



MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Police Commissioners

FROM: Victoria Camille, Chairperson Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures

DATE: April 16, 2026

RE: Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures Meeting Summary

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, please find a summary of key updates from the Committee meeting held on April 16, 2026:

Committee Attendees: Committee Chairperson Victoria Camille, Commissioner Beverly J. Watts, Vice Chair Darryl Woods and Commissioner Robert Jones

BOPC Staff/DPD Staff: BOPC Administrative Assistant Armani Arnold and BOPC Parliamentarian Dr. Jackson

Community Attendees: None

Committee Actions and Recommendations:

Committee motions passed to amend the ByLaws will be compiled over a series of committee meetings. Once all amendments have been passed by the committee, the committee will present a full package of recommendations to the full Board. Recommendations requiring immediate Board action are italicized.

- Motion passed to strike out language in Article 1, Section 2 title “Purpose”.
- Motion passed to add language to the title of this document before “Board of Police Commissioners” to add “City of Detroit” on the cover page.
- Motion passed (Article 2, Section 2: Item A; Item C) including to strike under “Other Board Duties including the following” the following Item A and insert the language “exercise plenary authority to” before “receive” and asserting “Article 7, Chapter 8 of the Charter” after “provided in” striking out “chapter” under Item C (Subtitle: Duties of the Board of Police Commissioners). Additional language of (e.g. citizen complaints) to be included in the original motion after “complaint” (Subtitle: Duties of the Board of Police Commissioners).
- Motion passed (Article 2, Section 2: Item D) to place “police” in brackets in Item D (Subtitle: Duties of the Board of Police Commissioners).
- Motion passed (Article 2, Section 2: Item D; Item F) to strike Item F which is “review and approve the Department’s reorganization plan” and to insert the phrase “the organization of the department and” after the word “approve” in Item D now renumbered as Item C to keep in alignment with the Charter. (Subtitled: Other Board Duties include the following).
 - *Motion passed to recommend that the Board request an interpretation from Counsel on the Board’s authority to approve Assistant Chiefs and First Assistant Chiefs.*
 - *Motion passed to recommend that the Board request an interpretation on “two-thirds majority vote of the members of the Board” from Counsel.*

- Motion passed (Article 3, Section 4: Item F) to insert “not compensated by state law” after “members”.
- Motion passed (Article 3, Section 5: Item B) to add “not compensated by state law” after “elected members” in Item B.
- Discussion on (Article 3, Section 5: Item D) to add the clarification “a resident and qualified registered voter in the non-at-large district from which they were elected for the duration of their tenures” which aligns with City Charter, Article 2, Section 2-101.
 - *Motion passed to recommend that the Board request interpretation from Counsel for what “qualified” means in this context of the Charter (Article 2, Section 2-101).*
- Motion passed (Article 3, Section 7) to replace the term “shall” with “is expected to” and replace the word “request” with “notice to the Chair”.
- Recommendation to update the formatting of articles and sections of the BOPC Bylaws, after applying all committee language recommendations. Including but not limited to bolding of specific texts, numbering of sections and creation of subparagraphs.
- Recommendation to discuss in future Charter discussions to make appointed member terms serve on the same level as elected members.
- Staff will keep a running list of legal interpretation questions being asked of Counsel.
- The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting is scheduled to review the current BOPC Bylaws, completing Article 3 Section 7 and to begin Article 4, titled “Officers of the Board,” including duties, removal, and Board staff (Sections 1–11).

Meeting: Thursday, April 30, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.

Respectfully,

Victoria Camille

Chairperson, Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures

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