

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, June 11, 2026 – 6:30 PM
Location: Seventh Precinct @ Edison Academy High School, 3403 St. Aubin, Detroit, MI 48207

1. **Chair Dewaelsche** called the BOPC Board Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. A quorum was declared.

A. Invocation. Chaplain Brenda Puckett provided the invocation.

2. **Quorum Met - 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	

Chair Dewaelsche requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, June 11, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

3. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for June 4, 2026. The minutes were adopted as presented.

4. **Introduction of Board administrative and investigative staff, the Chief of Police, Elected Officials or Representatives and Community Leaders.**

5. **BOPC Officers Report – Chair Eva Garza Dewaelsche**

A. Certification of Appreciation – Police Commissioner Emeritus Willie E. Burton

In grateful appreciation of your dedicated service as a three-term member of the Board of Police Commissioners. Through your steadfast civic leadership, advocacy for public safety, civil liberties, personal privacy, and police accountability, you have helped strengthen the connection between residents and city government while advancing transparent civilian oversight. Your commitment to inclusive public engagement and responsive governance has made a lasting impact on Detroit's neighborhoods and communities. We honor your service, leadership, and enduring contributions to building a stronger, safer, and more vibrant Detroit.

Commissioner Boman motioned "I move the adoption of this certificate of recognition". The motion passed.

B. Election of Board of Police Commissioners Officers

Election Results:

Chairperson – Elect of the Board of Police Commissioners 2026-2027.

Commissioner Robert P. Jones: (7) Votes

Yes Votes: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Ivey, Williams, Watts, Carter and Jones

Election Results:

Vice-Chairperson – Elect of the Board of Police Commissioners 2026-2027.

Commissioner Beverly J. Watts: (8) Votes

Yes Votes: Chair Dewaelsche, Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Ivey, Williams, Morris, Watts, Carter and Jones

6. Chief of Police and Seventh Precinct Report.

Deputy Chief Todd A. Bettison reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. Current arrests: on May 11, 2022, Detroit Police Department officers were dispatched to the 88,000 block of Burnett Street for a person that was deceased. Upon their arrival, officers located a 15-year-old female of Berkeley unresponsive outside of a vehicle suffering from multiple gunshot wounds. Medics arrived on scene, and she was pronounced deceased. Following an investigation, it is alleged that two individuals had physically assaulted and fired handguns multiple times at the victim, fatally wounding her. The victim and the two defendants knew each other. This week the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged defendants Russell Deshaun McGillory, age 23, and Andrew Angelo Walker Jr., age 23, with first degree murder and felony firearm. On June 7th, Detroit Police Department officers were dispatched to Potbelly's for an assault. As officers were pulling up, citizens flagged down officers and pointed out a defendant who was walking away but ran. He was taken into custody shortly thereafter. Medics arrived on scene and conveyed the victim to the local hospital for treatment. Following an investigation by DPD, it is alleged that Thomas threw tables and chairs at the complainant, as well as hitting and kicking her. It was further alleged that Thomas had assaulted her on the DDOT bus by spitting on her and pushing her into a windshield of the bus causing the window to break. The Wayne County Prosecutor's Office has charged the defendant, Orlando Jermaine Thomas Jr., age 30, with assault with intent to do great bodily harm, felonious assault, domestic violence, and two counts of malicious destruction of property \$200 or more but less than \$1,000. On June 10th, DPD Harbormaster was dispatched to Belle Isle for a report of boats capsized due to the storm late last night. There were 12 people that were in the water and DPD along with Detroit Firefighters rescued them and no lives were lost. Traffic enforcement: last week, the Traffic Enforcement Unit over in the Second, Tenth and Eleventh Precincts, officers made 363 traffic stops, issued 927 tickets for moving violations and 111 tickets for speeding. Walk-a-Mile Wednesday was yesterday in the Tenth Precinct. The next Walk-a-Mile Wednesday is scheduled for June 17th at Jesus Tabernacle of Deliverance Church located at 11001 Chalmers Street in the Ninth Precinct. Occupy the Summer Kickoff by Madam Mayor Mary Sheffield is going to kick off this Friday, June 12th, 2026, at the Adams-Butzel Complex located at 10500 Lyndon Street. On Saturday, June 13th, DPD will have the Hooping with Cops championship games taking place at Callahan Hall located at 4001 West McNichols.

Commissioner Williams inquired if training can be provided for the officers that's in the station as far as how to interact with the citizens. **Chief Bettison** stated absolutely, we can. **Commissioner Williams** inquired what do the commissioners and citizens do now that OCI is losing the capability to see body-worn camera footage. **Chief Bettison** stated that the Detroit Police Department along with the Board of Police Commissioners jointly advocated for the Office of the Chief Investigator to retain the video assets as they currently have them now for their charter mandated responsibilities. However, in compliance with Criminal Justice Information Services, which is regulated by the Federal Bureau of Investigations and by the local state, through their process, they said that unredacted video was an issue. Stated that the Department will ensure that the video is received but it has to go through a redaction process. The Department is working with the Board to ensure that the investigations will continue. Chief Bettison stated that he is working very closely with Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield and his team and it's their commitment to ensure that the Office of the Chief Investigator and the Board of Police Commissioners still have what they need to be able to perform the function and service of the charter.

Commissioner Camille motioned "that the Board direct Corporation Counsel to subpoena, within 2 weeks, all emails, text messages, and telephone calls regarding CJIS compliance and OCI's access between current and former DPD members, the City Law Department, Commissioners and staff, the Michigan State Police and the FBI so that all Commissioners can inspect those communications."

Commissioner Carter motioned "to postpone this motion for one week." The motion passed.

Commissioner Camille motioned "that the Board direct Corporation Counsel to file within one week a cease and desist letter to DPD, MSP and the FBI regarding their infringement on oversight by removing OCI's access, and to prepare a lawsuit against said parties in case the cease and desist letter is not followed." The motion failed.

YES: 3

NO: 7

MOTION: FAILED

YES: Commissioners Boman, Camille and Morris

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

Commissioner Carter motioned “to postpone this motion.” The motion failed.

YES: 5

NO: 5

MOTION: FAILED

YES: Chair Dewaelsche, Commissioners Carter, Ivey, Watts and Williams

NO: Vice Chair Woods, Commissioners Boman, Camille, Jones and Morris

Commander Jevon Johnson reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the Seventh Precinct.

Commissioner Boman inquired if he could look at a directory of files without opening or playing any of them and still have that information. Asked if that is directly available to OCI. **Chief Bettison** stated he doesn't know. Deferred to Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield. **Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield** stated they absolutely have redacted access to all of the body-worn camera footage as far as time. What they're working on right now is getting that metadata. Stated that as it stands right now, through the redaction process, it's not there, but the Chief's staff is working on making sure that that metadata comes over to us. **Commissioner Boman** inquired about a statement pertaining to officer involved shootings of a canine. **Chief Bettison** stated that anytime an officer discharges their firearm, it could be accidental. It could be intentional. Whether it's an animal, or for whatever reason, a mistake, there is an investigation, there is a response and there is a review and officers are held accountable.

Commissioner Morris motioned “that Commissioner Boman's concerns be forwarded to the policy committee to investigate.” The motion passed.

7. **Oral Communication / Public Comment:** Ms. Yolanda Peoples, Ms. Gwendolyn Peoples, Ms. Bernice Smith, Council Woman Renata Miller, Ms. Tenay Hankins, Mr. Evan Schuster, Mr. Christopher Plummer, Mr. Ronald Foster, Ms. Taura Brown, Ms. Tijuana Morris, Mr. Marquis Taylor, Minister Eric Blount, Ms. Danielle Taylor, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Ms. Constance Bailey, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Tonya Jackson, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Ms. Jawana Oliver and Ms. Bonita Davis provided public comments.
8. **Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier.**
 - A. 260608 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
 - B. 260608 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
 - C. DPD Arrest Report – May 2026
 - D. DPD Force Report – May 2026
 - E. DPD Internal Affairs Report – May 2026
 - F. DPD Suspended With Pay Report (06012026)
 - G. DPD Responses to BOPC Inquiries – May 14, 2026 BOPC Meeting
 - H. DPD Response to BOPC Inquiry Re: Former Lieutenant Gayle Bowden Retirement Concern
 - I. CI Draft Board CJIS Statement
 - J. Ad Hoc Committee Memorandum (06022026)
 - K. Citizen Complaints Committee Memorandum (06092026)
 - L. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. held at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

July Community Meeting: Thursday, July 9, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. held in 6th Precinct @ Greater Burnette Church, 16801 Schoolcraft, Detroit, MI 48227

Next Committee Meeting – All Committee Meetings held at DPSH, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226
Policy Committee, Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m.

Ad Hoc Committee for the Review of BOPC Bylaws and Standard Operating Procedures, Tuesday, June 16, 2026 @ 4:30 p.m.

9. **Unfinished Business.**

A. Resolution of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Regarding the Protection of Charter-Mandated Authority in Collective Bargaining Agreements.

Resolution of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners Regarding the Protection of Charter-Mandated Authority in Collective Bargaining Agreements

WHEREAS the members of the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners (BOPC) have taken an oath to faithfully discharge the duties of their office as established by the Charter of the City of Detroit; and

WHEREAS the Charter of the City of Detroit, as authorized by state law, is the foundational governing document that establishes the authority, responsibilities, and limits of all City offices, including the BOPC; and

WHEREAS Section 6-408 of the Charter provides that the Labor Relations Division shall act for the City, under the direction of the Mayor, in the negotiation and administration of collective bargaining agreements, and that the Detroit City Council must ratify such agreements before they become effective; and

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of all City officials involved in the negotiation, approval, and ratification of collective bargaining agreements to ensure that such agreements do not conflict with, diminish, or nullify any provision of the Charter (not modified by state law); and

WHEREAS prior collective bargaining agreements, including those with the Detroit Police Officers' Association (DPOA), the Detroit Police Lieutenants & Sergeants Association (DPLSA) and Command Officers Association (COA) have contained provisions that effectively limited or circumvented the Charter-mandated authority of the BOPC; and

WHEREAS such provisions have, in practice (while legal under state law), impaired the ability of Commissioners to fulfill their duties as enumerated in Chapter 8 of the Charter, including but not limited to being the final authority in imposing or reviewing discipline as required under Chapter 8 Section 7-803, and the approval of promotions as required under Chapter 8 Section 7-814 of the Charter; and

WHEREAS in 2020, the BOPC exercised its Charter authority by unanimously voting to reject the promotion of a Corporal to Sergeant following an incident involving misconduct against a hospital patient, yet an arbitrator, acting under the terms of a labor agreement, subsequently overrode that decision; and

WHEREAS the use of contractual provisions or arbitration outcomes, while legal under state law, to override Charter-mandated authority undermines the intent of the Charter, erodes public trust, and raises serious concerns regarding the lawful exercise of governmental power; and

WHEREAS the BOPC recognizes that upcoming negotiations with the DPOA, DPLSA and COA present an opportunity to ensure that future agreements fully respect and preserve the authority established by the Charter;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED that the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners formally urges the Mayor of the City of Detroit to direct the Labor Relations Division to ensure that no collective bargaining agreement is negotiated that conflicts with, limits, or nullifies any Charter-mandated authority of the BOPC or any other City official; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the BOPC strongly recommends the inclusion of clear contractual language in all future collective bargaining agreements stating that no provision of such agreements shall be interpreted or applied in a manner that supersedes or diminishes the Charter of the City of Detroit; and

BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED that the BOPC calls upon the Detroit City Council to carefully review all proposed collective bargaining agreements and to refuse ratification of any agreement that is inconsistent with the Charter or that undermines the authority granted therein; and

BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED that pursuant to state law the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners stands ready to work collaboratively with the Mayor, the Labor Relations Division, and the Detroit City Council to ensure that all agreements reflect both the letter and the spirit of the Charter, thereby preserving accountability, transparency, and public confidence in the governance of the Detroit Police Department.

Commissioner Boman motioned "I move that this be adopted on this day." The motion was passed as amended.

Vice Chair Woods motioned "to amend the resolution to strike out the word urge and insert the word request." The motion passed.

10. **New Business.**

- A. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 102.10 Brady-Giglio Disclosure Requirements**
- B. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 102.13 Personal Protection Orders Against Members**
- C. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 201.12 Precinct Station Security**
- D. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 202.3 Search Warrants and Execution**
- E. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 202.4 Case Preparation**
- F. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 304.9 Pepperball Launcher**
- G. **Motion to adopt as policy, Directive 304.10 Foam Round 40mm Shot Launcher**

Commissioner Watts motioned "by direction of the Policy Committee, I move to adopt policy directives, 102.10 Brady Giglio Disclosure Requirements, 102.13 Personal Protection Orders Against Members, 201.12 Precinct Station Security, 202.3 Search Warrants and Execution, 202.4 Case Preparation, 304.9 Pepperball Launcher and 304.10 Foam Round 40mm Shot Launcher." The motion passed.

11. **Adjournment.**

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 10:07 p.m.