

Draft Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 23, 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 3:01 p.m. A quorum was declared.

A. Invocation. Commander Chaplain Greg 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		Excused
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, April 23, 2026. Commissioner Camille moved “to amend the agenda to add under New Business three motions coming out of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures.” The Agenda was accepted and adopted as amended.

D. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 16, 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. Resolution Honoring Professional Staff Member Frank McCord (Posthumously)

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WHEREAS On March 21, 1994, Frank McCord began his career with the Detroit Police Department, serving in the Tactical Services Section, the Thirteenth Precinct, Central District, and the Tenth Precinct; and

WHEREAS During his tenure as a Police Officer, he served with dedication in multiple assignments, including the Thirteenth Precinct, Central District, and concluded his law enforcement career at the Tenth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Officer McCord received numerous awards and commendations, including the 2014 Ford Fireworks Award, MLB All-Star Game Award, NFL Super Bowl XL Award, and several departmental citations; and

WHEREAS On February 12, 2016, he retired after more than twenty-one years of dedicated service. On December 12, 2022, he returned to serve as a Telecommunications Operator in the Telephone Crime Reporting Unit, continuing his commitment to public service; and

WHEREAS Throughout his career, Frank McCord was widely respected for his strong work ethic, ambition, and his ability to establish and maintain meaningful business and community partnerships contributing to the safety of the City of Detroit; and

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners honors the life and legacy of Frank McCord for his years of faithful and distinguished service. We extend our deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues of Frank McCord, recognizing his lasting contributions and the positive impact he made throughout his career.

Commissioner Williams motioned "I ask for this resolution to be passed." 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. High profile case closures: On April 5, 2026 at approximately 11:28 p.m. on Myers between John C. Lodge and Florence, defendant Raymond Williams, who was under the influence of alcohol, became involved in a road rage induced traffic crash. Mr. Williams purposely drove his car head on at a high rate of speed into a stopped vehicle, killing two passengers. The two passengers in the stopped vehicle, a woman and her child, suffered non-life-threatening injuries. The Wayne County Prosecutors Office charged the defendant with two counts of homicide, murder in the second degree, assault with intent to do great bodily harm less than murder, two counts of operating while intoxicated causing death, operating while intoxicated causing serious injury, two counts of reckless driving causing death, and reckless driving causing serious impairment of body function. On April 16th, Mr. Williams was arraigned and remanded to jail. On April 14th, officers responded to the 3900 block of Bagley regarding shots fired. Upon arrival, officers located a victim who had sustained a gunshot wound to the head. He was given immediate aid. Officers located and detained multiple individuals several blocks away who were still running from the area and recovered two firearms that were discarded. Detectives from the 4th Precinct identified the subjects who possessed the discarded firearms, as well as identified a vehicle that was used by two additional shooters which also fled the scene. During the surveillance, they conducted a traffic stop and a suspect was taken into custody. He was identified as an 18-year-old suspect who was since been charged with several counts including assault with intent to murder. On April 15th, 12th Precinct officers were on proactive patrol in the area of Kentucky and West McNichols. The officers observed a group of males walking in the area they stopped investigating for curfew. While the officers were asking for their identification, one of the males threw his backpack to the ground and fled from the officers. Officers gave verbal command to the offender to stop, and he complied. Recovered in the backpack was a Smith and Weston AR pistol with a fully loaded magazine. The offender was placed under arrest and transported to the detention center. Traffic enforcement: April 12th through April 18th, traffic enforcement unit conducted operations in the 2nd, 5th, and 11th Precincts. Officers made 566 traffic stops, issued more than 1,200 tickets for moving violations and 146 tickets specifically for speeding. Narcotics enforcement: For the week of last week, April 19th, narcotics unit executed several search warrants, confiscating 6 firearms, narcotics including more than 800 grams of fentanyl and more than 500 grams of cocaine. Last week also, the Mayor and Chief Bettison announced the Six Point Community Safety Plan, which really aimed at summer safety to decrease violence within the City of Detroit, in particular youth violence. Chief Bettison announced that the Department is going to increase its presence at parks, recreation centers and will be enforcing the curfew for minors. The Department also has a safe storage and gun safety education program, including distribution of free gun locks. The Department has neighborhood safety action teams to address crimes at a block club level. The Department will be doing the after-hour venue engagement and enforcement at locations that are problematic whether it's the bars that allow underage individuals there or ruining the quality of life in neighborhoods. The Department will continue to enforce the curfew at those large gatherings, that disrupt life within the neighborhoods and those house parties and block parties. DEA National Take Back will be on April 25th. The community is invited to go to any of the DPD Precinct stations between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. to safely dispose of unwanted prescription medication. On Sunday April 19th, officers responded to the 21,700 block of McNichols following a crash then shooting. The prosecutor announced that it would be insufficient charges to prove beyond a reasonable doubt that the suspect did not act in lawful self-defense and defense for others. Home Depot incident: while working secondary employment at the location, an officer out of the 8th Precinct suffered minor injury stopping a fight between multiple males. Three people were arrested for this incident. The Department will continue to step up its drifting and drag racing enforcement.

Commissioner Watts inquired what a community and everyone can do as it pertains to the drag racing that is occurring. Stated that she is still receiving a lot of calls about drag racing, homeowners finding things on their lawn, things being thrown at them and guns being brandished. Stated that she saw Deputy Chief Hayes speak about the initiatives coming in an interview and he referenced drones with crowd gatherings. **Chief Bettison** stated officers will continue to be diligent

and will continue to engage the judges also. Stated that when the judges hear from the community members how serious it is, they can see the totality of the harm that it's causing their constituents. Stated drag racing is a priority one. Let the Department know by calling 911. Stated that the Department will have its air unit up, the helicopters and will follow them to wherever they live and will take them down safely and take their cars.

Commissioner Williams requested that the Vassar (West 7 Mile) and Outer Drive area get some attention as it pertains to drag racing. Stated that he has received several calls and complaints about drag racing in the area. Commissioner Williams inquired if traffic officers are using cameras to pull people over for traffic enforcement. **Chief Bettison** stated no, the Department doesn't utilize cameras for traffic enforcement. **Chief Bettison** stated that Vassar and Outer Drive has been a hotspot with drag racing and will ensure that relief will be over there and put that at the top of the list.

Commissioner Camille inquired about secondary employment policy and those contracts and if there is room to look at those to see if stores that feel like they need to bring on DPD personnel to support them, that they're required to bring on two instead of just one so that officers are appropriately supported. **Chief Bettison** deferred to Deputy Chief Bliss who was not in attendance. **2nd Deputy Chief Grant Ha** responded, stating that secondary employment is guided by the city ordinance in regards to secondary employment. If there's a requirement that there be a mandatory, quota in regards to the number of secondary police officers from the Detroit Police Department acting in the secondary employment, that's something that would have to be voted upon by City Council. There is no minimum quota in the ordinance. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if the patrol cars have automatic license plate readers positioned on them. **Chief Bettison** stated not all of them, some of them. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if the LPR (license plate reader) is looking across the traffic and running those plates and sending notices to the officer. **Chief Bettison** stated the LPR can read hundreds of plates very quickly but the only information that it's going to send is information that's been put into it of a violent crime because that's what the Department puts into it. That applies to all LPRs. **Commissioner Camille** requested that the Chief give some examples of when during a traffic stop, circumstances where an officer, if they're having a vehicle impounded, where they would take the plate off the vehicle and keep it. What reasons would officers have to do something like that. **Chief Bettison** stated that to confiscate the plate off the vehicle, the thing that comes to mind would be a fraudulent plate, improper plate, the plate doesn't belong to that vehicle. **Commissioner Camille** spoke about a documentary titled FINED Out, which focuses on how fines and fees punish uninsured and unlicensed drivers and push them further into poverty. Stated that it doesn't seem like a good use of DPD's time to spend on those individuals who are essentially having paperwork issues as opposed to people who may have stolen a car. Stated that a discussion needs to be had on how to properly handle those situations and how to approach that differently so that we can get people in good standing where they need to be, rather than further punishing them. **Chief Bettison** stated the men and women of the Detroit Police Department are very compassionate and utilize their discretion in those situations and the data would show that. **Commissioner Camille** stated some data on that would be appreciated so if there's something that would tell that story, that would be great.

Commissioner Boman inquired, in reference to license plate readers, if the software that is interpreting the images into numbers that could be represented as text, if that software local to where the camera and the vehicle or the stationary location is or is this being transmitted over the internet to some remote server that is then processing the images and returning text-related information about the plate numbers. **Chief Bettison** stated that it goes into a cloud. Stated that it's not going to the individual car nor being stored there. Stated that he will get Commissioner Boman more detailed information when he consults with the Departments IT person. **Commissioner Boman** inquired what the standard is when it comes to towing and impounding vehicles. **Chief Bettison** stated that he would have to know the totality of the circumstances with the specific case that Commissioner Boman is referring to before he could speak on it. **Commissioner Boman** inquired on how accommodating the youth with things to do at night work with the enforcement of curfew. **Chief Bettison** stated that the youth that the curfew applies to will have activities ending before the curfew. If a teen is supervised with adult supervision, then there are exceptions when they can actually be out.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired about Kratom being sold at gas stations and whether the City of Detroit is dealing with that right now or whether the Department is doing research on it. **Chief Bettison** stated that Kratom is a new topic. Stated that he is not aware of anything legally they can do about it and there is not a law that outlaws it, so it's legal.

Vice Chair Woods requested that the Board staff put together a letter and direct it to the Arab American Chamber of Commerce to express the Boards opposition to them selling Kratom to the citizens in the City of Detroit and they can share that to their various gas stations. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested Board secretary Lydia Garnier make a note of that request. **Board Secretary Garnier** stated so noted.

Vice Chair Woods motioned "I move that we send a letter to the Arab Chamber of Commerce, expressing our deep concern about this poison being sold to our citizens in the City of Detroit." The motion passed.

Commissioner Boman motioned “to amend the motion to table this until we have sufficient medical research on the product before us and have heard from both people that sell and produce Kratom as well as those who oppose it.” The motion failed.

Commissioner Boman motioned “to amend the motion to include along with Kratom, also arguing that they should not sell, high-sweet, sugar-containing products.” The motion failed.

Commissioner Camille motioned “to amend the motion to ask staff to draft a letter that will be pending the Board’s approval once we’ve had a chance to read the letter and that that draft also include some research information for us to read along with that before we make a final vote to approve the letter to go out.” The motion passed.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Mr. Cunningham, Mr. Josh Mann, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Felecia Victoria Bell, Ms. Nicole Small, Ms. Michelle George, Former Commissioner William Davis, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Taura Brown, Mr. Jahdante Smith and Ms. Danielle Hall provided public comments.

Commissioner Boman motioned “that we apologize to Mr. Jahdante Smith for not following proper parliamentary procedure before having him forcibly removed from the room.” The motion failed.

YES: 3

NO: 6

MOTION: FAILED

YES: Commissioners Boman, Camille and Watts

NO: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Carter, Ivey, Jones and Williams

5. **Presentation to the Board.**

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

- A. 260420 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- B. 260420 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- C. Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison Re: Recommendation to Promote to the Ranks of Lieutenant, Sergeant and Detective
- D. Ad Hoc Committee Memorandum (04162026)
- E. Policy Committee Memorandum (04212026)
- F. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, April 30, 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

Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, Thursday, April 30, 2026 @ 11:00 a.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 adopt as policy, Directive 102.10 Brady Giglio Disclosure Requirements**
- B. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 202.3 Search Warrants and Execution**
- C. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 202.4 Case Preparation**
- D. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 305.3 Detainee Registration**

Commissioner Watts motioned “by direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt as policy Item 8A, Item 8B, Item 8C and Item 8D, Directive 102.10 Brady Giglio Disclosure Requirements, Directive 202.3 Search Warrants and Execution, Directive 202.4 Case Preparation and Directive 305.3 Detainee Registration.” The motion passed.

Commissioner Boman motioned “to postpone this to the next meeting.” The motion failed.

YES: 2

NO: 7

MOTION:FAILED

YES: Commissioners Boman and Camille

NO: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Carter, Ivey, Jones, Watts and Williams

E. **Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures Motions**

Commissioner Camille motioned “by direction of the Ad Hoc Committee, I move to request that Council provide interpretation for the following matters that are in the Detroit City Charter:

1. The Board’s authority to approve the appointment of assistant chiefs and first assistant chiefs.
 2. Charter Section 7-807 - this section is discipline and there’s a phrase at the end of the section that states concurrence of two-thirds majority of the members of the Board.
 3. Charter Section 2-101 - the committee is looking for what is meant by qualified in the context of elective officials must be a citizen of the United States, a resident and a qualified and registered voter of the City of Detroit.” The motion passed.
- F. **Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h), to receive legal advice from Corporation Counsel regarding material exempt from discussion by state or federal statute.**

Chair Dewaelsche moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(h) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(h), to receive legal advice from Corporation Counsel regarding material exempt from discussion by state or federal statute.” (Time: 5:23 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (6:25 p.m.)

G. **Presentation to the Board.**

DPD Termination Versus Last Chance Agreements.

Commissioner Camille made the presentation on DPD Termination versus Last Chance Agreements, which speaks to the most common disciplinary pathways available to DPD for offenses that raise to the level of possible termination. This presentation was made for the purpose of educating the public.

H. **Policy Items Motion**

Commissioner Boman motioned “any future items to be voted on coming out of policy, that the content be emailed to all of the commissioners a full week ahead of the meeting where it is to be voted at.” The motion passed.

9. **Adjournment.**

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 6:41 p.m.