

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Location: Tenth Precinct @ Helen Moore Community Center, 11825 Dexter Avenue, Detroit, MI 48206

1. **Chair Dewaelsche** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:31 p.m. A quorum was declared.

A. Invocation. Commander Chaplain Leslie Walker 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	Yes	
Victoria Camille	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	10	

C. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 12, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

D. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 5, 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 and Tenth Precinct Report.**

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. Chief Bettison reported on a cold case from December 2024 that was recently closed. On December 16, 2024, the victim went to sell a firearm in the area of West Buena Vista and Wildermere Street in the Tenth Precinct. The victim stopped communicating with his loved ones, causing them to be concerned. They tracked his cell phone which led to the discovery of his abandoned vehicle. The Detroit Police Department's missing unit responded to the area using canines. They did locate the deceased victim inside of a vacant building. It was alleged that the victim and the defendants met in the building to test fire the gun. The victim was fatally shot and both defendants fled. The defendants were identified a short time later but there was not enough evidence to get criminal charges. Still working with the prosecutor's office, recently the defendants, Jalen Williams and Hudari Heatley, were charged in connection with the fatal shooting and both defendants were taken back into custody. Also in the Tenth Precinct, officers responded to a home in the 22100 block of Kendall Street for a reported argument between family members and they were able to take a defendant into custody and recovered two guns from that location. Over in the Fourth Precinct, officers on routine patrol stopped an individual, placed him in custody and found two kilos of cocaine on the individual. Traffic enforcement: last week the traffic enforcement unit issued 202 tickets for speeding and over 1,000 tickets for other various moving violations. The Department tracks where accidents are occurring in the city and traffic units are deployed in those areas to try to curtail that. DPD had a women's walk because it is Women's History Month. DPD has had various

activities for the ladies in DPD Tand celebrating women within the profession as well. The Ninth Precinct, located at 11187 Gratiot Avenue, will be having Prom Dress Pickup Days on March 14th, 21st, and 28th from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Tenth Precinct Report.

Commander Philip Rodriguez reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the Tenth Precinct.

Commissioner Watts thanked Commander Rodriguez for his report and mentioning gun locks. Stated that if there is anything that she or any other commissioner can do to help make the public aware of the gun lock program, please let them know. **Commander Rodriguez** stated yes ma'am.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired about the increase in carjackings. **Commander Rodriguez** stated yes, it was 6 in 2024 to 11 in 2025. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about the closure rate being good. **Commander Rodriguez** stated yes, 65% of those cases had arrests.

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to bring new business next on the agenda." The motion passed.

4. New Business.

Motion to appoint Senior Investigator (2)

Commissioner Woods motioned "by direction of the Personnel and Training Committee, I move to appoint Destiny Staffney and Nicole Meisner to the position of Senior Investigator with the BOPC Office of the Chief Investigator and to designate Investigator Mary Simmons as the alternate for a prospective future senior investigator position." The motion passed.

5. Oral Communication / Public Comments: Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Marcel, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Shea Howell, Mr. Devin Dobias, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Charles Cousin, Mr. Teron Haynes, Mr. Rhuben Crowley and Ms. Jawana Oliver provided public comments.

Commissioner Watts requested clarity on what the policy and procedure is pertaining to a dropped 911 call. **Deputy Chief Michael Parish** stated that the current practice is that if there is any evidence that the individual that was on the call was in a state of distress, such as in the midst of a domestic violence situation or something like that, they will do a callback. If they cannot reach the individual, they will go so far as to send a vehicle out there. It is case-by-case. Deputy Chief Parish stated that he did bring Mr. Charles Cousin's concerns to the Deputy Chief over communications, and he is reviewing the current policy with the Commander and there may be updates based on his concerns.

Commissioner Boman inquired if it is possible for the Board to get a tour of the Crime Scene Services facility. **Deputy Chief Jacqueline Prichett** stated that she doesn't see an issue with the commissioners being able to tour the Crime Scene Services facility. Stated that she will let Chief Bettison know tomorrow, and he can get back with the commissioners to set up an appointment date and time. Stated that the commissioners can go see it for themselves. **Commissioner Boman** requested speaker Mr. Teron Haynes forward him the pictures that he has of the facility. Mr. Teron Haynes stated that he could forward it to all of the commissioners.

Commissioner Camille stated that she is concerned about what has been shared about the 911 call center and the Crime Scene Services Unit. Stated that she wants to make sure that the policy committee have within their scope to look at the policies for those units as well as their desk-level procedures, because sometimes the policies don't get into the details that they need to know. She would ask that, as a committee, they take some time to look at the policy and desk-levels for both of those units and talk about how some audits can be done to make sure that those policies and desk-levels are being followed, and any changes that they want to recommend. **Commissioner Watts** stated these two policies are definitely included.

Commissioner Camille motioned "that the Board submit a memo to City Council requesting they revisit the ordinance related to the release of police video footage to increase transparency in the ways that CPTA and DARPA have proposed in their draft ordinance."

Commissioner Carter motioned "to postpone this matter until next week." The motion passed.

6. Presentation to the Board.

7. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.

- A. 260309 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 260309 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Derond Crawford
- D. Personnel & Training Committee Memorandum
- E. Citizen Complaints Committee Memorandum
- F. Announcements

Next Board Meetings

Special Board Meeting: Friday, March 13, 2026 @ 10:00 a.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

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

April Community Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 9th Precinct @ City of Detroit Heilmann Recreation Center, 19601 Brock Avenue, Detroit, MI 48205

**Next Committee Meeting – All Committee Meetings held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Tuesday, March 17, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.**

8. Unfinished Business.

9. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m.