Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 26, 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	
Darious Morris	Yes	
Scott Boman	Yes	
Beverly J. Watts	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Victoria Camille	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	9	1

   C. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, February 26, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

   D. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 19, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

   E. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Minutes for February 19, 2026 for Sergeant Anthony Williams. The minutes were approved as presented.

   F. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Minutes for February 19, 2026 for Sergeant Denise Wallet. The minutes were approved as presented.

   G. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Minutes for February 19, 2026 for Police Officer James Corsi. The minutes were approved as presented.

   H. **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.**

   Deputy Chief Michael Parish reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. High visibility case closures: There were charges issued in a fatal crash that killed a 9-year-old girl recently. On Friday, February 20th at approximately 9:23 p.m., the defendant is suspected of driving recklessly at a high rate of speed on the Southfield Freeway Service Drive near Tireman when he disregarded a traffic light and struck the passenger side of the victim's vehicle. Medics arrived on the scene and transported the two victims, a 53-year-old woman and a 9-year-old girl, to a local hospital. The 9-year-old girl succumbed to her injuries. Following an investigation by the Detroit Police Department, the Wayne County Prosecutors Office charged the defendant with reckless driving causing death, reckless driving causing serious impairment, driving while license is suspended, revoked, or denied causing death and driving while license is suspended, revoked or denied causing serious impairment. On Sunday, February 22nd at approximately 10:15 a.m., Detroit Police officers were dispatched to a warehouse in the

6000 block of Rosa Parks Boulevard for a reported single motor vehicle accident. Officers observed the defendant's vehicle crashed with both victims, a 60-year-old man and a 57-year-old woman, trapped inside and unresponsive. Medics pronounced both victims deceased. It is suspected that the defendant was driving recklessly at a high rate of speed when he lost control of his vehicle and crashed into the building, fatally injuring all of the victims inside. The defendant fled from the scene on foot but was arrested a short time later. Following an investigation by the Detroit Police Department, the Wayne County Prosecutors Office charged the defendant with two counts of second-degree murder, one count of reckless driving causing death and one count of leaving the scene of an at-fault accident causing death. He was arraigned at the 36th District Court and received a $500,000 cash surety bond. On Wednesday, February 18, 2026 the Sixth Precinct Special Operations officers arrested a male wanted in connection with a kidnapping and domestic violence incident that occurred in August 2025. The suspect showed up at the location and began damaging the victim's vehicle. When the victim came outside, the suspect began assaulting her. The suspect forced the victim into her vehicle and made her drive back to his home. Officers arrived at that location and negotiated with the suspect to let the victim go. The victim was allowed to leave the home and the suspect fled. As a result, a not-in-custody warrant was prepared, which ultimately resulted in his arrest. On Wednesday, February 25th, Metro Detroit News posted a Detroit man facing federal charges for possessing a gun with a glock switch after Detroit Police officers responded to two shot spotter alerts in the Ninth Precinct. This incident occurred in June of 2025. After the first shot spotter alert, officers responded to the scene of the shooting, where the victims vehicle was shot up. The victim provided two vehicle descriptions to the officers. Minutes later, the officers responded to another shot spotter alert in the area and recovered several casings, which were entered into the Niven system. Officers located one of the vehicles wanted in connection with the shot-up vehicle and attempted a traffic stop. Suspects fled and air support tracked the vehicle. Officers located four suspects in that area and a gun where one of these suspects was hiding. The shell casings from the second shot spotter alert were also linked to the gun. Traffic enforcement operations from February 15th to the 21st: Traffic Enforcement conducted operations in the Eighth, Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Precincts. Officers made a total of 341 stops, issued 766 moving violations and 118 tickets of those for speeding. Narcotics enforcement for the week ending February 22nd: The Narcotics Unit conducted several search warrants. The officers made two felony arrests, recovering three guns, confiscating cocaine, fentanyl, marijuana and pills. Community update: On Saturday, March 7th, the Detroit Police Department will be hosting a Procedural Justice and Police Legitimacy Forum to help strengthen the relationship between policing and the needs of the community. Community members are encouraged to voice their concerns and learn the procedures police use to accomplish their duties. The event will be hosted by Assistant Chief Eric Ewing. It will be held at Say Detroit Play Center starting at 9:00 a.m. To register, contact Sergeant Justin Hearn at 313-900-9377. No officers were critically injured over the past week.

Commissioner Boman inquired if Lieutenant Rabior could come before the Board to ask him some questions pertaining to the administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits for 30 days for Sergeant Wallet. **Vice Chair Woods** stated that should be referred to Corporation Counsel. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if that will require subpoena powers. **Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallett** stated that there is ongoing litigation in Wayne County Circuit Court right now and has not seen that particular Lieutenants name on the witness list. Corporation Counsel Mallet stated that this particular litigation, he doesn't think, is going to be particularly protracted. It is a temporary restraining order. Requested that Commissioner Boman modify his request so that after this litigation has been concluded in Wayne County Circuit Court, then the request for that person to come forward can be made. Corporation Counsel Mallet inquired if the internal affairs investigation is ongoing or if it had been completed. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated there are still two pending investigations, one for each member that was discussed and the lieutenant's role will likely be a factor in those investigations. **Corporation Counsel Mallett** stated that the Wayne County Circuit Court decision should be decided within a week. **Commissioner Boman** stated that he will revisit this in a week. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if DPD is continuing the investigation and if appropriate, will pursue further discipline upon the investigator's conclusion. This is pertaining to the administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits for 30 days for Police Officer James Corsi. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that he can confirm that the department is investigating as of this time. Both situations are the subject of an ongoing investigation and proper action will be taken consistent with what the Chief has expressed at that time. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if the Board will be informed of what disciplinary actions, if any, would be applied. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely.

Commissioner Morris inquired if Deputy Chief Parish can furnish to the Board a grid that lists the majority of the major policy violations along with the disciplinary actions for each individual policy that the department usually takes against personnel. Does the Department have a grid with the violations along with the disciplinary action that the Department usually takes for each one. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that the Department has a disciplinary matrix he can certainly share. Deputy Chief Parish stated that the only thing that he would advise the Board on is that the union has not agreed to the application of the disciplinary matrix so it is really just a tool that the Department uses.

Commissioner Camille stated that she was glad to see in the administrative messages the duty to intervene reminder that went out to all the DPD members. Commissioner Camille spoke about the 2024 Sherman Lee Butler incident, where during an eviction, DPD officers tased him and the bailiff shot him multiple times. DPD released body-worn-camera footage about 5 months later regarding that and there were 7 DPD members cited in the OCI policy review of this incident.

Has there been a follow-up to close the loop with the public on DPD's investigative findings, any accountability measures, and any remediation for the Department or individual officers to ensure a tragedy like this doesn't happen again. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely. Administrative charges have been issued in that matter. Disciplinary did forward those to Deputy Chief Parish. They have been issued but not served upon the officers just yet, so discipline is forthcoming against at least some of the officers involved. Stated that because it is discipline, he will keep their names out of the public record for now. A meeting between OCI and DPD occurred, where they discussed the situation from both units perspective and that did lead to very informed conversation when the Department reviewed their Uniform Patrol Directive. The proper measures have been taken into place and appropriate discipline is being issued. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if when the discipline is actually issued for these officers will the Board be provided with an update on what the outcome was, like what policies were violated. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if it is possible to have a presentation at one of the meetings that explains the application of the bias-based policing policy along with any city policies, training, administrative messages and desk level procedures related to DPD interacting with immigration agencies, along with some examples of what's acceptable and what's not acceptable for the benefit of the public. **Deputy Chief Parish** he believes that is a great idea and very timely and if the Board Secretary provides the date, he will make sure the Department has a presentation ready.

Commissioner Watts requested that when the Department does provide the presentation that Commissioner Camille requested, that the Department provides any kind of policy or training that you do for anyone related to any type of profiling. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Alvina Gadson, Ms. Vanessa Reina, Mr. Jimmy McCarroll, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Ronald Foster, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Ms. Claudia Cooper, Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Mea Paul and Ms. Jawana Oliver provided public comments.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**

A. Detroit Police Department Proposed FY 2027 Budget – ACFO Nevrus Nazarko

ACFO Nevrus Nazarko presented at a high-level overview of the Detroit Police Department's budget request for the fiscal year 2027. This included the fiscal year 2027 budget baseline, budget timeline, new initiatives, summary of revenues and expenditure, number of positions requested and grants.

Commissioner Camille thanked Mr. Nazarko for taking the request back to the Chief that was discussed in the committee meeting, which was ways to look across the department and gain efficiencies to make sure that communications is properly staffed without increasing the overall headcount by 10. Commissioner Camille inquired about the dollar amount for the budget. $476,932,584 was the bottom-line budget number that the committee was working with at the committee meeting and during the presentation the number is $475 million. Inquired if that difference is with those 10 positions out. **ACFO Nazarko** stated yes, that difference is because the 10 positions were taken off. Additionally, another $800,000 was taken off that was requested as a supplemental for expansion of the shot spotters. That was rejected as well so the Chief pulled that request. **Commissioner Camille** stated that based on her calculations that's $1,436,152 that they were able to reduce in the budget between the committee and the Department.

Commissioner Watts inquired about the communications operation being able to run efficiently without the additional staff since the Chief has pulled that back. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that he had a discussion with the Chief and Commander Russell who is the head of operations. They are confident that the operation can still run smoothly.

Commissioner Boman inquired if notifications were put out to all the Board members regarding the budget committee meeting because he hadn't seen one. **Chair Dewaelsche** stated that those notifications are in the packet every week. They're in the agenda and she is sure that notices went out as well because Mr. Fries has sent out numerous documents to the full Board. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if it is posted somewhere or would he have to request it be sent to actually view a more detailed enumeration of the budget than what was in the presentation. **Board Secretary Garnier** stated that before Commissioner Boman today, he has the responses that the committee and other commissioners who attended the budget meeting in great detail what they requested as well as the high-level presentation together with all the inquiries of the Board members that were made. **Commissioner Boman** inquired on how he can get a hold of the detailed budget. **Board Secretary Garnier** stated that she brough one copy to the meeting and she can provide that for him. **Commissioner Boman** stated that he would actually like an electronic copy. **Executive Manager Fiscal Drew Fries** stated that an email was sent at 10:41 a.m. this morning that reflects the revised budget as well as an exhaustive list of all inquiries and DPD's responses generated from this Board, from community members and internal staff.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired if the $1.48 million that is budgeted for the mental health initiative with the Department is an increase and budgeted by ARPA. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that yes, it is an increase for the fiscal year 2027 compared to 2026. It is shifting from ARPA funded to DPD funded.

BOPC Budget Actuals for Q1 & Q2 FY 26 – Executive Fiscal Manager Drew Fries

Executive Fiscal Manager Drew Fries presented on the budget actuals for the first half of this fiscal year, which is July through December. Additionally, he presented on budget utilization of the BOPC budget over the last couple years and spoke to the great progress made on the DPD budget review.

Commissioner Camille inquired if the budget has been corrected that's being developed right now for BOPC where we're properly budgeting for travel and training since the NACOLE conference happens every year. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated that he doesn't view this as something incorrect happening, but more of a gating issue. The $18,000 that is shown really should be half of the $82,000 that is for the full year. Relative to that, we should be slightly overspent because there's a great conference that happens in the first half of the year and there's not a conference that the Board travels to in the second half of the year. Fries stated that he will reach out to the partners in finance that allocate these funds across the quarters. It's not necessarily an error in the way that we are planning for next year, it's more just a gating. **Commissioner Camille** stated so it's just when it's hitting the budget because of the timing. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated yes. **Commissioner Camille** inquired about the operating services area and it shows that we're still showing that we're not really spending as much as we're budgeting for. Is that also a gating issue or are we actually not utilizing our operating service as much as we expected. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated that would represent favorability.

Commissioner Boman inquired if there is money set aside in the budget for the Board to retain its own attorney. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated yes, there is a position for the attorney to the Board and that position remains open or vacant.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired that the chart of budget actuals are for the first two quarters of the year so that means the Board has 6 months to achieve the budget numbers. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated correct. **Chair Dewaelsche** stated so 90% of the budget has been achieved. In order words, we're in line with 90% of what was budgeted as of the second quarter. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated that is correct.

Vice Chair Woods stated that there are two supervising investigator positions that's posted internally and those positions have to be filled. Those have been vacant to give people the opportunity to get seniority in there where it'd be a bigger pool. **Executive Fiscal Manager Fries** stated that is correct. The two senior investigators have been vacant for some time, because due to the union contract, an investigator needs two years of tenure before they qualify to be promoted.

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

   A. 260223 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
   B. 260223 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
   C. Response to BOPC Request for Information Re: 10820 Whittier (Legacy Hall) Incident
   D. Budget Committee Memorandum
   E. Announcements

   Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 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
   Policy Committee, Tuesday, March 3, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

   A. Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f) Candidate Eric Wright for the Board to Consider Disqualified Applicant Appeal from DPD hiring process. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – majority vote required)

   B. Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f) Candidate Justice Roberson for the Board to Consider Disqualified Applicant Appeal from DPD hiring process. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – majority vote required)

Vice Chair Woods moved "to go into Closed Session for Candidate Eric Wright and Candidate Justice Roberson for the Board to Consider disqualified applicant appeal. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – majority vote required)" (Time: 4:45 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (Time: 5:51 p.m.)

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to accept the recommendation of the Department as it relates to Eric Wright denial." The motion passed.

YES: 9 **NO: 0** **MOTION: PASSED**

YES: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Ivey, Williams, Morris, Boman, Watts, Camille and Jones

Commissioner Boman motioned "to accept the Chief's recommendation and deny the opportunity to apply again." The motion passed.

YES: 8 **NO: 0** **MOTION: PASSED**

YES: Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Ivey, Williams, Morris, Boman, Watts, Camille and Jones

8. **New Business.**

A. **Detroit Police Department Proposed FY 2027 Budget.**

Commissioner Jones motioned "that the Board of Police Commissioners approve the Detroit Police Department's budget request for $475,496,432 for the 2027 fiscal year." The motion passed.

B. **Commissioner Camille** moved "that the in response to the killing of Dequane Johnson by police in Grand Rapids, the Board draft an official statement offering condolences to the family and reiterating our commitment to Detroiters that we will work to create and uphold police policies and accountability that honors and preserves lives, civil rights, and dignity of all people who live, work, and play in the Detroit." The motion passed.

C. **Commissioner Camille** moved "that an ad hoc committee of a maximum of five commissioners be formed to review the BOPC bylaws and standard operating procedures and propose revisions to the full Board and that those committee members be appointed by the Chair." The motion passed.

9. **Adjournment.**

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 6:02 p.m.