

**Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners**

**Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 9, 2026 – 6:30 PM**

**Location: Ninth Precinct @ City of Detroit Heilmann Recreation Center, 19601 Brock Avenue, Detroit, MI 48205**

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

**A. Invocation.** Chaplain James Powell 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, April 9, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

**D. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 2, 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.**

**A. Certificate of Appreciation – Kimberly Slone.**

Kimberly Slone is a dedicated community leader, mentor, and servant who has spent more than 26 years uplifting youth and strengthening families as a Girl Scout Troop Leader. Through her leadership, she has guided generations of young girls to build confidence, develop essential life skills, and embrace the values of service and personal growth. In addition to her work with youth, Kimberly serves as Treasurer of her Neighborhood Association, where she demonstrates integrity and responsible stewardship of community resources. She also contributes to neighborhood safety as a Patrol Leader, helping to foster a safer and more connected community. Her commitment to service extends further through her involvement with Community Emergency Response Team and Tactical Survival Crisis Management Unit, where she supports emergency preparedness and community response efforts. A devoted wife, mother, and grandmother, Kimberly Slone exemplifies compassion, leadership, and selfless service. Her unwavering dedication to empowering others and improving her community makes her truly deserving of recognition and honor.

**Commissioner Boman** motioned “so moved.” The motion passed.

## B. Certificate of Appreciation – Quon Love.

Mr. Quon Love, a long-standing resident of the 48205 community, is an active and dedicated member of the 4820Live Community Coalition and Total Life Christian Ministries. Known for his commitment to service, Mr. Love consistently gives his time—both as a volunteer and in paid roles—to support and uplift his community. He regularly assists with food distribution efforts at Matrix and plays an active role in crime prevention and intervention initiatives aimed at improving neighborhood safety. Through his hands-on involvement, Mr. Love works diligently to help reshape the narrative of the 48205 area into one that reflects a clean, safe, and supportive environment for all residents. Mr. Love's continued dedication and presence in the community contribute to the ongoing investment in neighborhood well-being and have supported the significant reduction of crime within the Detroit Police Department's Ninth Precinct.

**Commissioner Morris** motioned “so moved.” The motion passed.

## 3. Chief of Police Report.

**Deputy Chief Arnold Williams** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Traffic enforcement: between the period of March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 4<sup>th</sup>, the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted operations in the Second, Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth precincts. The officers made 365 traffic stops and issued 132 tickets for speeding. Community updates: On Tuesday, April 14, 2026 the Detroit Police Department will be hosting their readiness program to provide community members with a safe and comfortable environment for questions about the department's hiring process. The event will be held at the Helen Moore Community Center from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Hooping with the Cops is currently registering boys between the ages of 11 and 17 for the 2026 season. This is a free Detroit youth recreational basketball league in partnership with DPD and Detroit Parks and Recreation Centers. The season will run March 30<sup>th</sup> to June 13<sup>th</sup> with games played at Detroit PAL Recreation Center. Prom Dress Pickup: the Ninth Precinct is currently hosting prom dress pickup for high school girls in the community. Girls can pick gently used prom dresses, shoes and accessories in various sizes and styles. Pickup will be at the Ninth Precinct from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on April 11<sup>th</sup>, April 18<sup>th</sup> and April 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Commissioner Camille** inquired if when crime scene services are dispatched to a scene to collect evidence, is that scene already secured and safe before they arrive. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated generally yes. Before crime scene services gets there, the scene is secured by officers and there is caution tape up to make sure that the scene is secured. **Commissioner Camille** stated that she would like to work with the Department to arrange to shadow some of the techs while they're collecting evidence, transporting evidence, processing evidence to make sure that's done in a way where the actual techs and the scenes are not cherry-picked as far as which ones she can go to. Stated that she looks forward to having some discussion to see how that can be worked out. Stated that it would be good for her to understand better what that actually looks like in real life and so that they can continue to look into the concerns that have continued to be raised. **Deputy Chief Williams** inquired if she is speaking specifically about Crime Scene Services. **Commissioner Camille** stated correct. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated he is pretty sure the Department can arrange something with that. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if the Crime Scene Services policies are in the same format as the rest of the police department's policies that they're typically used to seeing. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated he believes so but doesn't know 100%. That would be something that he'd have to follow up with. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if all their policies should be in standard format and if people are using tools like Chat GPT, that's just for preliminary writing and ultimately those policies need to be in standard format. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that he is not aware if the Department is utilizing AI to write policy or to clean policy up, using a platform such as Chat GPT. Stated that he does know that every policy and directive and training order is released in a specific order that falls in line with how the manual is written. Stated that he will double check to make sure. **Commissioner Camille** requested the following reports: a use of force report that will show the number of times that the Department has used force at any level in the community across Detroit, a list of all DPD members, both civilian and sworn, that have been terminated and brought back by arbitration, the date they returned, the date of return, and their current status with the department; would like to look back at the last 10 years, a list of DPD members that have been given a last chance agreement within the last 10 years, what the dates of probation were for those, as well as their current status for civilian and sworn.

**Commissioner Morris** requested that the last chance agreement report that Commissioner Camille requested include what representative from the Department signed off on those agreements for those officers to come back. **Commissioner Morris** inquired if there were more incidents that occurred down there other than just teens; referring to Opening Day. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated no, there were incidents involving adult-on-adult and incidents with juveniles. **Commissioner Morris** inquired where the officers are coming from when stepping up DPD manpower in the downtown area. Are they being pulled from the neighborhoods from protecting the residents to protect non-Detroiters. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that the staffing is coming from everywhere. It's coming from the precincts, it's coming from specialized units and it's coming from support units. **Commissioner Morris** inquired if it is possible to get the average police response

time in the community on Opening Day versus the average police response time when it isn't Opening Day. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated 100%.

**Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about the increase in total violent crimes. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that that actual number was a 1% increase in total number of violent crimes and that comes out to 33 more incidents this year than last year for the total number of Part 1 violent crimes. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired if it's a calendar year. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated it's year-to-date. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired if there is a time period when students are allowed to use the bus for no cost. Is it just during school hours or can they use it from day to night. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated he doesn't know and that is something they can 100% ask from the Mayor's office. **Vice Chair Woods** stated it would be until 11 o'clock. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about entertainment for the youth downtown. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that is something that they're looking at when they had their meeting earlier.

**Commissioner Williams** inquired if there is anything in place outside of just monitoring social media for the teenage takeovers that's been happening and where these meetups might be. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated the Department has a couple things going on, including several meetings with the actual organizers who've actually been putting the flyers out, talked with the Mayor's office and had sit down meetings between the organizers, the Mayor's office and PD. The Department is 100% doing social media monitoring. They're also talking with the organizers and will also have a lot more officers in that downtown footprint. **Commissioner Williams** inquired if the city has ever thought about possibly creating a safe haven environment or event to possibly have an outlet for these groups of people to come, like a park, or they can have an event where it could possibly be monitored so that they can congregate against each other without the trouble. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated one of the things the Mayor's office is looking to do is activations to see if that will work. Additionally, there will be extended hours coming for recreation centers citywide.

**Commissioner Watts** inquired if the Department is engaging the downtown community partners as well as some of the community activists. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated they have the CVI groups. The DDP, or the Detroit Downtown Partnerships, Greektown and all the other vendors that we have, we have various meetings with them.

**Commissioner Ivey** inquired about what it looks like as far as security when kids are at the recreation centers during the extended hours. What does that look like for safety. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that there is security that works for the City of Detroit. Additionally, Deputy Chief Williams stated the Department will have special attention patrols during those times. **Commissioner Ivey** stated that it would be a good idea to recruit volunteer parents to help monitor the centers. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated it is a great idea.

**Commissioner Boman** inquired if the policy is that the Crime Scene Services investigators are issued a body-worn camera and don't go and grab the cameras themselves. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that all Detroit department members are issued body-worn cameras. They're issued their own body-worn camera. The only thing the Department does is make sure it's charged. That's the process for sworn members. For civilians, Deputy Chief Williams stated that he would have to check. **Commissioner Boman** inquired if they are distributed at the beginning of each shift and then collected at the end of the shift. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that as of now, the Department has assigned every member their own body-worn camera. That's the case for sworn members. For civilians (professional staff), he would have to get back to Commissioner Boman. **Commissioner Boman** stated that a supervisor at Crime Scene Services stated that the data is collected from the camera while it's charging, so it seems like that's something one would want to do at the conclusion of each shift. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that they do have to dock those cameras and they probably dock them when they come off shift and they pull the cameras when they come back. All the cameras are named and issued specifically to the officer. **Commissioner Boman** requested the Deputy Chief Williams elaborate on the policy and camera audits. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that at the beginning of each shift, they have to count how many cameras there are. So the camera audit just counts how many body-worn cameras that are at the precinct. That is the audit. The video audit is for the supervisory desk blotter, where the supervisors assigned to the desk is responsible for making sure that at least each supervisor does two video reviews. **Commissioner Boman** clarified that he was speaking of Crime Scene Services. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated that for Crime Scene Services, he is not sure what they do with their desk operations and that'll be something he'll have to get back on.

**Vice Chair Woods** motioned "to place on administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits, Sergeant Shamar Woods-Carey, assigned to the Twelfth Precinct (Police Towing)."

**Commissioner Carter** motioned "that this matter be postponed until next week, the next scheduled meeting." The motion passed. **Vice Chair Woods** requested that the officer be pulled off all duties and have no interfacing with the public until the Board can vote on it next week. **Deputy Chief Williams** stated he'll make sure that happens.

**Commander John Svec** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the Ninth Precinct. Commander Svec also reported on various upcoming events taking place in the Ninth Precinct.

**Commissioner Morris** inquired about Officer Nicholas Haute. Stated that he has received complaints regarding this officer. Requested a 30-day record of all of his impounds, traffic stops, the race and the gender of the individual that was involved. **Commander Svec** stated that he can provide that.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Christopher Robinson, Dr. Fletcher Bland, Mr. J. G. Love, Mr. Marcel Ulacia, Mr. Teron Haynes, Mr. Jacob Smith, Mr. Josh Mann, Ms. Sandra Turner-Handy, Mr. Blair Anderson, Mr. Ronald Foster, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Jawana Oliver and Jay provided public comments.
5. **Presentation to the Board.**
6. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.**
  - A. 260406 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
  - B. 260406 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
  - C. BOPC March 2026 OCI Report
  - D. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 16, 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

Personnel & Training Committee, Tuesday, April 14, 2026 @ 2:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, Thursday, April 16, 2026 @ 11:00 a.m.

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

**Chair Dewaelsche** adjourned the meeting at 8:31 p.m.