

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, April 30, 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. 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 30, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

D. Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for April 23, 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 Lieutenant Gayle Bowden (Retirement)

Resolution Honoring Lieutenant Gayle Bowden

WHEREAS Police Officer Gayle Bowden was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on June 26, 2000, and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, began her career at the Sixth Precinct. On August 14, 2014, she was promoted to the rank of Detective and assigned to Investigative Operations; and

WHEREAS On May 8, 2017, she was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, serving with distinction in the Eighth Precinct, Major Crimes Division, and Special Victims Unit. On September 11, 2023, she was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant, with assignments including the Prisoner Processing Unit, Special Victims Unit, and the Detroit Detention Center, where she faithfully served until her retirement; and

WHEREAS Throughout her distinguished career, Lieutenant Bowden received numerous awards and commendations, including recognition for her service during the NBA All-Star Game, Rosa Parks Funeral, NFL Super Bowl XL, Confinement Judgment, 2014 Ford Fireworks, and the Conclusion of the Consent Judgment, along with numerous accolades from the Department, partner agencies, and citizens for her professionalism and expertise; and

WHEREAS Lieutenant Gayle Bowden will retire from the Detroit Police Department on April 14, 2026, after more than twenty-five (25) years of dedicated and honorable service. Lieutenant Bowden has demonstrated unwavering dedication, integrity, and commitment to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners does hereby recognize and honor Lieutenant Gayle Bowden for her exemplary service and extends its deepest appreciation and congratulations upon the occasion of her retirement.

Commissioner Watts motioned “we adopt the resolution honoring retired Lieutenant Gayle Bowden.” The motion passed.

B. Resolution Honoring Retired Lieutenant John Campbell (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Lieutenant John Campbell

WHEREAS On September 12, 1974, John Campbell began his distinguished career with the Detroit Police Department, and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Second Precinct (Vernor Street); and

WHEREAS Throughout his career, Officer Campbell served with dedication and professionalism in multiple assignments, including the Narcotics Section, the Eighth Precinct Detective Unit, Internal Controls, and the Seventh Precinct Detective Unit; and

WHEREAS On July 1, 1994, he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant, where he continued to demonstrate exemplary leadership in the Ninth Precinct Patrol Unit, the Ninth Precinct Detective Unit, and the Crime Prevention Unit; and

WHEREAS On August 23, 1999, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and returned to the Crime Prevention Unit, where he played a vital role in advancing crime deterrence strategies and fostering proactive policing initiatives; and

WHEREAS On June 1, 2002, Lieutenant John Campbell honorably retired after more than twenty-eight years of dedicated service to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Throughout his tenure, Lieutenant Campbell exemplified integrity, commitment, and unwavering service, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues and the community he served.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners does hereby honor the life and legacy of Retired Lieutenant John Campbell for his more than twenty-eight years of faithful and distinguished service. The Board extends its deepest condolences to the family, friends, and colleagues, and that this Posthumous Resolution be entered into the permanent record as a tribute to his memory and contributions.

Commissioner Williams motioned “that the Board of Police Commissioners honor the life and legacy of retired Lieutenant John Campbell and extend its deepest condolences to his family and that this resolution be entered into the permanent record as a tribute to his memory and contributions.” The motion passed.

C. Resolution Honoring Retired Sergeant Michael Greene (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Sergeant Michael Greene

WHEREAS On January 26, 1987, Police Officer Greene joined the Detroit Police Department, and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Fourth Precinct, later serving in Gang Enforcement and the Mounted Unit; and

WHEREAS On May 4, 2001, Officer Greene was promoted to the rank of Sergeant and assigned to the First Precinct, and during his supervisory career, he also served in Internal Controls, a division responsible for maintaining the integrity of Department personnel and investigating allegations of misconduct; and

WHEREAS Throughout his distinguished career, Sergeant Greene was the recipient of numerous honors and commendations, including the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, the National Football League (NFL) Super Bowl XL Award, as well as various departmental citations and ribbons, reflecting his professionalism, dedication, and commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS On February 4, 2012, Sergeant Greene retired after more than twenty-five years of loyal and dedicated service to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Sergeant Greene's career exemplified integrity, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to public safety, leaving a lasting impact on his colleagues, the Department, and the community he faithfully served.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby honors the life, service, and legacy of Retired Sergeant Michael Greene and recognizes his more than twenty-five years of faithful and dedicated service. The Board extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, and that this Posthumous Resolution be entered into the permanent record as a lasting tribute to his memory and contributions.

Commissioner Jones motioned "we adopt this resolution honoring retired Sergeant Michael Greene." The motion passed.

D. Resolution Honoring Retired Investigator Stephen Hannah (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Investigator Stephen Hannah

WHEREAS On April 21, 1986, Police Officer Hannah joined the Detroit Police Department, and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Tenth Precinct, later serving in the Ninth Precinct and the Fourth Precinct; and

WHEREAS On August 23, 1999, Officer Hannah was promoted to the rank of Investigator and assigned to the Fourth Precinct Investigation Operation Section (IOS), and throughout his investigative career, he also served in the First Precinct Investigation Unit (IOU), the Central District IOU, and the Criminal Investigation Unit; and

WHEREAS During his distinguished career, Investigator Hannah was the recipient of numerous honors and commendations, including the Major League Baseball (MLB) All-Star Game Award, the Rosa Parks Funeral Award, the National Football League (NFL) Super Bowl XL Award, as well as various departmental citations and ribbons, reflecting his dedication, professionalism, and commitment to duty; and

WHEREAS On March 28, 2013, Investigator Hannah retired after nearly twenty-seven years of loyal and dedicated service to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Investigator Hannah's career exemplified integrity, perseverance, and an unwavering commitment to public safety, leaving a lasting impact on his colleagues, the Department, and the community he faithfully served.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby honors the life, service, and legacy of Retired Investigator Stephen Hannah and recognizes his nearly twenty-seven years of faithful and dedicated service. The Board extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, and that this Posthumous Resolution be entered into the permanent record as a tribute to his memory and contributions.

Commissioner Williams motioned “that the Board honor the life, service, and legacy of retired Investigator Stephen Hannah and extend its deepest condolences to his family and the posthumous resolution be entered into the permanent records as a tribute to his memory and contributions.” The motion passed.

E. Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Michael McCarthy (Posthumously)

Resolution Honoring Retired Police Officer Michael McCarthy

WHEREAS On May 26, 1977, Police Officer McCarthy joined the Detroit Police Department, and upon graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police Academy, he was assigned to the Eighth Precinct; and

WHEREAS Throughout his dedicated career, Officer McCarthy served in multiple assignments, including the Second Precinct, the Special Duty Unit, the Eleventh Precinct, the Licensing Unit, and the Communications Systems Unit, where he served until his retirement; and

WHEREAS His experience encompassed a wide range of responsibilities, from patrolling the streets of Detroit and responding to calls for service to supporting critical departmental operations, demonstrating his versatility, reliability, and commitment to duty, and during his tenure, Officer McCarthy received numerous Department awards, citations, and ribbons in recognition of his professionalism and dedicated service; and

WHEREAS On February 16, 2004, Officer McCarthy retired after nearly twenty-seven years of loyal and dedicated service to the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of Detroit; and

WHEREAS Officer McCarthy’s career reflected a steadfast commitment to public safety and service, leaving a lasting impact on his colleagues, the Department, and the community he faithfully served.

THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED That the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners hereby honors the life, service, and legacy of Retired Police Officer Michael McCarthy and recognizes his nearly twenty-seven years of faithful and dedicated service. The Board extends its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues, and that this Posthumous Resolution be entered into the permanent record as a lasting tribute to his memory and contributions.

Commissioner Williams motioned “that the BOPC honor the life, service, and legacy of retired Police Officer Michael McCarthy and extend its deepest condolences to his family and that this posthumous resolution be entered into the permanent record as a lasting tribute to his memory and contributions.” The motion passed.

3. Chief of Police Report.

Assistant Chief Eric Ewing reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Notable homicide case: April 21st at approximately 7:55 p.m. at the 18400 block of Lasher, the defendant Darian Latimer, was engaged in an argument with the victim. The defendant pulled out an assault rifle from this vehicle and fired shots, fatally wounding the victim. Officers responded to the scene, conducted a canvas and was able to get the defendant in custody without any further incident. Defendant Latimer was charged with homicide first degree, premeditated murder, weapons offense shooting at a building and three counts of felony firearm. Traffic enforcement: April 19th through April 25th, traffic enforcement conducted operations in the 6th, 9th, 10th and 11th Precincts. Officers made 430 traffic stops and issued 1,102 tickets. 151 of those were for speeding. Narcotic enforcement: in the 11th Precinct, narcotics conducted a search warrant on April 28, 2026 in the 17800 block of Arlington. As a result, they made 2 felony arrests and detained 11 people and issued tickets for loitering, confiscated

numerous fentanyl pills and cash. Community updates: the 53rd Annual Interfaith Memorial Service will take place tomorrow. It will be held at Greater Grace Church. On May 2nd, the Detroit Police Department Child Abuse Unit will be hosting a free Child Abuse Awareness Event at Fitzpatrick Park from 12:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Camille requested Assistant Chief Ewing to clarify the Department's expectations around officers responding to calls that are related to family members or close friends. **Assistant Chief Ewing** stated that they should stand down, notify a supervisor and have someone else handle that particular scene. **Commissioner Camille** stated that she was looking at policy to identify this and was reviewing code of conduct and it indicates what Assistant Chief Ewing stated if they're off duty. Stated that she couldn't find where the policy clearly states that it applies to on duty.

Commissioner Camille motioned "to refer the review of the Code of Conduct policy specifically around handling matters involving relatives and close friends to the Policy Committee for further review and investigation." The motion passed.

Commissioner Camille inquired if there is an update from the Department on the status of a CJIS presentation that was requested quite a while ago, looking to make sure that the community understands CJIS expectations and if any of the CJIS requirements pose a risk to civilian oversight. **Assistant Chief Ewing** stated he believes those questions were answered and forwarded over. Assistant Chief Ewing asked Deputy Chief Parish to come up. **Deputy Chief Michael Parish** stated the Department is available for a presentation whenever the Board Secretary decides to schedule it. **Commissioner Camille** asked Chair Dewaelsche if that is something that can be scheduled for next week. **Chair Dewaelsche** asked Board Secretary Lydia Garnier if there is availability next week or in the next couple of weeks. **Board Secretary Garnier** stated after the meeting is adjourned the schedule will be reviewed. **Commissioner Camille** asked if DPD can provide a timeline for when clarity and an explanation around the Tracy Allen matter and the officers involved in that shooting will be provided to the public, including confirmation of that officer's duty status. **Assistant Chief Ewing** stated noted Commissioner. The Department will look into that and get that to Commissioner Camille. **Commissioner Camille**, referring to DPD migrating to a new information management system impacting OCIs ability to independently investigate citizen complaints, asked if it's possible to have a pause on any changes that will impact OCI handling their citizen complaints so that the Citizen Complaints Committee and the full Board can be brought up to speed and weigh in on any decisions that need to be made involving the Boards charter-mandated duty to handle citizen complaints. **Commissioner Morris** stated the discussion around this has been going on for awhile now and the concerns have been addressed by Deputy Chief Parish. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated the discussion has been going on for a couple of years. Stated that he and Chief Investigator have discussed his concerns and have agreed to pause the citizen complaint aspects of the benchmark project until they meet again and address those issues one by one.

Vice Chair Woods stated that the Board needs to be fully educated on the new information management system DPD is migrating to so they can fully understand what this system is and what the impacts are. **Deputy Chief Parish** stated that is the reason that he asked that Commissioners be present at any future meetings between Chief Investigator and himself.

Commissioner Boman asked Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield if the pause is sufficient and they are on the same page. **Chief Investigator Warfield** stated absolutely, they're on the same page as it relates to the pause.

Commissioner Morris inquired why it has not been disclosed to the Board that this was being worked on. Inquired why no one knew of this being worked on for the last two years. The Board could have been assisting in this process and taking action to come to a resolution so it wouldn't take two years. **Chief Investigator Warfield** stated that the timeframe has been two years but it hasn't been a constant two years.

4. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Charnita Williams, Ms. Bernice Smith, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Marguerite Maddox, Ms. Denise Lyles, Ms. Jawana Oliver and Ms. Bonita Davis provided public comments.

Commissioner Camille requested that Assistant Chief Ewing talk about the Department's efforts to regulate ATV and minibike activity in the city. **Assistant Chief Ewing** stated that the Department has a strategy out there by which they are able to track those individuals. They have a strategy to try to infiltrate those individuals and be able to impound as many of those vehicles as they can.

Commissioner Morris inquired if the Board received an update on police response time on Opening Day. **Assistant Chief Ewing** stated that it was his understanding that the report was submitted to the Board last week. **Board Secretary Garnier** stated that all of the responses to DPD inquiries as of this date have been transmitted to the Board members.

5. **Presentation to the Board.**
6. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Garnier.**
 - A. 260427 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
 - B. 260427 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
 - C. Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison Recommendation to Appoint to the Rank of 1st Assistant Chief (1)
 - D. Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison Recommendation to Appoint to the Rank of Assistant Chief (1)
 - E. Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison Recommendation to Appoint to the Rank of Deputy Chief (1)
 - F. DPD Responses to BOPC Inquiries – March 19, 2026 BOPC Meeting
 - G. DPD Responses to BOPC Inquiries – April 9, 2026 BOPC Meeting
 - H. Ad Hoc Committee Memorandum (04302026)
 - I. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, May 7, 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 May, 5 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

Commissioner Camille requested a follow-up from Corporation Counsel on the status of a monthly lawsuit report that the Board is supposed to be receiving. **Commissioner Camille** requested an update on Corporation Counsel legal opinion on a former DPD employee requesting a hearing regarding the type of retirement they were placed on. A motion was made and passed requesting the legal opinion.

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)**

Chair Dewaelsche motioned “given the circumstance of Sergeant Shamar Woods-Carey status, I ask for unanimous consent to withdraw the motion to suspend Sergeant Shamar Woods-Carey without pay.” The motion passed.
8. **New Business.**
 - A. **Ad Hoc Committee Request**

Commissioner Camille stated that currently with 4 commissioners assigned to the ad hoc committee, the original motion was to assign a maximum of 5. To make it easier to reach a quorum of 3, Commissioner Camille is asking that an additional commissioner be assigned. **Chair Dewaelsche** stated okay, I will.

9. **Adjournment.**

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 4:33 p.m.