

**Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 5, 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.** 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		Excused
Scott Boman	Yes	
Beverly J. Watts	Yes	
Lisa Carter		Excused
Victoria Camille	Yes	
Robert Jones	Yes	
Quorum (Yes)	8	2

**C. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 5, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

**D. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for February 26, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

**E. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Minutes for February 26, 2026 for Eric Wright. The minutes were approved as presented.

**F. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Minutes for February 26, 2026 for Justice Roberson. The minutes were approved as presented.

**G. 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.**

**A. Appointment of Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures**

**Chair Dewaelsche** appointed committee members to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures. The committee members are as follows:

Commissioner Camille – Chair  
 Commissioners Jones, Watts and Woods – Committee Members

**B. Official Statement of BOPC Re: Response to the Killing of Da'Quain Johnson in Grand Rapids, MI**

**Chair Dewaelsche** motioned “that the matter of the Official Statement of the BOPC in response to the Killing of Da'Quain Johnson in Grand Rapids, MI be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures for review and recommendation back to the Board.” The motion passed.

**Commissioner Boman** motioned “that in addition to the original motion, which involved the particular resolution, to amend the primary motion to include a statement that the committee also returned with recommendations regarding what our standard operating procedures should be concerning other motions or resolutions concerning matters outside our jurisdiction.” The motion passed.

**Chair Dewaelsche** motioned “to refer this to the subcommittee for recommendation to the Board with the amendment that policy would be brought back as well as the recommendation.” The motion passed.

### C. BOPC Resolution for the Appointment/Hiring of an Independent Board Attorney

**Chair Dewaelsche** motioned “that the matter of the appointment and hiring of an independent board attorney be referred to the Committee on Personnel and Training for review and recommendation.” The motion passed.

## 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. Significant events: On February 27, 2026 at 3:30 a.m., Orlando Linson abandoned his vehicle in front of a residence in the 20600 block of Dammon Street in Harper Woods, leaving the 13-month-old child inside. At approximately 3:30 p.m., Harper Woods police officers were dispatched to a residence for a report of an abandoned vehicle. Upon their arrival, Harper Woods officers located the defendant’s vehicle, did not observe anyone inside of the vehicle and had the vehicle impounded. On February 28, 2026, the child’s mother reported the child missing to the Detroit Police Department. An investigation by the Detroit Police Department led officers to an impound lot in the 22700 block of Lexington Street in Eastpointe. The child was discovered inside the vehicle. The child was transported by officers to a local hospital for treatment. That individual has been charged with second-degree child abuse and child abuse, leaving a child in vehicle resulting in physical harm. On March 1, 2026 at approximately 9:00 a.m., Detroit Police Officers were dispatched to a residence in the 8800 block of Artesian Street for a reported shooting. When they arrived, officers located the victim in a bedroom of the home, suffering from a gunshot wound to the shoulder and thumb. Officers transported the victim to a local hospital for treatment. Following an investigation by the Detroit Police Department, the Wayne County Prosecutors Office has charged Marcellus Deshawn Williams in connection with the non-fatal shooting of his 6-year-old daughter. It is alleged that the child found an unsecured handgun in the home, fired it, striking herself in the shoulder and thumb. Williams has been charged specifically with firearms safe storage violations, premises under individuals’ control, minor present and inflicted serious impairment of a bodily function upon self or another. On March 2, 2026 at approximately 12:06 p.m., Detroit Police Officers were dispatched to a restaurant located in the 9700 block of Harper Avenue for a reported shooting. Upon their arrival, officers observed the child suffering from a gunshot wound. Medics arrived on scene and transported the child to a local hospital where she succumbed to her injuries and was pronounced deceased. Following an investigation by the Detroit Police Department, the Wayne County Prosecutors Office has charged Tanya Johnson, 41-years-old of Detroit, in connection with the fatal shooting of her 6-year-old daughter. She has been charged with firearms safe storage violations, premises under individuals’ control, minor present and inflicted death upon self or another, 3 counts of second-degree child abuse and 4 counts of felony firearm. On Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at approximately 12:50 p.m. in the area of Puritan and Provost a suspect fired shots into a victims vehicle, striking a male victim in his 20s, leaving him in critical condition. Three children, ages 10, 1, and 7 months old were inside the vehicle at the time. They were not injured. Images of the suspect were shared with the news media. Later that evening, officers were able to take the suspect into custody. The investigators report will be submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutors Office. Traffic enforcement: from February 22<sup>nd</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted operations in the Third, Sixth and Ninth Precincts. Officers made a total of 577 traffic stops, issuing 1,229 tickets for moving violations and 251 tickets for speeding. Community updates: on Saturday, March 7, 2026, the Detroit Police Department will be hosting a community summit to strengthen the relationship between policing and the needs to the community. Community members are encouraged to voice community concerns and learn about the procedures police use to accomplish their duties. Community meeting will be held at Say Detroit Play Center. On Sunday, March 8, 2026, there will be a prom dress kickoff. The Ninth Precinct welcomes any female students in need of a prom dress, shoes and accessories to visit the precinct and select from donated items so they can attend their prom with proper attire. Pickup dates are March 8<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at 11187 Gratiot Avenue from 12 p.m. to 3 p.m. No members were critically injured last week according to police medical records.

**Commissioner Watts** inquired about what the process is when DPD is called for a vehicle to be towed. Is the vehicle checked on the inside by the tow driver? Are pictures being taken? What is the process? **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that procedure requires DPD to contact either one of their own tow trucks or an authorized tower. While the member is waiting for that truck to arrive, they are supposed to conduct an inventory of the vehicle. If the vehicle doors are unlocked, they will inventory the exterior of the vehicle and the interior of the vehicle. If the vehicle doors are locked, they are not authorized to break open the doors. **Commissioner Watts** inquired if the windows are tinted, it would be difficult; that’s another layer of concern. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely. If the vehicle doors are locked and the windows tinted,

you may not be able to see everything that's inside of the vehicle. **Commissioner Watts** stated that they need to continue to get that word out about gun safety and any way they can support that effort to please let them know.

**Commissioner Camille** inquired when the drag racing details start and how noise ordinances are enforced when the noise is coming from vehicles, such as music and cars that have been modified to be very loud when they're in motion. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that the City of Detroit has loud noise ordinances, both that emanate from a house but also emanating from a vehicle. There are also moving violations that address the noise but you're not writing the violation for the noise. There are enforcement options with respect to excessive noise coming from vehicles. **Commissioner Camille** asked when the drag racing detail starts. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that he is not aware of a date right now but will get an answer and report back as soon as he gets a response. **Commissioner Camille** stated that as part of the budget process, she requested a description of the duties of all of the TASS positions that are in the department, because those job descriptions are very generic, and the responsibilities and pay for those roles can vary widely. It was originally requested to Mr. Fries, who was in touch with Mr. Nazarko, and she believes they also brought in Director Patillo in regards to that question. She just wanted to know if that's being worked on and if they know when the Board would be able to see those descriptions. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that he knows the inquiries were being made but is not sure of the status of it. He will email and try to get back to Commissioner Camille before the end of the week. **Commissioner Camille** stated that DPD has been delivering some presentations in the community, both at block clubs and neighborhood associations regarding DPD purchasing drones to respond to calls for service. Inquired if that information was presented to the BOPC previously, perhaps previous to the current Boards tenure. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that the Board had previously approved a drone specification report back in 2024. However, the use case is being modified so the department will be submitting an updated specification report to the Board as well as a drone policy to the subcommittee. **Commissioner Camille** stated that the reason that she is concerned is that if information is being presented in the community before the BOPC understands it, we could get questions about it. In addition, if a new CIOGS request is coming through, it just makes sense to her that it would be socialized with the Board prior to being socialized in the community. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated the department will do better. Absolutely. **Deputy Chief Parish** followed up on the drag racing detail start date and March 13<sup>th</sup> is the anticipated date to start the drag racing detail.

**Vice Chair Woods** stated that no demonstration has been made before the Board regarding the drones and that's offensive. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that the department will get a presentation lined up right away. **Vice Chair Woods** strongly encourages the message of gun safety to the community and that everyone needs to spread the word about safe storage of guns.

**Commissioner Boman** stated that people should be made aware of the tools available to help secure their weapons, such as gun locks. Inquired if gun locks are presently available to have for distribution. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that all precincts have gun locks available. Probably the community assignments within the precincts but he will verify that information just to make sure that's still the case. The department has had several gun lock drives where they are passed out in the community. Will get a present state report and get back to Commissioner Boman.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Bernice Smith, Ms. Fredia Butler, Ms. Chamita Williams, Mr. Ronald Foster, Lieutenant Mark Young, Mr. Charles Cousin, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Caller 973, Ms. Jawana Oliver and iPad provided public comments.

**Commissioner Williams** asked if a citizen calls 911 and their call is dropped is there a procedure that 911 handles? Do they call the caller back or is the call dropped, and the caller must call 911 back? Expressed concern after Mr. Charles Cousin stated that happened to him and the Commissioner is stating that there is no telling how many other people possibly have had that same encounter or issue. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that if the call is dropped under extraordinary circumstances, a callback is mandatory. Stated that he will verify that with Commanding Officer of Communications to make sure that is still practice but believes that is the standard. **Commissioner Williams** inquired about Officer Dawson and if there is a file or a case or findings available so he can view it for his viewing purposes. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that it would be with the Professional Standards Bureau and he will see what the status of any investigation they have on file for him.

**Vice Chair Woods** requested that the Board be updated about the Emerald Alert, how that is working for the City and how people can tap into that. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated absolutely and asked if the Board would like a 10-minute presentation. **Chair Dewaelsche** stated that would be nice and **Vice Chair Woods** stated yes. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that he will work with the Board Secretary on setting that up.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**
6. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.**
  - A. 260302 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
  - B. 260302 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
  - C. Official Statement of BOPC Re: Response to the Killing of Da'Quain Johnson in Grand Rapids, MI
  - D. BOPC Resolution for the Appointment/Hiring of an Independent Board Attorney
  - E. OIG Case No. 26-0001-INV Final Report
  - F. Policy Committee Memorandum
  - G. Announcements

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

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  
Personnel & Training Committee, Friday, March 6, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.  
Citizen Complaints Committee, Tuesday, March 10, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

7. **Unfinished Business.**
8. **New Business.**
9. **Adjournment.**

**Chair Dewaelsche** adjourned the meeting at 4:22 p.m.