



## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Board of Police Commissioners  
**FROM:** Eva Garza Dewaelsche, Chairperson Budget Committee  
**DATE:** June 9, 2026  
**RE:** Budget Committee Meeting Memo

Dear Colleagues,

On behalf of the Board of Police Commissioners Budget Committee, please see the key follow-up from the committee meeting held on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026:

**Committee Attendees:** Committee Chairperson Garza Dewaelsche, Commissioner Woods, Commissioner Watts, Commissioner Jones

**Board Attendees:** Commissioner Camille

**Staff Attendees:** Board Secretary – Lydia Garnier, Chief Investigator – Jerome Warfield, Executive Fiscal Manager – Drew Fries

- **FY2026-27 BOPC ‘Community Engagement’ Spend:** BOPC Budget Committee Members, as well as fellow Board attendees, reviewed various categories of spend for opportunities to allocate budget funds in the upcoming fiscal year through the ‘Community Engagement’ initiative. The ‘Community Engagement’ line item is incremental for the 2026-27 fiscal year and represents a total of \$100,000. This incremental spend of \$100,000 is to be divided evenly across the 11 BOPC Board seats, allocating \$9,090.90 to each respective Commissioner. It is the Budget Committee’s goal to fully utilize these funds, adhere to CoD Financial Policies, and set up the Full Board to maximize the opportunity to positively impact ‘Community Engagement.’

With this goal in mind, a Central Finance expert, Agency CFO, Mr. Andre Blair, has provided initial guidance on how to properly approach different categories of spend in FY27. These categories include (but not limited to): gas & mileage, food, SWAG, community spaces, flyers, and surveys.

Productive discussion was facilitated and follow-ups for Mr. Andre Blair were generated. These follow-ups will be relayed back to Mr. Blair by BOPC Fiscal Manager Fries and Mr. Blair’s responses and clarifications will be compiled and relayed to the Full Board.

We thank you for your review and the next BOPC Budget Committee meeting is to be announced.

Sincerely,

Eva Garza Dewaelsche  
At-Large  
Chairperson, BOPC Budget Committee