plan to offer officers a refresher course or retraining as it pertains to the policy on calling federal agencies. **Chief Bettison** stated that the Department has issued teletypes, they have trained and this is not anything new. Stated that he had a meeting today with all the Commanders and Captains and stressed to them the necessity to go to roll calls and let their members know what the penalties will be and how severe it is and that the Department does not do immigration enforcement. The Department does not call federal agencies for translation services when the Department has translation services. Stated that there is no excuse for it and it will not be tolerated.

Commissioner Camille stated that she had a question regarding LEIN. Stated that she believes Chief Bettison clarified before that if someone is taken into DDC that ICE can see in the LEIN system that they're being detained there and then with the signed judicial warrant, then the Department will be required to allow ICE to come and take them. Inquired if there is anything in LEIN during a traffic stop that would pop up and draw ICE to a traffic stop or would LEIN not reflect that they're having an interaction with DPD that quickly. **Chief Bettison** stated that he is not aware that it would. Stated that when we ran them, even if it was something in the system that stated that they had an immigration hold and we saw it as DPD we still would not detain them from a traffic stop because we don't do immigration enforcement. Chief Bettison stated regarding Commissioner Camille question, he will circle back around so that he is spot on and correct. He just needs to verify and check. Stated that the individual would already be gone if they don't have a criminal offense to arrest them for. It would have to be an offense where they violated one of the local ordinances or state law. That's the only thing that the Detroit Police Department and officers are authorized to enforce. Stated that DPD is not going to detain someone for an immigration offense. **Commissioner Camille** inquired about the facial recognition reports and that those reports have not been showing any data for several weeks now. Inquired if that means that the technology has not been used in those timeframes. **Chief Bettison** requested someone from his team report out on that. **Assistant Chief Franklin Hayes** stated that the report is correct, there have not been facial recognition queries in the last two reporting periods. **Chief Bettison** stated that the Department will often get requests from citizens to use facial recognition and run it and sometimes they're very angry when they don't do it because their standards are strenuous. It will only be run for violent crimes, the Part 1 crimes. **Commissioner Camille** inquired when filing a police report, what personal information is provided and are they able to not provide that information or file anonymously or send a proxy if they're not comfortable coming forward themselves. **Chief Bettison** stated it depends on what type of police report it is. Narcotics complaints, the Department doesn't need your personal information. If it is a standardized police report when someone has been a victim of a crime, then at that point, their personal information is needed because it will be assigned to a detective. If they have probable cause that a crime has been committed, then it'll be sent over to the prosecutor's office and if the individual wants to proceed with pressing charges and holding that individual accountable then the prosecutor is going to need their personal information.

11th Precinct Report.

Captain Shannon Hampton reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the 11th Precinct.

Police Community Relations Council President Kim Jackson provided remarks.

10. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Rella May, Ms. Rella Landfair, Ms. Regina McBryde, Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Ms. Bonita Davis, Mr. J.G. Love, Mr. Terry Jones, Pastor Mo, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Taura Brown and Mr. Roosevelt Lawrence provided public comments.

11. Presentation to the Board.

12. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamler.

- A. FY 25-26 Committee Assignments
- B. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Denise Wallet
- C. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer James Corsi
- D. Applicant Appeal Request Anthony Lindsey
- E. Applicant Appeal Request Eric Stevens
- F. 260209 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- G. 260209 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- H. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

March Community Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 10th Precinct @ Helen Moore Community Center, 11825 Dexter Avenue, Detroit, MI 48206

13. Unfinished Business.

1. **Commissioner Camille** requested an update on the lawsuit report from corporation counsel. Inquired if Secretary Garnier knows the status of that report. **Secretary Garnier** stated that the communication from corporation counsel has not come in yet. It is still being revised to include the information regarding the column of defendant's names. Hopefully that report is in next week, in incoming communication.
2. **Commissioner Camille** requested an update on the gas station body-worn camera audit from Deputy Chief Michael Parish. Inquired if that has been received yet by the Board. **Secretary Garnier** stated that report has yet to come in. We have not received that yet. Secretary Garnier stated that we will reconcile tomorrow morning because we have a smart sheet going back and forth and Commissioner Camille will be updated tomorrow.

14. New Business.

1. **Commissioner Boman** motioned "that the Board of Police Commissioners direct that all correspondence intended for, impacting, or addressed to the Board be promptly distributed by the initial recipient to each individual commissioner in full, without omission." The motion failed.

15. Adjournment.

Vice Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.