

Approved Minutes of Board of Police Commissioners
Date of Meeting: Thursday, January 22, 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 Teresa Mattison provided the invocation.

2. **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	

3. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Agenda for Thursday, January 22, 2026. The Agenda was accepted and adopted.

4. **Chair Dewaelsche** requested the approval of the Meeting Minutes for January 15, 2026. The minutes were adopted as presented.

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

6. **BOPC Officers' Report – Chair Dewaelsche**

7. **Chief of Police Report.**

Deputy Chief Mark Bliss reported on current CompStat Crime/Statistical Data for Violent Crime and Property and recent critical incidents impacting the community. On Tuesday, January 6, 2026, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged a man in the fatal shooting of his girlfriend that occurred on August 12, 2025 on Morley Street. On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, the Wayne County Prosecutor's Office charged a 19-year-old female in the fatal shooting of her father that occurred on January 10, 2026 on Dwyer Street. Detroit Police Homicide completed both investigations that led to these arrests. On Friday, January 16, 2026, officers from three different units conducting a narcotics operation in the 17,000 block of Hull and the 18,000 block of Cardone, where several narcotics and firearms were recovered. Both locations were known to be ran by a gang. Three felony arrests were made and the following items were confiscated. 27,629 grams of marijuana, 101 Xanax pills, 350 Oxycodone pills, 354 Fentanyl pills, 22 bottles of Promethazine, one mason jar with marijuana wax, \$14,825 in cash, 1 handgun, 1 shotgun and 1 SKS-style rifle. The total street value for the seized items is approximately \$172,465. On Tuesday, January 20, 2026, Detroit police narcotics officers executed a search warrant in the 15,000 block of Stoepel. Officers made one felony arrest and recovered several items 18 grams of cocaine, 89.8 grams of Fentanyl, 727.2 grams of unknown white powder, which has been forwarded to the lab for testing, \$248 in cash and miscellaneous packaging and processing materials. The total street value of the seized narcotics is approximately \$10,420. Last week, the Traffic Enforcement Unit conducted traffic enforcement in the Ninth, Tenth and Eleventh Precincts. Officers conducted 220 traffic stops, issued 516 tickets and issued an additional 57 speeding tickets. On Sunday, January 18, 2026, the Department shared on their social media page that three juveniles were arrested for an armed robbery that happened on December 29, 2025 in the Tenth Precinct. The All Abilities Fair will be on Friday, January 23, 2026 at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters. Detroit Police Department will be hosting the fair for community members who are in search of services related to special needs, mental health, physical and intellectual disabilities.

Commissioner Camille inquired if Deputy Chief Bliss can share with the Board and the public what CJIS is, who regulates it, who creates it, maintains it, and monitors the compliance standard. **Deputy Chief Bliss** recommended that a formal presentation/report be made to the Board because it is so comprehensive and he wants to be sure that all questions are answered. **Commissioner Camille** requested a brief definition. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that CJIS is the Criminal Justice Information System and it's a system where various personal information, if there's a crime, the things a person has been charged with, it's in that type of database. There are certain stipulations to be cleared in order to see sensitive data. There's a vetting process that has to be done in order to be CJIS cleared to see that type of sensitive information. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if it is similar/equivalent to HIPAA in the medical space. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated it is something similar and deferred to legal advisor 2nd Deputy Chief Grant Ha. **2nd Deputy Chief Ha** stated that the Criminal Justice Information System policy is a policy that was created by the FBI and then later adopted by the State of Michigan and then Detroit. The information that is contained in CJIS is only available to law enforcement agencies. If there is a violation in regards to CJIS then they are liable to the State of Michigan and with the FBI. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if Deputy Chief Bliss had an update on the individual that passed away at the DDC. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that there was a medical evaluation and they are awaiting that report. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if Deputy Chief Bliss is familiar with the climate control issues that have been complained about in the past. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that the DDC has two buildings, the administration building (Building 100) and Building 500. Building 500 is where the detainees are housed. In Building 500 there is no air conditioning but fans. In Building 100 there is heat and air conditioning. The buildings are being evaluated. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if DPD would initiate an investigation on a missing person who has been abducted by individuals posing as law enforcement. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that they process that and investigate it like a crime until further investigation happens. **Commissioner Camille** inquired who in the Department makes the decision to release body-worn camera footage and in what timing. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that the Chief of Police and Internal Affairs has the right to say that body-worn camera footage is going to be locked down in order to properly do the investigation. **Commissioner Camille** inquired if there is a need to protect officers' due process more so than the general public or elected officials. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated there's a need to protect the investigation.

Commissioner Watts stated that she has a senior whose vehicle was stolen, impounded and towed. She has been told different amounts of what the fees are and she has a hardship. Stated that she would forward the information over to DPD. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated please send her information over and that there is paperwork that needs to be completed in order to identify a hardship. **Vice Chair Woods** inquired if the citizen has to pay if she was the victim of a crime. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that there are certain crimes where the victim is not charged. Without knowing the specifics of the case, he can't say for sure if she would be required to pay or not. **Vice Chair Woods** again asked if her vehicle was stolen and then recovered she wouldn't have to pay. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated correct. **Vice Chair Woods** requested that Deputy Chief Bliss report back to the Board on this matter. **Deputy Chief Bliss** stated that yes, as soon as he gets the information and can do some research into it.

8. **Oral Communication / Public Comments:** Minister Eric Blount, Mr. Deonte Wardlow, Ms. Charnita Williams, Lieutenant Mark Young, Mr. Claude Norwood, Mr. Rhuben Crowley, Former Commissioner William Davis, Ms. Sandra Turner-Handy, Mr. Jahdante Smith, Mr. Able, Ms. Shea Howell, Ms. Jawana Oliver, Ms. Gwendolyn Gibson, Ms. Taura Brown and Ms. Mea provided public comments.

9. **Presentation to the Board**

- A. **DPD Budget Report (Fiscal Year Q1 July-September 2025) – ACFO Nevrus Nazarko**

ACFO Nevrus Nazarko reported on DPD budget for Fiscal Year Quarter 1 (July-September 2025). Reports included Quarter 1 Year-to-Date Budget versus Actual Revenues and Expenses, General Fund Quarter 1 Year-to-Date FY25 Budget versus Actual Revenue and Expenses, Vehicle Purchase Report, Capital Expenditure Report and Grant Activity Report.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired about the items that have the greatest variance and would like an idea of why that is occurring. **ACFO Nazarko** explained why there is a variance and what factors contribute to what has been budgeted and what has been received and spent. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about the large variance as it pertains to operating services and capital equipment & outlay. Inquired if there is a reason, if it is cyclical and are all of these going to be because of timing. Is there a goal to achieve budget amounts. **ACFO Nazarko** stated they have plans to achieve their budget goals. Furthermore, he stated that operating service and capital equipment are cyclical. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about DDC Building 100 having a budget of \$15,000 and if any of that money could be used for air conditioning in DDC Building 500. **ACFO Nazarko** clarified that \$15,000 was for expenditures. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about the number of awards that has been received and whether it is \$8.5 million or \$9 million. **ACFO Nazarko** that's approximate. **Chair Dewaelsche** asked how that compares to last year. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that it is a little bit higher this year compared to last year.

Commissioner Woods inquired if there is anything in the works as it relates to capital improvement at the DDC as it relates to the air conditioning. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that the budget that they have put forward for the 2027 fiscal year may have a request as such, but the report/budget for this year does not include capital expenditures for the DDC.

Commissioner Ivey inquired about the \$15,000 for DDC Building 100 being money that has been spent or money asked for. **ACFO Nazarko** clarified that it is money that has been spent. **Commissioner Ivey** inquired if the grant amounts is money that has already been awarded or money waiting to be awarded. **ACFO Nazarko** stated it is money that has been awarded and has been spent.

Commissioner Camille inquired about the capital improvement expenditures that were for nominal amounts and if those are real expenditures. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that those represent an upcoming expenditure. **Commissioner Camille** inquired about an expenditure in July in the amount of \$703.56 and if that expenditure was for the gun range in Rouge Park and requested that DPD provide the date that they ceased testing explosives in the area. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that he would say so. **Commissioner Camille** asked if DPD applies for grants or if the Public Safety Foundation applies for grants; inquired on what the process is. **ACFO Nazarko** stated that it is his understanding that DPD applies for most of the grants and the city has an Office of Grants at CAYMC as well that works closely with DPD grants. If foundation applies and receives grants, that's a separate entity from the City and is not represented on the financial reports. **Commissioner Camille** inquired about non-personnel expenditure funds and if DPD goes through City procurement when spending those funds and follows the CIOGS process if it's for surveillance. **ACFO Nazarko** stated yes. On the grant situation, it's a little more rigid, involved and more documentation needed because whomever gave the grant is asking for more documentation when spending the money.

Commissioner Boman inquired about what part of the budget is set aside for employees in the Office of the Chief Investigator. **Vice Chair Woods** stated that is handled through Drew Fries, BOPC Fiscal Manager and the BOPC budget.

- B. Human Resources Bureau – Director Katrina Patillo, DPD Personnel:** Director Katrina Patillo, Human Resources Bureau presented information regarding staffing and hiring of DPD personnel for the month of December 2025.

Chair Dewaelsche inquired about the 68 civilian positions that are currently open and what some of those positions look like. **Director Patillo** stated that those positions consist of 911 operators, social workers, administrative assistants, administrative specialists, clerks, communication specialists and various other positions that are not police officers. **Chair Dewaelsche** inquired about the separations and the number of officers that left DPD for another police department and if that number is decreasing. **Director Patillo** stated that for the year 2025 they had 41 total, and the leading agency is the federal government. Compared to last year, it was an increase.

Commissioner Watts inquired about recruitment efforts to fill vacancies. **Director Patillo** stated that they do outreach, work with the high schools, work with the colleges, go into the communities, and are invited to several different opportunities. Stated that they do several career fairs. **Director Patillo** went over several different ways that the Department implements recruitment efforts.

Vice Chair Woods requested that the Board be made aware when officers resign under criminal charges or resign under investigation. **Director Patillo** stated ok.

Commissioner Carter inquired about the number of participants that failed the physical agility test and if the DPD Fit program is still available. **Director Patillo** stated yes, they still have the physical fit camp for participants if they fail the physical agility test. **Commissioner Carter** asked how long they have been doing that. **Director Patillo** stated that they brought that program back about two years ago. **Commissioner Carter** asked if the participants are paid. **Director Patillo** stated that they are not paid, and it is volunteer.

10. Report from Board Secretary Lydia Gamier

- A. Administrative Leave Without Pay but with Medical Benefits for Sergeant Anthony Williams
- B. 260120 BOPC Facial Recognition Report
- C. 260120 BOPC Shot Spotter Weekly Report
- D. DPD Arrest Report to BOPC
- E. DPD Force Report to BOPC
- F. DPD Internal Affairs Report to BOPC
- G. DPD Suspended with Pay Report to BOPC
- H. Personnel and Training Committee Memorandum
- I. Announcements

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 29, 2026 @ 3:00 p.m. at Detroit Public Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street, Detroit, MI 48226

February Community Meeting: Thursday, February 12, 2026 @ 6:30 p.m. at 11th Precinct @ TBD

11. Unfinished Business

- A. Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), the request of Director Katrina Patillo to discuss employment evaluation**

Vice Chair Woods moved that “the Board go into Closed Session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act, MCL 15.268(a), the request of Director Katrina Patillo to discuss employment evaluation.” (Time: 4:48 p.m.) The motion passed.

Reconvene Open Meeting (5:11 p.m.)

- B. Motion to accept the proposed new salary range for Director of Police Personnel**

Vice Chair Woods motioned “by direction of the Personnel and Training Committee, I move that the Board accept the proposed new salary range of \$112,628 to \$171,906 for the Director of Police Personnel as recommended by the City of Detroit Human Resource Classification and Compensation Team.” The motion passed.

- C. Motion to accept Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison recommendation for pay increase for Director Katrina Patillo**

Vice Chair Woods motioned “by direction of the Personnel and Training Committee, I move that the Board accept the recommendation of Chief of Police Todd A. Bettison for a pay increase for Personnel Director Katrina Patillo from \$149,815 to \$163,000 which is within the range of \$112,628 to \$171,906.” The motion passed.

- D. Motion to post BOPC-OCI Senior Investigator positions (2) [OCI Internal Candidates Only] for seven (7) days**

Vice Chair Woods motioned “by direction of the Personnel and Training Committee, I move that two vacant senior investigation positions within BOPC OCI be posted for OCI internal candidates only, and be posted for a period of seven days.” The motion passed.

12. New Business

- A. Commissioner Boman** motioned “to establish an Ad Hoc Union Contract Committee.” The motion failed.

YES: 4

NO: 5

MOTION: FAILED

YES: Commissioners Boman, Camille, Ivey and Williams

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

- B. Vice Chair Woods** motioned “to refer this matter to the Personnel and Training Committee.” The motion passed.

- C. Vice Chair Woods** motioned “to communicate to the Department or the Police Chief that we have security that’s the same par as Detroit City Council.” The motion passed.

Commissioner Camille amended the motion, stating “instead of asking DPD to provide the security, ask the Chief of Police to provide us with a proposal for us to vote on for what that security looks like.” The motion passed.

13. Adjournment.

Chair Dewaelsche adjourned the meeting at 5:36 p.m.