

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 2026 – 3:00 PM
Location: Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

1. **Commissioner Watts** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. A quorum was not declared.

- A. Invocation.** Chaplain Kirk Goodlow provided the invocation.
- B. Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Charnita Williams, Lieutenant Mark Young and Former Commissioner William Davis provided public comments.
- C. Quorum Met – Introduction of Police Commissioners.**

Detroit Board of Police Commissioners' Membership / Attendance		
	In Attendance	Not-In Attendance
Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chair		Excused
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)	7	3

- D. Commissioner Watts** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, April 16, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.
- E. Commissioner Watts** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 9, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.
- F. Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

2. **BOPC Officers' Report – Vice Chair Darryl Woods.**

A. Resolution Honoring Virtual Patrol Operator Weston Tatem (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Virtual Patrol Operator Weston Tatem (Posthumously)

WHEREAS Virtual Patrol Operator (VPO) Weston Tatem began his career with the Detroit Police Department on March 25, 2019. VPO Tatem began his tenure as a Traffic Control Officer and went on to serve in a variety of critical roles, including Specialized Transportation Services Assistant, Telecommunications Operator, Emergency Services Deployment Operator, Office Management Assistant, and most recently as a Virtual Patrol Operator, demonstrating versatility, commitment, and a strong sense of duty; and

WHEREAS Throughout his career with the Detroit Police Department and the City of Detroit, VPO Tatem earned the respect and admiration of his colleagues, supervisors, and community members for his strong work ethic, ambition, and unwavering dedication to excellence. In each of his assigned roles, VPO Tatem made lasting contributions to departmental operations by enhancing personnel performance, strengthening job knowledge, and supporting the overall mission of the Detroit Police Department; and

WHEREAS VPO Tatem established and nurtured numerous business and community partnerships, reflecting his commitment to collaboration and to building meaningful relationships that strengthened the bond between the department and the community. He consistently demonstrated professionalism by remaining well-informed on current laws, legislation, departmental directives, collective bargaining agreements, and community relations practices, ensuring that his work upheld the highest standards of public service; and

WHEREAS The untimely passing of VPO Weston Tatem is deeply felt by the Detroit Police Department, the Board of Police Commissioners, and the community he so proudly served, leaving behind a legacy of service, dedication, and integrity that will not be forgotten.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby honors the life, legacy, and service of Virtual Patrol Operator Weston Tatem, and expresses its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues during this time of loss.

Commissioner Williams motioned “to pass this resolution.” The motion passed.

3. Chief of Police Report.

Deputy Chief Kari Sloan reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Recent critical incidents: On April 3, 2026 at approximately 10:40 p.m. DPD was dispatched to 12700 block of Roselawn for a fatal shooting. Upon arrival, officers observed the 24-year-old victim who was fatally wounded when shots were fired after an argument. Homicide detectives identified and detained 33-year-old suspect Tyrone Carswell. On April 9th suspect Carswell was arrested and on April 12th defendant Carswell was arraigned on first-degree murder and felony firearm charges. Officers were investigating a scragging complaint at an abandoned building on the 4700 block of East Outer Drive. Officers identified a home in the area where materials were being taken from the building. A search warrant was executed and resulted in one arrest and the recovery of the evidence of the scragging and two firearms with ammunition. On April 12th the suspect, who was a convicted felon, was arraigned on gun charges. Community updates: Hoop Dreams Shoe Drive. On April 15th 2026, the Detroit PAL League and Local 4 News partnered together to host Hoop Dreams Shoe Drive. Community members help support youth across the city by donating new and gently used shoes. The shoe drive collected more than 264 pairs of shoes and \$3,000 in donations. Hooping with Cops is currently registering boys for their 2026 season. This is a free youth recreational basketball league in partnership with Detroit PAL and Detroit Parks and Recreation. The season runs from March 30th to June 13th with games being played at Detroit PAL Recreation Center. The Ninth Precinct is still conducting Prom Dress Pickup. Girls can pick out any of the gently used prom dresses, shoes and accessories. There's various sizes and styles available. On April 18th and April 25th pickup is available at the Ninth Precinct from 12 until 3. On Saturday April 18th 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Chief Bettison will join other local chiefs and the Board of Police Commissioners Youth Advisory Board Panel. This free event will take place at Wayne County Community College Northwest Campus.

Commissioner Watts inquired about what the strategy is to address drag racing in the city. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that the Department has a detail specifically designated for drag racing events. The Department follows those that coordinate the events and try to work with them to have them cancel events. If events do pop up, they work to move cars out of the area. Spectators and those who participate in drag racing are often ticketed. **Commissioner Watts** inquired if any preventative messages will be going out. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that the Department does post that on social media and put out the public service announcements.

Commissioner Ivey inquired about an incident that occurred on April 4th in the area of West McNichols and Telegraph, which is District 1. Commissioner Ivey stated that an officer was placed on administrative duties. The public did get a chance to view the footage from the incident that happened from the resident. Inquired how that incident has been handled and is the body-cam footage available for her to view. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that can be arranged. Stated that the body-worn camera is automatically uploaded and if that is a command-level investigation, they're reviewing that. If it's an investigation that's occurring at professional standards, then they will be reviewing and conducting that investigation.

Commissioner Camille inquired if there is an update on her request to shadow or do a ride along with the techs in Crime Scene Services. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated the responses were submitted to the Chief's office and it should be sent to the Board shortly. Stated that she can certainly work with Commissioner Camille to get that arranged. **Commissioner**

Camille requested that the entire Board be immediately notified upon DPD learning of the arrest of any DPD member by any agency. Stated that the Board should be notified as soon as DPD is aware. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated yes ma'am. **Commissioner Camille** stated when a DPD officer causes harm to a member of the public, members of the public are calling for accountability, commissioners are calling for accountability, and on the surface, for those outside of these processes, it can seem pretty straightforward to ask for termination of officers in an attempt to make sure that they are not in a position to cause harm again and in actuality, it's not that simple. There are union contracts at play, arbitrators play a role in the ultimate outcomes of these situations. Commissioner Camille is requesting to schedule as early as next week a joint educational presentation with DPD on this topic, so that as commissioners, they are on the same page and understand what that process looks like and that the community is also educated on the matter to assist with conversations like these going forward. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that she will absolutely make sure that happens. **Commissioner Camille** requested the public release of the body cam footage from the incident of Tracy Allen when she was shot by DPD as soon as it's legally allowable, the full unedited video of that.

Commissioner Boman inquired if anyone has filed a complaint regarding the incident that Commissioner Ivey inquired about. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated that she is not aware if a citizen complaint was filed in that case. **Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield** stated that to his knowledge, no complaint has been filed. **Commissioner Boman** inquired on whether or not it's currently being looked at by Internal Affairs. **Deputy Chief Sloan** deferred to Professional Standards Commander Michael McGinnis. **Commander McGinnis** stated that he doesn't believe it's something that his office is involved in. Stated that he can follow up if he has some more information and speak with Commissioner Boman after the meeting.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments continued:** Mr. Ronald Foster, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Taura Brown and Ms. Bridget provided public comments.

Commissioner Camille requested an update from the Department on how soon an official update can be provided regarding the officers in the Tracy Allen incident. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated yes, she'll get an update.

Commissioner Watts requested detail downtown, especially on the Atwater Riverfront area. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated yes ma'am.

Vice Chair Woods inquired if the Department has received anything back from the prosecutor's office regarding the Tracy Allen Matter. **Deputy Chief Sloan** stated no, not that she is aware of.

Deputy Chief Sloan reported on traffic enforcement. For the week of April 5th through the 11th, throughout the westside, officers made 681 traffic stops and issued over 1,500 moving violations. 218 of those were for speeding.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**

- A. **Human Resources Bureau – Director Katrina Patillo, DPD Personnel:** Director Katrina Patillo, Human Resources Bureau presented information regarding staffing and hiring of DPD personnel for the months of February and March 2026.

Commissioner Camille inquired about when an individual has a duty status of terminated pending arbitration, that means that the individual is actually terminated and no longer on payroll while the arbitration process is in progress. Inquired if that is correct. **Director Patillo** stated that is correct. **Commissioner Camille** is interested in understanding more about that process and why it takes so long. **Commissioner Camille** inquired how long an officer typically is suspended with pay. Referred to a suspension with pay dating back to February of 2025. Stated that she is interested in knowing what is going on with that case, where does the Department see that going, how do we get some resolution so that individual is just not on payroll and not provide a service to the city. Stated that there are several on the HR report that she would like updates. Inquired what is the way forward for the Board to get details on these cases. **Director Patillo** stated she will take this request back to the Chief's office and he would disseminate it to the Department that needs to answer it. **Vice Chair Woods** stated that the Board would need a complete briefing if we have to do a closed-door session on every last one of the suspensions with pay that's on the HR report so that the Board can be abreast and updated on those.

Commissioner Boman inquired why the HR presentation is not in the format of a searchable PDF. **Director Patillo** stated that has been the standard that the reports be presented that way since she has been with the Department. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if Director Patillo could look into the possibility of making the HR presentation a searchable PDF. **Director Patillo** stated yes.

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

- A. 260413 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 260413 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Rhashad Hicks
- D. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Police Officer Ryann Stephens
- E. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Shamar Woods-Carey
- F. Personnel and Training Committee Memorandum (04142026)
- G. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

May Community Meeting: Thursday, May 14, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 8th Precinct @ WCCCD Northwest - Lewis Auditorium, 8200 West Outer Drive, Detroit, MI 48219

Next Committee Meeting - All Committee Meetings held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Tuesday, April 21, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

- A. **Motion to place on administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits for Sergeant Shamar Woods-Carey, S-1205, Assigned to the Twelfth Precinct (Police Towing)**

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to postpone the unfinished business in terms of the motion to place on administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits for Sergeant Shamar Woods-Carey until next week." The motion passed.

8. **New Business.**

- A. **Motion to post BOPC-OCI Supervising Investigator position (1) [OCI Internal Candidates Only] for fourteen (14) days**

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to post the BOPC OCI Supervising Investigator position (1), which would be internal candidates only, for fourteen (14) days." The motion passed.

- B. **Motion to post BOPC-OCI Investigator positions (3) for fourteen (14) days**

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to post the OCI Investigator positions (3) for fourteen (14) days." The motion passed.

9. **Adjournment.**

Vice Chair Woods adjourned the meeting at 4:06 p.m.