



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners
FROM: Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chairperson Budget Committee
DATE: February 24, 2026
RE: Budget Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Budget Committee, please see the key follow-up from the committee meeting held on February 24th, 2026:

Committee Attendees: Committee Chairperson Garza Dewaelsche, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Jones

Board Attendees: Commissioner Camille, Commissioner Ivey

Staff Attendees: Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier, Chief Investigator – Jerome Warfield, Executive Fiscal Manager – Drew Fries

DPD Leadership Attendees: Agency CFO – Nevrus Nazarko, DPD Captain – Kelly Slaughter

- **FY2026-27 DPD Budget Review:** BOPC Budget Committee Members, as well as fellow Board attendees, met with DPD Leadership to facilitate deeper, more detailed discussion on the DPD Budget Request for FY27. BOPC and DPD walked through the list of 34+ inquiries raised by Commissioners, community members, and internal staff, fulfilling a vital step of BOPC's annual review of the DPD Budget, as guided by the Detroit City Charter. BOPC's inquiries were answered wholly and additional detail requested was provided by DPD.

When considering the present Budget Cycle for the City of Detroit, one where ARPA funds are being depleted, City Revenues are coming in lower than recent years, and many City departments are poised to see their FTE headcounts reduced in the upcoming fiscal year, the BOPC Budget Committee requested an adjustment to DPD's Budget where supplemental +10 FTEs are to be omitted, in doing so lessening the strain on already limited General Funds. DPD was understanding and amenable to reducing the supplemental request for additional FTEs in DPD's FY27 Budget Request. DPD has since captured the requested adjustment and sent an updated FY27 Detailed DPD Budget, where the supplemental General Fund dollars behind these +10 FTEs have been removed.

The BOPC-led DPD Budget Review, which has resulted in slight reduction in supplemental general funds, displays a great level of partnership and fiscal responsibility between BOPC and DPD, and is ultimately for the Citizens of the City of Detroit.

We thank you for your review and the next BOPC Budget Committee meeting is to be announced.

Sincerely,

Eva Garza Dewaelsche
At-Large
Chairperson, BOPC Budget Committee