

Draft Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 2, 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 Gregory Wilson 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 2, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

D. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2026. The minutes were approved as presented.

E. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Closed Session Meeting Minutes for March 26, 2026 – Applicant Appeal Noel Morales. 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 – Chair Eva Garza Dewaelsche.**

A. Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Russell Stringfellow (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Russell Stringfellow

WHEREAS Russell Stringfellow faithfully served the Detroit Police Department, beginning his career on January 3, 1972, following his graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy; and

WHEREAS Officer Stringfellow was assigned to the Fifth Precinct, later known as the Eastern District, where he served with distinction for over three decades until September 1, 2005; and

WHEREAS Throughout his thirty-three years of dedicated service, Officer Stringfellow exemplified professionalism, integrity, and unwavering commitment to duty, earning numerous departmental awards, citations, and ribbons in recognition of his exemplary performance; and

WHEREAS Officer Stringfellow consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and deep dedication to public service, making a lasting impact on both the department and the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Officer Stringfellow retired on October 20, 2005, concluding a distinguished career marked by honorable service and devotion to the safety and well-being of the community; and

WHEREAS His legacy of service, dedication, and commitment continues to inspire members of the Detroit Police Department and the community he faithfully served.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby honors and recognizes Retired Police Officer Russell Stringfellow for his thirty-three years of dedicated service; and

BE IT, FURTHER

RESOLVED That this resolution be presented posthumously as an expression of the Board's deepest gratitude and respect, and that a copy be transmitted to his family as a symbol of appreciation for his life and service.

Commissioner Williams motioned "I move for adoption of the resolution to be moved." The motion passed.

3. **Chief of Police Report.**

Deputy Chief Tiffany Stewart reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. No critically injured department members to report for the week of March 26th through April 1st. Thursday, April 2, 2026, the Detroit Police Department was made aware of a video circulating social media showing officers entering a residence in the 8th Precinct and using force. The Department is conducting an internal investigation. Upon immediate review, one officer has been moved to an administrative assignment. High profile closed cases: On February 17 of this year in the 3100 block of Essel Street in Detroit, it is alleged that the defendant struck three victims multiple times with a hammer and a knife, fatally wounding them before fleeing the scene. Following an investigation by the Detroit Police Department the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has charged Lance Allen Clowney, age 27, of Detroit in connection with the homicides of a 65-year-old and 66-year-old of Detroit and a 72-year-old of River Rouge. The defendant has been charged with three counts of premeditated first-degree murder. On November 10, 2025, Detroit Police Officers were dispatched to the 2900 block of Puritan for a reported shooting. Officers discovered two male victims with multiple gunshot wounds inside of an illegal dispensary. One victim was pronounced deceased at the scene, and the other victim succumbed to his injuries in the hospital. It is alleged that three defendants entered the dispensary while armed, shooting both victims before taking multiple items from inside and fleeing the scene. The defendants later fled the state and were later taken into custody from various locations thanks to the U.S. Marshall service for their assistance in this investigation. Following an investigation by DPD, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has charged Ronnie Grable III, Maurice Harris, and Jalen Abel in connection with the homicides, with two counts of felony murder, two counts of first-degree premeditated murder and four counts of a felony firearm. On March 27th of this year at 2:30 a.m. the Detroit Regional Communications Center received calls regarding a pedestrian walking along the Lodge Freeway. Soon after they were notified that the pedestrian had been struck. Michigan State Police at the scene and observed a woman that was severely injured. She was pronounced deceased. The driver that struck her had left the scene of the accident. MSP contacted DPD's real-time crime center which located video of the traffic crash. The license plate readers identified the suspect's vehicle. A search warrant was completed and the driver and vehicle have been located. MSPs investigation is continuing and the investigator's report will be submitted to the prosecutor's office for review. Traffic enforcement: March 22nd through March 28th the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted operations in 5 precincts. The Second, Sixth, Ninth, Eleventh and Twelfth precincts. Officers made 549 traffic stops, issued 1,246 tickets for moving violations and 201 tickets for speeding. Community updates: community members are invited to join our officers this weekend for Easter egg hunts in the Tenth, Eleventh and Twelfth Precincts on Saturday, April 4, 2026. Hooping with Cops is currently registering boys for the 2026 season. This is a free youth recreational basketball league in partnership with the Detroit PAL and Detroit Parks and Recreation. Prom dress pickup days continue at the Ninth Precinct from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday April 4th, April 11th, April 18th and April 25th. On Monday, March 30, 2026 around 6:00 p.m., officers from downtown services observed a large gathering of juveniles, approximately 300. The juveniles disobeyed officers commands to leave the area and repeatedly tried to return. At approximately 11:00 p.m., numerous juveniles were detained, two of which engaged in resisting arrest and one of the juveniles pushed an officer while detained, resulting in three separate use of force incidents involving officers. In total, 12 juveniles were detained and citations were issued for various incidents. 8 for curfew violations, 4 for disorderly conduct, 2 for interfering and 1 for consuming marijuana. Additionally, 11 parental responsibility tickets were issued as well.

Commissioner Boman requested that the Shot Spotter information that Deputy Chief Stewart reported out on be provided on a regular basis, either monthly or every 3 months. Additionally, Commissioner Boman stated that he specifically asked for the statistics for Shot Spotter calls resulting in arrest for violent crimes. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that his inquiry will be reviewed, and an answer will be provided.

Commissioner Watts inquired about what DPD's plan is to address and prevent what happened downtown with the juveniles from continuing over the spring and summer. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that the Department does a lot of social media monitoring to try and get ahead of it. If it is last minute, they must respond quickly and jump right on it. Deputy Chief Stewart reiterated that the Department would pull the Board in because it can't be done without them and not necessarily the Board, but community leaders and various community stakeholders. **Commissioner Watts** requested any MIOSHA reports for the last 5 years for the crime scene services unit. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that the information has been pulled and that there has been one MIOSHA report for that location over the last 5 years. It's been completed and it is being sent to the Chief, and the Board will receive that report. **Commissioner Watts** stated that she is hopeful that the neighborhoods throughout the City of Detroit still have the resources they need while there are additional resources allocated to the downtown area for Opening Day. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that yes, we will. **Commissioner Watts** stated that it should be mandatory that evidence techs wear jumpsuits to avoid cross-contamination. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated noted.

Vice Chair Woods spoke about an incident where a vehicle was stolen in Ferndale, and the vehicle was recovered in the City of Detroit, and it was at the Detroit Police towing yard. Would like to verify if that's true or not and if it is true, what system is in place to make sure that doesn't happen again, holding onto someone's car for months. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that it actually is true and there was a process failure. An investigation will be completed in that regard. The captain of tow reached out to her to speak with her and to the insurance company as well so see how that situation can be fixed. Anytime that there is a failure on the Departments part, they try to mitigate that. **Vice Chair Woods** requested that the Board stay updated on this incident and the investigation. Additionally, requested to see an audit of the process to make sure that no one else's car is being held up like that. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated will do. **Vice Chair Woods** inquired about what steps are being taken to correct the flooding in the locker room at the Third Precinct. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that there have been several complaints regarding the flooding in the Third Precinct. Stated that there is a piping issue as well as man-made issues. When they're notified, they send GSD out there and the facility is deep cleaned. Any fixes that can be made are completed in collaboration with GSD.

Commissioner Camille inquired if an officer is passing by a car accident and gets flagged down by one of the individuals in the accident, if they're not on an active run, are they required to provide assistance even if the accident happens outside of their assigned district or are they supposed to move on. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated of course. **Commissioner Camille** inquired about where a car accident would fall on the response time report, under priority one or priority two or does it depend on the nature of the accident. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that a vehicle accident is not a priority one or priority two. Priority one deals with violent crimes and priority two deals with property crimes. Accidents aren't classified as either. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if it is possible to get a report showing average response times for vehicle accidents. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated for vehicle accidents, they'll have to look into that. She stated that she is sure they could provide some information with Commissioner Camille regarding that. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if the call center representatives are given any type of soft skills training in addition to their technical and procedural training. **Deputy Chief Stewart** deferred to Commander Russell for response. **Commander Russell**, who is over 911 in Crime Intelligence Unit, stated that they are provided soft skill training as it relates to customer service training. That includes mental health training, legal training and dispatch training. **Deputy Chief Stewart** requested that Commander answer call with regard to dispatching to accident scenes. **Commander Russell** stated that it depends if it's an accident with injury, which would be a critical accident, which would be a priority two. If it's a fatal accident, that would be a priority one. A regular accident could be a priority three. It just depends on how it's called in. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if it is possible for the Board to see a copy of the curriculum, the soft skills portion of the curriculum for the 911 Center. **Commander Russell** stated yes, a whole training directive can be sent. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if someone does have a car accident and no one's injured, would they get resolution more quickly by just going to the precinct to report it or should they really wait there for an officer to arrive. **Commander Russell** stated both locations are available so it's really up to the citizens. It would also depend on whether or not the vehicle is drivable. **Commissioner Camille** stated that she has a couple more questions and concerns regarding the crime scene services visit. She requested that the space be deep cleaned. Additionally, requested that commissioners be able to see DPD facilities without advance notice so they can see what's happening in real time rather than having to wait two weeks. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated that commissioners are welcome to go to numerous precincts. Some of these facilities and those bureaus have CJIS issues so you probably would need to coordinate with our office regarding some of those facilities. They're just not open facilities. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if it is possible for the commissioners to get a list of the locations where evidence is stored and processed. Additionally, Commissioner Camille requested if it is possible to get a copy of the curriculum for Crime Scene Services. **Deputy Chief Stewart** stated yes, it is possible to get a copy of the curriculum.

Deputy Chief Stewart stated that for evidence, evidence techs take the initial evidence for processing to the precincts and then once it is entered into the system, they bring evidence here. Evidence is stored in headquarters.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Dr. Renee Dudley, Ms. Bernice Smith, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Rella Landfair, Ms. Taura Brown, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Jawana Oliver, Mr. Teron Haynes, Mr. Jahdante Smith and Cunningham provided public comments.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**

- A. **DPD Budget Report FY Q2 (Oct-Dec 2025) – ACFO Nevrus Nazarko**

ACFO Nevrus Nazarko reported on DPD budget for Fiscal Year Quarter 2 (October – December 2025). Reports included Quarter 2 Year-to-Date Budget versus Actual Revenue and Expenses, General Fund Quarter 2 Year-to-Date FY25 Budget versus Actual Revenue and Expenses, Vehicle Purchase Report, Capital Expenditure Report and Grant Activity Report.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired the expenditures of \$202 million and revenues of \$33 million and how that other amount is covered. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that the expenditures of the police department for the current fiscal year, the total expenditures amount to close to \$455 million. The revenues that we are budgeted to bring in hover around \$90 million. The difference is covered from the general fund. **Chair Dewaelsche** asked if the Department will ever have a deficit because that amount will be covered. **ACFO Nazarko** stated by law, they cannot have a deficit. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired if the report is as of December 31st. **ACFO Nazarko** stated yes. **Chair Dewaelsche** stated that she noticed that the expenditure is only 48% but it is half of the year because we're in June. **ACFO Nazarko** stated 48% is a good place. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired how many vehicles do we have budgeted for the whole year. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that he doesn't have that number but can get it.

Commissioner Boman inquired if there is an area where the actual amount is less than the budgeted amount and also, an area where the actual amount is more than the budgeted amount. Do savings in the areas where the actual amount is less than the budgeted amount become available for expenses that end up where the actual goes over the budgeted amount. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that only City Council can authorize moving money from one appropriation to the other. **Commissioner Boman** inquired about the helihanger and if that is at the Coleman A. Young Detroit City Airport or is that another location. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that is the place where the Department keep the helicopters.

Commissioner Camille inquired about the 3 lines of capital improvements to the DDC and what those improvements were. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that he doesn't have the details here and will email the information to Commissioner Camille by tomorrow. **Commissioner Camille** stated that she assumes that the improvements are not related to the upgrades to the air conditioning unit at the DDC and that it is still on the horizon. **ACFO Nazarko** stated absolutely not because that undertaking will be in tune of a million dollars if not more.

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

- A. 260330 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
 - B. 260330 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
 - C. Ad Hoc Committee Memorandum (03302026)
 - D. Policy Committee Memorandum (03312026)
 - E. Announcements

Next Board Meeting (Community): Thursday, April 9, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 9th Precinct @ City of Detroit Heilmann Recreation Center, 19601 Brock Avenue, Detroit, MI 48205

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

7. **Unfinished Business.**

A. Official Statement of BOPC Re: Response to the Killing of Da'Quain Johnson in Grand Rapids, MI

Commissioner Camille motioned “by direction of the Ad Hoc Committee for the review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, I move to recommend that the Board not issue a statement in response to the killing of Da'Quain Johnson because a statement on this matter is no longer timely.” The motion passed.

8. **New Business.**

A. Motion to allow the Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures to review any other pertinent documents.

Commissioner Camille motioned “by direction of the Ad Hoc Committee for the review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, I move that the Board empowers the Ad Hoc Committee to review any and all other documents that can assist in reviewing the bylaws and standard operating procedures.” The motion passed.

B. Retired DPD Employee Request

Commissioner Camille stated that a request by mail was received for a hearing for someone who is now a former DPD employee regarding a certain type of retirement that they were placed on. Stated that if there hasn't been any follow-up on that, Commissioner Camille would like to request that Council take a look at this and advise the Board what is within our power to do with that request. **Commissioner Carter** inquired if the Board is requesting a legal opinion that can be forwarded to the gentleman or for the Board to know how it should proceed. Inquired if the Board should ask for a legal opinion so that it can go forward to the individual that sent the Board all the information. **Commissioner Camille** stated that she is not opposed to a legal opinion and is looking for direction as a Board.

Commissioner Carter motioned “to refer this matter to Corporation Counsel for a legal opinion.” The motion passed.

C. Budget Information

Commissioner Camille stated that City Council has sent some correspondence with questions to the Board and the Board has responded to those questions. For commissioners that may not be on the committee or may not be privy to that information and so that we can also support in the conversations to help that budget to get passed, is it possible for us to receive copies of that as an FYI. **Board Secretary Lydia Gamler** stated that she will forward that information.

D. Revocation of Resolution Honoring Retired Sergeant Benjamin Wagner

Commissioner Morris motioned “I move that the Board immediately rescind and expunge any and all resolutions honoring Sergeant Benjamin Wagner.” The motion passed.

YES: 8

NO: 1

MOTION: PASSED

9. **Adjournment.**

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 5:14 p.m.