

**Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners**  
**Date of Meeting: Thursday, March 26, 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		Excused
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)	9	1

**C. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, March 26, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

**D. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

**E. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026 – Police Officer Careema Yopp. The minutes were approved as presented.

**F. Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for March 19, 2026 – Applicant Appeal Justin Bognear. 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. Resolution Honoring Retired Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward Johnson (Posthumously)**

Resolution Honoring Retired Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward Johnson

WHEREAS On November 7, 1996, Bruce Edward Johnson began his distinguished service with the Detroit Police Reserve Corps, and upon successful completion of the Detroit Police Reserve Academy, was assigned to the Tenth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Throughout his tenure, Reserve Officer Johnson devoted himself to the mission of the Detroit Police Department, generously volunteering his time and service to the community, while supporting numerous city events and initiatives; and

WHEREAS He was widely recognized for his immaculate appearance, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the residents, visitors, and stakeholders of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS In 2015, in recognition of his dedication and exemplary performance, he was elevated to the rank of Reserve Sergeant, where he continued to serve with distinction while assuming increased leadership responsibilities; and

WHEREAS On October 28, 2025, Reserve Sergeant Johnson concluded more than twenty-nine (29) years of faithful and commendable service to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Throughout his career, Retired Reserve Sergeant Johnson exemplified the highest standards of integrity, dedication, and public service, leaving a lasting and meaningful impact on the Department and the community he so proudly served; and

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners does hereby honor, recognize, and pay tribute to Retired Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward Johnson for his twenty-nine years of exemplary service; and

BE IT, FURTHER

RESOLVED That this resolution be presented posthumously as a lasting expression of gratitude and appreciation for his life, service, and enduring legacy to the Detroit Police Department and the City of Detroit.

**Commissioner Jones** motioned “to accept the Resolution Honoring Retired Reserve Sergeant Bruce Edward Johnson.” The motion passed.

### 3. **Chief of Police Report.**

**Chief Todd A. Bettison** reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Chief Bettison reported on a high-profile case involving a missing 14-year-old girl. The 14-year-old disclosed where she had been and that she had been sexually assaulted. The Department was able to arrest the individual. 37-year-old defendant Rondell Tramiel Aggie has been charged by the Wayne County Prosecutor’s Office with four counts of first-degree criminal sexual conduct, one count of kidnapping, four counts of third-degree criminal sexual conduct and delivery of controlled substances marijuana to a minor. Traffic enforcement: from March 15<sup>th</sup> to March 21<sup>st</sup>, the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted operations in the Second, Third, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth Precincts. Officers made over 410 traffic stops, issued 847 tickets for moving violations and 169 tickets were issued for speeding. Community Updates: Hooping with Cops is currently registering boys for their 2026 season. Hooping with Cops is free to Detroit Youth Recreational Basketball League in partnership with the Detroit Police Department and the Detroit Parks and Recs that will foster trust between law enforcement and male youth between the ages of 11 through 17 through mentorship and basketball. The season will run March 30 through June 13 with games being played at the Detroit PAL Recreation Center. Parents can register by calling 313-833-1600. The Department is also continuing its effort with Tied to Success, where the Office of Community Outreach and Engagement in collaboration with Lieutenant Mark Young and Rodney Sizemore. They are seeking donations of new and gently used ties for the upcoming Brotherhood Summit. Donations will be accepted through March 26, 2026 and can be dropped off at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. Graduation 2026-C will be graduating this Friday, March 27, 2026, 24 student police officers will be graduating and will take the oath of office and become sworn Detroit police officers. Graduation will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Greater Grace Temple.

**Commissioner Camille** stated that she and Commissioner Boman attended the resiliency training that was offered to DPD members. Stated that she would like to discuss how it can be possible to include that in the academy training and annual training that is mandatory. Stated that the training would be helpful to maintain the mental wellness of the officers and put them in the best state of mind when engaging with the public in a safe manner. **Chief Bettison** stated thank you and with Assistant Chief Ewing and the Department’s training facility staff, they will work to bring that to fruition. **Commissioner Camille** spoke to the Sherman Lee Butler case and requested that DPD and 36<sup>th</sup> District Court develop a joint presentation that communicates the following things: one, what DPD and bailiff policies were violated in the incident and how were the officers and bailiffs held accountable for those violations. The next thing Commissioner Camille stated that she would like to see the presentation include is what humanity violations occurred, so not technically policy violations but failure to honor Sherman’s humanity and what policies, processes, practices and training changes were implemented based on the lessons learned from that incident. **Chief Bettison** stated that he is not sure of any pending lawsuits or anything with that so talking about humanity violations, he would take that under advisement and defer to corporation counsel but as far as a presentation, he doesn’t have a problem with doing a joint presentation along with the bailiffs. **Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallett** stated that they will look at that. The caution that the Chief raises

is the right one. Stated that he doesn't know what the legal status of that particular circumstance is right now but will certainly make sure to assist with the reach out to 36<sup>th</sup> District and come up with something. Stated that he is almost positive that the bailiff is being sued but know sure if 36<sup>th</sup> District or the City of Detroit is so he will check and let Commissioner Camille know. **Commissioner Camille** spoke about the February 19<sup>th</sup> Board meeting when the Board approved a recommendation to place DPD members Corsi and Wallet on administrative leave without pay but with medical benefits for 30 days. Inquired if there are any updates for the Board on what DPD has decided to do or what next steps are for these members. **Chief Bettison** stated that the 30-day expiration period has expired that the Board placed them on suspension without pay but with full medical benefits and those two members have been restored back to full duty. **Commissioner Camille** inquired in their same capacity. **Chief Bettison** stated yes. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if there is anything that the Department can share with the Board and the public to reassure that the behaviors that were exhibited do not occur again with these officers and anybody. **Chief Bettison** stated the behaviors will not occur again. The message has been sent department wide. They all understand.

**Chair Dewaelsche** stated that she has received communications from leaders in the community regarding the two officers and that they would like to see those officers assigned to other parts of the city and not Southwest Detroit once their 30 days expires. **Chief Bettison** stated just to update the community based off of that concern, they were assigned back to their parent command and neither one of the members are assigned to Southwest Detroit.

**Vice Chair Woods** requested a complete list of officers who resigned with charges pending in the last year. **Chief Bettison** stated yes, the Department will compile it and get Commissioner Woods the information that he requests. **Vice Chair Woods** stated that it shouldn't take a week to receive information that is requested from the Chief and the Chief's Representative. **Chief Bettison** stated noted. **Vice Chair Woods** it's a click of a button and that information is in the system. Stated that five commissioners have signed a letter asking City Council not to move forward with Shot Spotter. **Chief Bettison** stated so noted and the Department will definitely get Vice Chair Woods that information.

**Commissioner Watts** inquired if there is any initiative or any effort to make sure, more times than not, that those cameras are turned on for the full time they are engaging the public. **Chief Bettison** stated that they constantly and continuously communicate to officers the importance of wearing their body cameras and operating their body cameras appropriately. For members that, through the disciplinary matrix that violate the policy when it comes to body-worn cameras, they do receive progressive discipline and held accountable.

**Commissioner Morris** inquired if there have been any updates on Tracy Allen, the lady who was shot six times on the traffic stop. Inquired if there has been any updates from the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office as to if they would issue chargers or if they would deny the warrant. **Chief Bettison** stated that he doesn't have that information yet and is still waiting. Stated that as soon as he receives the phone call and she makes her decision, Commissioner Morris will be the first to know. **Commissioner Morris** inquired who is the officer in charge over the unit that is responsible for responding to FOIA requests. Inquired what the general timeline is to get a response to a FOIA request and who is the point of contact over that department. **Chief Bettison** stated that he would defer because it's a combination of the law department and DPD as well. Deferred to 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief Grant Ha. **2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief Grant Ha** stated that when a person or entity makes a FOIA request and that comes to Detroit Police Department Police Law Unit. The Police Law Unit sends it out to the respective unit and if the matter is closed and not active then it would be forwarded to the law department and the law department makes a determination in regards to what redaction or what exceptions apply in regards to the law. However, if the matter is open and active then that is not released. That is the process. **Commissioner Morris** inquired again who is the point of contact. **2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy Chief Ha** stated that would be the executive manager over the police law unit, Michelle Harris.

**Commissioner Boman** inquired about how many violent incidents were interrupted as a result of Shot Spotter when no other call was made, no 911 call reporting the same shots and how many cases of a violent crime, arrests for a violent crime resulted from the information of Shot Spotter. **Chief Bettison** stated that he will get Commissioner Boman that information in writing.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Ms. Cecilia Leskun, Mr. Teron Haynes, Ms. Margret Lorallo, Mr. Marcel Ulacia, Mr. Jacob Smith, Ms. Chemika Brown, Cunningham, Ms. Fredia Butler, Mr. Dana Lunn, Ms. Charnita Williams, Mr. Ronald Foster, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Ms. Crystal Rice, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Jawana Oliver, Former Commissioner William Davis, Mr. Jay Slaughter and Mr. Charles Cousin provided public comments.

**Commissioner Boman** requested that anyone from crime scene services email him directly at [scott.boman@detroitmi.gov](mailto:scott.boman@detroitmi.gov). Stated that assuming the allegations are accurate, the former employees, they're the ones who would know where the proverbial bodies are buried basically. Where to look to find support for evidence of these problems and that would also then help us, hopefully, make things right. Stated that it is extremely serious, it's very

important, it affects a lot of people's lives, what kind of evidence makes it to a trial if evidence can make it to a trial. That's very important.

**Commissioner Watts** requested the MIOSHA reports for the last 5 years for the crime scene services unit.

**Commissioner Camille** stated that this feedback regarding the crime scene services unit has been occurring for the last couple of weeks and on March 16<sup>th</sup>, Commissioner Camille requested through the Board Secretary for an urgent tour of CCS for the commissioners. Unfortunately, that didn't get scheduled until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Inquired if the Chief has any insights into why the commissioners couldn't come into CCS immediately. **Chief Bettison** stated no he doesn't. Stated that these are serious allegations. Stated that he has been on the Department a long time and this is the first time hearing of this. Stated that he will be there as long as he is available and provide the MIOSHA reports as well.

**Chair Dewaelsche** asked if the date could be moved up to tour the CCS, if he could look into that. **Chief Bettison** stated that he sure will.

**Commissioner Jones** inquired if DARPR has gone before City Council to talk about the organization's initiatives and efforts. **Public Speaker Marcel Ulacia** stated yes and they voted it down and that is why they want the revision.

**Commissioner Camille** inquired if public commenter Dana Lunn has received everything that he's eligible to receive through the FOIA process or if there's still items pending to be released to him. **Corporation Counsel Conrad Mallett** stated the FOIA has been responded to and have gone through the record that Mr. Lunn provided the law department. Mr. Lunn says there is a video but that video has not been found and when that is communicated to Mr. Lunn, Mr. Lunn is stating that it isn't being provided.

**Commissioner Camille** asked Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield if the Office of the Chief Investigator has a complaint in the system for the issue public commenter Crystal Rice spoke about. **Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield** stated OCI absolutely has the complaint filed with them and it is currently under investigation. **Commissioner Camille** stated she will be in touch with Chief Investigator and wants to follow that case.

**Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield** stated that the Office of the Chief Investigator does have Mr. Charles Cousins' complaint, and it is currently under investigation. Additionally, last year the Office of the Chief Investigator received 2,145 complaints. On average, that is about 41 or 42 complaints per week. **Commissioner Boman** inquired what would Chief Investigator estimate the number of complaints closed per week. **Chief Investigator Warfield** stated that the Office of the Chief Investigator is averaging about 100 to 120 complaints that are being investigated and closed on a weekly basis. **Commissioner Morris** inquired how many of those complaints are from 2026 and where are we at with 2026 closures. **Chief Investigator Warfield** stated with 2026 closures, the Office of the Chief Investigator has approximately 405 complaints as of last Friday for 2026. Investigators have 90 days to investigate those complaints. There are a number of complaints from 2026 that have been investigated and closed as well as a number of 2025 complaints that are still in that 90-day window that are being investigated and closed as well. Chief Investigator stated that he will email Commissioner Morris with the specific numbers.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**

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

- A. 260323 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 260323 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

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  
Ad Hoc Committee, Monday, March 30, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.  
Policy Committee, Tuesday, March 31, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

7. **Unfinished Business.**

**A. Chief of Police Recommendation to Appoint to the Rank of Captain (1)**

**Commissioner Morris** motioned “to approve the Chief of Police recommendation to appoint Lieutenant Jon Gardner to the Rank of Captain.” The motion passed.

**B. Motion that the Board submit a memorandum to the City Council requesting they revisit the ordinance related to the release of police video footage and to support the proposed language from CPTA and DARPA for amending the ordinance.**

**Commissioner Morris** motioned “to send this to the policy committee to review and make a recommendation to the full Board.” The motion passed.

8. **New Business.**

**A. Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f), Candidate Noel Morales for the Board to Consider Disqualified Applicant Appeal from DPD hiring process. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – A 2/3 majority vote required).**

**Vice Chair Woods** moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(f) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(f), Candidate Noel Morales for the Board to Consider Disqualified Applicant Appeal from DPD hiring process. (Reconvene Public Meeting to vote – A 2/3 majority vote required)(Time: 4:49 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (5:22 p.m.)

**Commissioner Boman** motioned “to approve Mr. Morales’ appeal.” The motion failed.

9. **Adjournment.**

**Chair Dewaelsche** adjourned the meeting at 5:25 p.m.