

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 19, 2026 – 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. Jihad Taleb provided the invocation.

B. 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	
Darius Morris	Yes	
Scott Boman	Yes	
Beverly J. Watts	Yes	
Lisa Carter	Yes	
Victoria Camille	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

C. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 19, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

D. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

E. Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.

2. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Eva Garza Dewaelsche.**

3. **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. Critical incidents: On Wednesday February 18, 2026, in the Fourth Precinct, three individuals were found deceased inside of a residence. DPD is asking if anyone has any information regarding the incident to contact Detroit Police Homicide, Rewards TV or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-SPEAKUP. This is still an open investigation. On Wednesday February 11, 2026, officers from the Detroit Police Department Narcotics Unit executed three search warrants on the east side, the 1200 block of Coplin, the 2900 block of Drexel and the 1300 block of Lakeview. Officers made one felony arrest and confiscated cocaine, fentanyl, 3 firearms, over \$11,000 cash as well as packaging and processing materials for the distribution of these illegal drugs as well as ammunition. On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 4:28 a.m. at a gas station in the 15700 block of Joy Road a 60-year-old victim was carjacked, physically assaulted and fatally injured with his own vehicle. The individual was pursued by the Michigan State Police in the City of Dearborn, and he was subsequently arrested. Charges were submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office and the warrant was signed for felony murder, first-degree murder, and carjacking. Community updates: On Friday February 20, 2026, 26 student police officers will be graduating, who will take their oath and become full-sworn Detroit Police officers. It will commence at 10:30 a.m. at Second Ebenezer Church. Anyone interested can come and support these new men and women that are joining this agency. On Saturday, March 7, 2026, DPD will be hosting a Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy Forum to strengthen the relationship between police and the needs of the community. Community members are encouraged to voice their concerns and learn the procedures police use to accomplish and carry out their duties. This meeting will be held at Say Detroit Play Center at 9:00 a.m. To register, please contact Sergeant Justin Hearn at 313-900-9377.

Commissioner Camille inquired if Assistant Chief Hayes could provide an update around the situation with Ms. Tracy Allen. She stated that she is aware that there is a lawsuit and is not talking about that, but she understands that last year BOPC took action to approve administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits for the officer that shot her. Inquired if that is still that officer's status. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that is correct. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if we have a status on the warrant. Stated that it's routine for the department to submit a warrant to the prosecutor's office and if there are any updates on that. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that he has seen nothing in writing as it relates to the prosecutor's decision whether or not to charge. **Commissioner Camille** stated that given the updates that the Chief gave the BOPC last week, as well as to City Council this week regarding the two cases of Border Patrol being called, has the Department ramped up ways to uncover additional noncompliance, like increased auditing or anything

like that. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated yes, from the command level down to frontline supervision and the members themselves are being reminded, in many of the policies, through Teletype and electronically.

Assistant Chief Fitzgerald provided an update on the triple homicide that occurred in the Fourth Precinct. He stated that it was 3 gentlemen that were inside the home, a 72-year-old, 66-year-old and 65-year-old. All received blunt force trauma. They were left in the basement covered in old dirty clothing and carpeting. The suspect is a black male, between 5'5" and 5'7", dreadlocks, light complexion and probably in his early 30s.

Commissioner Watts inquired if the gas station where the carjacking incident occurred participated in the green light program. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that it was not.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired if Assistant Chief Hayes had an update on the three bodies that were just found yesterday. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that a lot has transpired since that discovery was made. This afternoon Assistant Chief Fitzgerald will be doing an update to the community at 3:30 p.m. here shortly to talk about where that investigation is and Assistant Chief Hayes stated that he will gladly report that information to the Board shortly thereafter.

Commissioner Morris stated that there was a lot of media coverage and social media coverage on a young lady on Gratiot Avenue, not too far from the Ninth Precinct who reported that she was robbed while she was selling Valentine's Day baskets and she was also assaulted. Asked if Assistant Chief Hayes has more information on that. **Assistant Chief Hayes** stated that the Department saw that, and they immediately leveraged technology and canvassed the areas to see if they could find the individuals she identified as robbing her. That investigation is still open and active at this point. Assistant Chief Hayes stated that he will reach out to the precinct to see if they have an update.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Elena Herrada, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Guadalupe Avalos, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Bonita Davis, Chevy, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Ms. Rella Landfair, Ms. Avery Bolt, Ms. Taura Brown, Mr. Chris Gilmer-Hill, Ms. Ash Davis, Former Commissioner William Davis, Veronica, Ms. Kathy Montgomery, Ms. Anthea Mitchell, Mr. Charles Cousin, Ms. Noelle Belanger, Mr. Alexis Escoto, and Mr. Jordi Lucero provided public comments.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**

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

- A. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Careema Yopp
- B. DPD – Legal Representation & Indemnification Approved by City Council 2025
- C. DPD Interaction with ICE – Law Department Opinion
- D. 260216 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- E. 260216 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- F. Announcements
- G.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 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

Next Committee Meeting – All Committee Meetings held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Budget Committee, Tuesday, February 24, 2026 @ 4:00 p.m.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

1. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if there was a status on the lawsuit report that's been in progress. **Secretary Gamier** stated that the report is listed as Item B under Tab 6 in the binder; the first report.
2. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if the Secretary has a status on the data sharing information memo that was submitted on January 22 to the Department. There was a memo requesting data sharing information from Commissioner Ivey, Commissioner Boman and Commissioner Camille. **Secretary Gamier** stated that she would like an extension and that she will check with Deputy Chief Parish. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that the research was being done but is not sure what the current status is and will have an answer by next week.

8. **New Business.**

- A. **Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(1)(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 Sergeant Anthony Williams, Badge S-2, Assigned to the Fifth Precinct. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – A 2/3 majority vote required)**

