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SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MARCH 13, 2026

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11 A public hearing of the City of Detroit Board of Police
12 Commissioners was called for 10:00 AM on Friday, March 13,
13 2026, at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301
14 Third Street, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 Friday, March 13, 2026 - 10:14 AM

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4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Good morning,
5 everyone, and thank you for being here. Today is a
6 special board meeting of the BOPC, Friday the 13th. I'd
7 like to call the meeting to order, and we'll start with
8 the invocation. I'm going to ask Commissioner Woods to
9 say a few words.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Eternal God, creator
11 of all things, we thank you for this day. We thank you
12 for the opportunity to serve the citizens of the city of
13 Detroit, Lord. We ask you to continue to be with this
14 body and give us the wisdom, the knowledge, and
15 understanding that we need to be able to be pleasing in
16 your sight. We ask you to be with the Detroit Police
17 Department. We ask you to bless all the officers and
18 their families, Lord. We also ask you to be with those
19 in the synagogue in Bloomfield Hills. We ask you to
20 bless them and keep them and protect them and protect our
21 community and our nation. In your name we pray, amen.
22 Amen.

23 ALL IN ATTENDANCE: Amen.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

25 Next, I'll ask the secretary to do a roll call,

1 please.

2 SECRETARY GARNIER: Madam Chair, through the
3 Chair, Commissioner Dewaelsche?

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Present.

5 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Woods?

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Present.

7 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Boman?

8 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Present.

9 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Camille?

10 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Present.

11 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Carter?

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Here.

13 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Ivey?

14 COMMISSIONER IVEY: Present.

15 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Jones?

16 COMMISSIONER JONES: Present.

17 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Morris?

18 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Present.

19 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Watts?

20 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Here.

21 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Williams?

22 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Present.

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: Ten present, Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

25 At this time, could I get a motion to approve

1 the March 13th agenda?

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: So moved.

3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Support.

4 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
5 Commissioner Woods, supported by Commissioner Jones. Is
6 there any discussion? All in favor indicate by saying
7 aye.

8 THE BOARD: Aye.

9 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? The motion
10 carries.

11 Madam Secretary, if we could have introduction
12 of staff, police, elected officials, representatives, and
13 community leaders.

14 SECRETARY GARNIER: Through the Chair,
15 registered thus far are Corporation Counsel Conrad
16 Mallot, Jonya Underwood, Teresa Blossom, Candace Hayes,
17 Dior Mathis, Armani Arnold, Artemisia Joshua, Mary
18 Barber, Felicia Tyson, Drew Fries. Also, court reporter,
19 Hanson Court Reporting, today; audio, Enrique Jackson;
20 media services, Charles Henry. Marie Overall is on Zoom,
21 I believe. We also have Ron Thomas, Vice President of
22 DPOA. Also, A.C. -- Assistant Chief Franklin Hayes is
23 here on behalf of the Chief of Police Office.

24 And those are all that are registered. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you, Madam
2 Secretary.

3 And now we'll have oral communications and
4 public comment. Comments -- remember that comments are
5 limited to today -- for today's meeting, one minute.
6 Inappropriate language and comments will not be tolerated
7 and may delay TV broadcasts and video posts.

8 Do we have any speakers?

9 MS. UNDERWOOD: Yes, Madam Chair. We have one
10 speaker in the audience. Just give us a moment to pull
11 up the plot. It'll be Mr. Ronald Foster.

12 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

13 MR. FOSTER: Good morning, through the Chair.

14 THE BOARD: Good morning.

15 MR. FOSTER: I came down this morning very
16 briefly to speak about two things in particular with this
17 case. One is the impulsive behavior, and two, the
18 alleged use of technology to commit this heinous act.
19 While I understand that officers are human beings. They
20 have high divorce rates. They, too, have domestic
21 violence and a lot of other human issues.

22 The union have been a great source of
23 contention. In 97 here, this union stood up for the
24 Starsky and Hutch. They've been the best representation.
25 Officer Brian Weekley got the best representation despite

1 what they have been alleged. We're simply asking that
2 this union find a balance with this community. They can
3 no longer just go on and push people through regardless
4 of whatever it is. The union do not see right or wrong,
5 good or evil. They just see blue, and that has to change
6 here. And I hope that this here could be a new start in
7 this administration, in this body, and that we can have
8 some form of equality here and equitable judicial
9 punishment here. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Next
11 speaker.

12 MS. UNDERWOOD: Thank you, Madam Chair. We're
13 going to go into Zoom. Our speaker on Zoom will be Taura
14 Brown. Ms. Brown, can you unmute?

15 MS. BROWN: Commissioners, can you hear me?

16 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, we can.

17 MS. BROWN: This is Taura Brown, and I don't
18 know who you all have put in charge of the audio-visual
19 for Zoom. Let them go. Find the person that was doing
20 it before because this is getting ridiculous. It sounds
21 like you all are underwater for the people that are
22 online. Then every other meeting, sometimes we can see
23 the people speaking during public comment, sometimes we
24 can't. This is a disaster. I don't know who these new
25 people are, but whoever it was that you all have had

1 running it in the community and running it previously,
2 y'all need to go find them and get them back here because
3 this is ridiculous. This is borderline violation of the
4 Open Meetings Act. Not by you all, but whoever is
5 handling these visuals. There is enough time in between
6 these meetings. The dates are available online.
7 Somebody needs to be testing this equipment. And we
8 can't even tell you all because whoever it is that runs
9 the Zoom disables the chat. So, when we can't see the
10 screen, when we can't hear you all, we are just sitting
11 at home having to call commissioners in the middle of
12 their duty to tell them that things are not working.
13 This is not good. I don't like it, and I'm getting ready
14 to make a complaint. I'm sick of this. Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you.

16 MS. UNDERWOOD: That is your last comment.

17 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Madam Chair?

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes, Commissioner?

19 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Thank you. Thank you,
20 Madam Chair. I'd like us to think about opening up the
21 chat for Zoom, at least so that the community can reach
22 staff, some type of solution. I don't -- I'm not saying
23 that we, like, make a firm decision right now, but I
24 would like us to explore the possibility of having some
25 type of written communication available to the public and

1 to the board during our meetings.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. Any other
3 comments or questions?

4 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: I agree with Commissioner
5 Camille.

6 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Commissioner Morris.
7 All right. Thank you.

8 If there are no other comments, then we'll go
9 into new business, and we're looking at a closed session
10 pursuant to Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL
11 15.268(a), the department's request for the board to
12 consider administrative leave without pay, but with
13 medical benefits for Police Officer Derond Crawford,
14 badge 424, assigned to the Fifth Precinct. Is there a
15 motion to go into closed session?

16 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Support.

18 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: It's been moved by
19 Commissioner Camille, supported by Commissioner Watts.
20 Is there any discussion? All in favor indicate by saying
21 aye.

22 THE BOARD: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Okay, we're
24 going into closed session. The motion carries. Two
25 minutes, please.

1 (At 10:22 AM, off the record)

2 (At 10:43 AM, back on the record)

3 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, we're back in
4 open session, and I'd like to call the meeting to order.
5 May I have a roll call, Madam Secretary?

6 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche?

7 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Present.

8 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Woods?

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Present.

10 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Boman?

11 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Present.

12 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Camille?

13 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Present.

14 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Carter?

15 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Here.

16 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Ivey?

17 COMMISSIONER IVEY: Present.

18 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Jones?

19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Present.

20 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Morris?

21 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Present.

22 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Watts?

23 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Here.

24 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Williams?

25 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Present.

1 SECRETARY GARNIER: Ten present, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Thank you. What is
3 the pleasure of the board?

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Madam Chair, I make a
5 motion to approve the chief recommendation to change the
6 duty status for Police Officer Derond Crawford, badge
7 424, pension 246427, assigned to the Fifth Precinct to
8 administrative leave without pay, but with medical
9 benefits, and I do it enthusiastically.

10 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: A motion has been made
11 by Commissioner Woods. Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Second.

13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Second.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, it's been
16 supported by Commissioner Jones. Is there any
17 discussion? We have to have a roll call vote because
18 it's two-thirds. Madam Secretary?

19 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Woods?

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Yes.

21 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Boman?

22 COMMISSIONER BOMAN: Yay.

23 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Camille?

24 COMMISSIONER CAMILLE: Yes.

25 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Carter?

1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.

2 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Ivey?

3 COMMISSIONER IVEY: Yes.

4 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Jones?

5 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.

6 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Morris?

7 COMMISSIONER MORRIS: Yes.

8 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Watts?

9 COMMISSIONER WATTS: Yes.

10 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Williams?

11 COMMISSIONER WILLIAMS: Yes.

12 SECRETARY GARNIER: Commissioner Dewaelsche?

13 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Yes.

14 SECRETARY GARNIER: Ten yay votes, Madam Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Okay, thank you. The

16 motion carries.

17 And I'll entertain a motion to adjourn the

18 meeting.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON WOODS: Motion to adjourn.

20 COMMISSIONER WATTS: The motion has been made

21 by Commissioner Woods, supported by Commissioner Watts.

22 Any discussion? All in favor, indicate by saying aye.

23 THE BOARD: Aye.

24 CHAIRPERSON DEWAELSCHE: Opposed? Thank you,

25 and thank you for being here, everyone.

1 (At 10:45 AM, meeting concluded)

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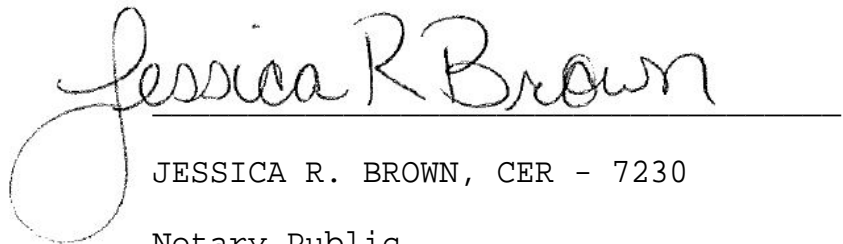
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