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- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon. It is now 3:00
- 2 PM. I am going to call this meeting of the Detroit Board
- 3 of Police Commissioners to order. Seeing that we don't
- 4 yet have a quorum, we will begin as we do every week with
- 5 a word of invocation, which we offered by our chaplain.
- 6 CHAPLAIN FRANKLIN: Good afternoon, everyone. Let's
- 7 bow our heads. Father, in the name of Jesus, we just want
- 8 to thank you for this day. We thank you for this awesome
- 9 team of the Board of Police Commissioners. Lord, we ask
- 10 that you are just blessed, be in the midst of them,
- 11 Father. We just thank you for the wisdom and knowledge
- 12 that you have given them, Lord God. And we just want to
- 13 thank you for everything that you're going to do. We give
- 14 your name, glory, honor, and thanks, in Jesus' name,
- 15 amen.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Amen. Thank you so much for
- 17 your words of invocation. Noting that there isn't a
- 18 quorum present, we will move forward with our amended
- 19 agenda, having our acting secretary provide us with our
- 20 announcements. And then, if we still don't have a quorum,
- 21 Mr. Brown, you can move forward with your secretary's
- 22 report.
- 23 MR. BROWN: Yeah. Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. The
- 24 announcement. The next BOPC meeting will be April 25th,
- 25 2024, at 3:00 PM, here at Detroit Public Safety

- 2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Gamble -
- 3 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Woods Present.
- 5 W.R. DROWN. Commissioner woods Fresent.

MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez

- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All right. And again, with
- 5 that, we do indeed have a quorum. Before we move on to
- 6 the approval of the April 18th, 2024 agenda, I would like
- 7 to make an adjustment to this agenda, to move unfinished
- 8 business, as well as new business directly after the
- 9 Chief of Police report. And so now the Chair will move
- 10 towards the... is there any objection to those changes?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Object. Mr. Chairman, I think
- 12 we should keep everything in place according to the place
- 13 of the agenda.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So noting that
- 15 objection, that means that we need to vote on the
- 16 approval of the agenda with those changes being made. And
- 17 so the Chair entertains a motion for the approval of the
- 18 agenda of April 18th, 2024, noting the change of
- 19 unfinished business and new finished business being
- 20 placed after the Chief of Police report.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 23 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Second.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor please
- 25 signify by saying, aye.

- 1 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
 - 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? No. The
 - 3 ayes have it. That the agenda is approved as amended.
 - 4 Next, we'll move on to the approval of the minutes for
 - 5 April 11th, 2024. Is there any objection to the approval
 - 6 of these minutes? Hearing no objection, the minutes will
 - 7 be approved; the minutes are approved, rather. Now we'll
 - 8 move on to the introduction of BOPC Staff, Chief of
 - 9 Police, Elected Officials, Representatives, and Community
 - 10 Leaders by Acting Secretary Brown.
 - 11 MR. BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair. Currently we
 - 12 have Parliamentarian, Dr. Francis Jackson, Attorney
 - 13 Stephani LaBelle, Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Ms.
 - 14 Jonya Underwood, Ms. Teresa Blossom, Ms. Candice Hayes,
 - 15 Supervising Investigator, Ms. LiSonya Sloan, and VIPs in
 - 16 attendance, we have AC Fitzgerald sitting in for the
 - 17 Chief, Lieutenant Mark Young, LSA President, Mr. Ron
 - 18 Thomas, DOA Vice President, Ms. Freda of Butler,
 - 19 President of District 2 Community Relations, and Ms.
 - 20 LaDon Davis, Office of Fred Durhal III.
 - 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. Thank you. And again,
 - 22 we are so grateful for everyone's attendance, whether in
 - 23 person or virtually, and it is our hope that we'll add to
 - 24 the productivity of today's meeting. At this time, we'll
 - 25 move forward to the Board of Police Commissioner's

- 1 Headquarters. That address is 1301 Third Street in the
- 2 Skylar Herbert Room. The next BOPC community meeting
- 3 would be Thursday, May 9th, at 6:30 PM, with the 8th
- 4 Precinct hosting. And the location would be at the 8th5 Precinct auditorium. That address is 2155 5 West
- 6 McNichols, 48219. The monthly committee meeting is
- 7 scheduled for April, 2024. The Citizen Complaint
- 8 Committee meeting will meet Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, at
- 9 5:00 PM. The Policy Committee will meet Tuesday, April
- 10 30th, 2024, also at 5:00 PM. And all those can be
- $11\,$ attended at Detour Public Safety Headquarters, or you can
- 12 view them on Zoom. And Mr. Chair, I go to my report.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, we do now have a quorum,
- 14 and so we can move to our formal agenda, which will be15 the introduction of commissioners. Go right ahead.
- 16 Secretary Brown.
- 17 MR. BROWN: Yes. Chairperson Pressley Here.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith Present.
- 19 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bernard Attorney Linda
- 20 Bernard, District 2 Present.
- 21 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks says he's on his way.
- 22 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell Present District 4.
- 23 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton Present District 5.
- 24 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter -
- 25 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Moore, got an excuse.

- 1 Officers report where there is a resolution calling for a
- 2 ceasefire in Gaza and the immediate release of all
- 3 hostages. We'll have Vice Chair Tamara Liberty Smith to
- 4 read that into the record.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: By the Board of Police
- 6 Commissioners Resolution.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Smith, you can
- 8 stall on that reading. We've just lost our quorum, which
- 9 was to be anticipated. And so now we will again move to
- 10 our amended agenda where Mr. Brown, you can go forward
- 11 with your secretary's report.
- 12 MR. BROWN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, currently there are
- 13 three incoming correspondence under my report. You
- 14 received today, a BOPC towing response from Corporation
- 15 Council Conrad Mallett. Also, there was a policy memo
- 16 from the Chief of Police Office regarding facial
- 17 recognition and eyewitness policy. And the third, but
- 18 last is OCI weekly inventory report. That's all for the
- 19 secretary's report.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you for that. And
- 21 with that, there are no further items that we can handle
- 22 under the amended agenda, and so we'll move forward with
- 23 public comment.
- 24 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, you have five speakers.
- 25 I'll start with those in the room. Ms. Williams, Minister

- 1 in favors? And it's very unfortunate, all the stuff I
- 2 learned since I've been out here homeless, and all the
- 3 money that has been stolen, and the corruption in this
- 4 State, not just the city. And I'm just frustrated with a
- 5 whole lot of illegal corruption in the city, and I'm
- 6 tired of people disrespecting my constitutional rights,
- 7 going in there without a search warrant, illegal cameras
- 8 in there they can pull up on their phones. These are
- 9 undercover officers, and the staff are fully aware of
- 10 this. So I don't know how you guys are going to address
- 11 this issue, excuse me, the issue that I've been
- 12 complaining about, about officers stalking me, following
- 13 me in their civilian vehicles, all type of stuff. And at
- 14 the end of the day, if I cannot trust the people who are
- 15 supposed to protect and serve. Who can I trust?
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 17 MINISTER BLOUNT: Good afternoon board.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- 19 MINISTER BLOUNT: This week's investigative report by
- 20 the Detroit Free Press, details some extremely disturbing
- 21 facts of police officers shooting of citizens who are not
- 22 killed, but also are not charged with any crime, and of
- 23 course, the body-worn camera footage is nowhere to be
- 24 found. This goes in line with so many other issues that
- 25 are being investigated that this board could easily do

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- 1 Eric Blount and Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 2 MS. WILLIAMS: Hi.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Hello.
- 4 MS. WILLIAMS: How are you guys doing today?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Great.
- 6 MS. WILLIAMS: Well, I haven't been here in a few
- 7 weeks, and the last time I was here, I spoke to
- 8 undercover officers working in the shelter where I reside
- 9 at. And the assistant chief said, he does not have
- 10 anybody in there. And I keep saying, okay, it is off the
- 11 books, are they just in there? So I went down to Attorney
- 12 Affairs and I made a complaint concerning officers in
- 13 there going through my stuff without a search warrant,
- 14 stalking me on my devices. And I don't even think I
- 15 really spoke to Internal Affairs. They might have just
- 16 been acting like they work with Internal Affairs on the
- 17 third floor, because normally they give me a business
- 18 card. The last Internal Affair officer I spoke to, his
- 19 name was LaMar Armstrong. So I asked them for their
- 20 business cards.
- 21 But the point is, I've been coming here for a whole
- 22 year, and I'm very disappointed in a lot of people in
- 23 this room. You all take these positions and you all like
- 24 it's all about money, corruption, and who can do what and
- 25 how you guys are going to do it, and who is going to call

- 1 itself, but you refuse to. So we still have governmental
- 2 agencies. The Auditor General is wrapping up their
- 3 investigation later this year. The Inspector General has
- 4 released some of its findings, but still, we play this
- 5 game of avoiding police officer misconduct.
- 6 And there's nothing wrong with the policies and
- 7 procedures, it's the pattern and the practices of some of
- 8 the bad police officers that make this whole city
- 9 dangerous for young black men. Yes, Commissioner Bernard,
- 10 I have been very critical of your behavior for your
- 11 solicitation of police officers you just voted to
- 12 promote. But along with that, it's the system that allows
- 13 you to do this. No one ever called you out about that.
- 14 Say, Hey, wait, stop. That's not right. Don't do that.
- 15 Don't do it again. At least you haven't done it again.
- 16 But it's the system that everybody keeps silent and lets
- 17 you go ahead and do something so egregious. But no one
- 18 says anything. It's the system that backs you up that
- 19 bothers us the most.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Let the record show
- 21 that Commissioner Hernandez has joined us, and with that
- 22 we do indeed have a quorum. And so we'll return to the
- 23 Board of Police Commissioner's Officers Report where
- 24 Vice-Chair Smith will be reading the board's resolution25 calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. And immediate release of



- 1 all hostages. Vice Chair Smith.
- 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Thank you. By the Board of
- 3 Police Commissioners Resolution calling for a ceasefire
- 4 in Gaza, and immediate release of all hostages. WHEREAS
- 5 on October 7th, 2023, Hamas launched an unprecedented
- 6 attack against Israel, taking over 200 hostages and
- 7 resulting in the deaths of 1200 Israelis; and WHEREAS the
- 8 Cabinet of Israel subsequently formally declared war
- 9 against Hamas, and the Israeli defense minister ordered a
- 10 complete seize on Gaza; and
- WHEREAS since the war began, Gaza has endured 11
- 12 punishment and been largely cut off from humanitarian
- 13 aid, and thousands of people have been killed, and more
- than 1 million have been displaced; and
- 15 WHEREAS due to the imminent threat of famine, the
- 16 United Nations Security Council referring to the conflict
- 17 as a catastrophic humanitarian situation, has called for
- 18 the immediate lifting of all barriers to the delivery of
- humanitarian aid; and
- 20 WHEREAS as of April 5th, 2024, the war against Hamas
- 21 has destroyed much of the civilian infrastructure within
- 22 Gaza, including hospitals, and resulted in the deaths of
- 23 over 32,000 people, and more than 75,000 have been
- 24 injured with at least two-thirds of the casualties being
- 25 women and children; and

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- 1 Gaza, which are indispensable to the survival as required
- 2 by international humanitarian law.
- Now be it finally resolved as part of the ceasefire,
- 4 the Board of Police Commissioners calls for the
- 5 unconditional release of all civilians who are being
- 6 illegally held hostage, demanding their safety,
- 7 wellbeing, and humane treatment in compliance with
- 8 International Law
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The Chair entertains a motion
- 10 to adopt this Resolution into our archives.
- 11 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those in favor signify by
- 15 saying, aye.
- COMMISSIONERS: Aye. 16
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed? No, the
- 18 aves have it. This motion is adopted.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard
- 21 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: I just want to make a point. I
- 22 approve this Resolution entirely, and hopefully our
- 23 weighing in on this subject will make a difference. But I
- 24 think the intent of the speakers that we've had before us
- 25 over the last four meetings, four weeks, has been to look
- 1 at how the department is spending its resources, and
 - 2 whether or not any of those resources are going to 3 companies that are responsible for at least directly or
 - 4 indirectly for the carnage that's happening in Gaza.
 - 5 Specifically, one of the gentlemen said to us the drones
 - 6 are what are creating the targets. The drones don't pull
 - 7 the trigger. Of course, the Israeli soldiers pull the
 - 8 trigger or whoever's pulling the trigger. And I think it
 - 9 is important for us to, to look at who, who, the \$600
 - 10 million that we spend almost a billion a year to see if
 - 11 any of the companies that we're doing business with are
 - 12 involved in this conflict directly or indirectly, and in
 - 13 what manner?
 - 14 And the reason I say that is that you may not be old
 - 15 enough to remember this, but I remember when there was
 - 16 apartheid in South Africa, and it was the students at

 - 17 Harvard University that protested and protested before
 - 18 the Board of Regents of Harvard University and said, we
 - 19 have to disinvest, we can't support companies that are
 - 20 supporting apartheid. And I think this movement that
 - 21 people that have spoken to us about it, will come in and
 - 22 have that same sentiment. Dollars are what, you know,
 - 23 funds wars, and we should know if any of our dollars are
 - 24 being spent with any of those companies. So asking the
 - 25 department that question, I think is appropriate. And we

- 2 marks the most significant escalation in decades and
- 3 continue escalation could result in a larger regional
- 4 conflict with devastating consequences; and
- 5 WHEREAS the Board of Police Commissioners believes
- 6 that all surveying nations in pursuit of self-defense
- 7 must comply with international humanitarian law
- regardless of the geographic context; and
- WHEREAS the Board of Police Commissioners agrees
- 10 that no human should be deprived of water, food,
- 11 healthcare, and medical supplies, energy, fuel, and
- 12 electricity and other basic needs and decrees the
- deprivation of thereof; and
- WHEREAS the Board of Police Commissioner condemns
- 15 all acts of violence aimed at Israeli and Palestinian
- 16 civilians and mourns the loss of all civilian lives and
- 17 hostages; and
- WHEREAS the Board of Police Commissioner is gravely 18
- 19 concerned and recognizes that a lasting resolution can
- 20 only be achieved by peaceful means and diplomacy.
- 21 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED
- 22 That the Board of Police Commissioners calls for an
- 23 immediate, durable and sustained ceasefire to protect and
- 24 save human lives, which allows for humanitarian aid and 25 the unhindered provision of goods to civilians throughout

- 1 get the answer from the department or from your
- 2 purchasing agent, whatever it is. We have a right to know
- 3 whether we do anything with it or not, but we have a
- 4 right to know if we're supporting any companies that are
- supporting this war effort. That's all
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Duly noted. Commissioner 6
- 7 Woods.
- 8 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. I think it's an
- 9 unreasonable request to ask the department to search for
- 10 a ghost. The fact of the matter is that if we have some
- information on any companies that's participating in
- 12 this, then we could see if we are doing business with any
- 13 of those folks. But I don't think that was even the
- 14 request, I think the request was just to be able to deal
- with technology within the department, and such a blanket
- statement means that, you know, you can't use a cell. We
- want to get rid of our cell phone providers. Motorola,
- 18 I'm sure that there's some communication, that type of
- 19 technology is just so broad that if we approved such a
- 20 motion that it would put us in one of the biggest trick
- 21 bags ever. So folks need to be more specific as it
- 22 relates to those types of things and not, you know,
- 23 having an emotionally charged situation and playing
- 24 politics with it.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It is not...

- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: He was defeated. 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excuse me, Commissioner
- 3 Bernard, speak through the Chair, and also wait to be
- 4 recognized. Commissioner Woods.
- COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yeah. The writer of that
- 6 resolution has really derelicted his responsibility in
- 7 his role as a police commissioner, not to be in this room
- 8 and to continue to play games, and walk out on vitally
- 9 important votes that impacts us moving this commission
- 10 forward and this organization forward. So I don't even
- 11 respect the resolution that he, or I am not going to
- 12 speak on him, but the resolution in itself, excuse me,
- 13 ma'am, you know, through the Chair. I think it's just
- 14 wrong, and I think we need to move forward, and to play
- 15 politics on something that is so emotionally charged in
- 16 this nation, that's not the posture that we need to take
- 17 as a commission.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Mr. Chairman, I...
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard, I want
- 20 to remind you to speak through the Chair.
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you. Through the Chair.
- 22 I do not know what my colleague is speaking about.
- 23 There's no politics here. This is a straight out question
- 24 that universities and cities and communities answer all
- 25 over the country. And the motion that my colleague is

- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Are you wanting to be
- 2 recognized?
- COMMISSIONER BERNARD: May I be recognized? 3
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Okay. It is not an overbroad
- 6 request. It's a simple request.HR, I mean, I'm sorry.
- 7 Purchasing can give you a list of every single company in
- 8 the world that we do business with. Then the question
- 9 becomes whether any of those companies are engaged in
- terms of providing any support to this conflict. We can
- 11 then decide whether we want to or not want to, you know,
- issue a resolution or prod the department to not do business. That's a whole separate issue. But we are
- 14 entitled to the information. We're a \$3 billion municipal
- 15 corporation. We have more than enough resources to answer
- 16 any question, particularly one that's so easy to do. If
- 17 it's Motorola, does Motorola do business? These are easy
- answers, and an easy questionnaire, if you will, to be
- 19 responded to. And we're entitled to that information.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: But that was not the resolution
- 22 that was presented before us. The resolution that was
- 23 presented before us was just absolutely too broad. And
- 24 again, if there are some specifics from the writer of the
- 25 resolution who's not here right now, I guess that...

- Page 17 1 referring to was defeated. So that is no longer an issue
- 2 here. The issue is, very succinctly, whether or not the
- 3 police department is doing business with companies that
- 4 are involved in this conflict financially. That's the
- 5 only question. And the resolution you're talking about
- 6 was defeated, as I said. And furthermore, criticism of
- 7 your colleague that way is inappropriate, particularly an
- 8 elected member of this board. I don't care which member
- 9 it is, but that is inappropriate.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, I would suggest that I
- 11 think that the conversation has been thoroughly debated.
- 12 And again. I think that what we have done by passing this
- 13 resolution on this ceasefire was again, to make sure that
- 14 the board's position on this humanitarian crisis was made
- 15 clear. I do echo the sentiments of Commissioner Woods,
- 16 that if and when any particular company has or could be
- 17 identified as having any involvement with the crises over
- 18 there, and we are somehow supporting them financially,
- 19 then I think that they can be handled at that moment. But
- 20 again, to just make a broad statement of suspicion, not 21 being able to identify any such semblance that that is
- 22 occurring, or is the case, even having had the department
- 23 at times to share with us that they don't believe that
- 24 any of that is already occurring, I think would be a
- 25 distraction from the number of policies that your

1 committee even is leading the effort on that actually has

- 2 an impact on the citizens and who we are called to serve.
- 3 So, again, if by chance it comes out, and is made
- 4 aware that there are companies, then I think that a
- 5 Commissioner stands ready to make a statement in that
- 6 regard. And above that, your request, Commissioner
- 7 Bernard, does not require resolution. If it is your
- 8 desire to make an inquiry of DPD around the matter in
- 9 which you suggest that can be made, and it doesn't
- 10 require the resolution. And so, again, I believe that the
- 11 consensus of the board was to try to separate the matters
- 12 so that there wouldn't be any confusion or conflation of
- 13 the issues that would be stated very clearly with clarity
- 14 how this board feels regardless, to this humanitarian
- 15 crisis. And so with that, we have a very packed agenda.
- 16 And so I do want to indeed move on. And so with that, we
- 17 will now move to the Chief of Police Report which will be
- 18 provided to us by AC Fitzgerald.
- 19 AC FITZGERALD: Good afternoon, honorable board. And
- 20 I will be brief. I just want to talk about the crime
- 21 data. The crime data, the numbers, they truly are
- 22 trending in the right direction. But what was unique this
- 23 week is that in the 30 years I've been on, I have never
- 24 seen green arrows for every single part one category.
- 25 Everything is down across the board on the Eastside and
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- 1 the Westside. And I'm telling you, it's my first time in
- 2 30 years. So definitely not celebrating, but there is a
- 3 little bit of excitement that we've continued to trend in
- 4 the right direction in a good year in 2022, a better year
- 5 in 2023, and we're continuing that trend. Listen, 49
- 6 homicides is still way too many for any city/ State. But 7 being down 30% in homicides alone is something that we're
- 8 excited about that we continue to trend down to 23%.
- We're down in non-fatal shootings, 38%. So it's not
- 10 even small numbers. These are big double digit numbers.
- 11 So hopefully more to come with that. Our drifting and
- 12 drag racing detail continues to run. Just a couple things
- 13 of note, we've already impounded 22 cars since we started
- 14 mid-March. And the scary thing is we've recovered 12 guns
- 15 during our detail. So it's always good to get the guns
- 13 during our detail. So it's arways good to get the guns
- 16 off the street, the illegal ones. Our mental health 17 related calls for service, up slightly this year but
- 18 looks like it's starting to trend in the right direction.
- 19 Again, it's starting to level off a little better. But
- 20 the men and women of our mental health response, the CIT
- 21 trained officers, are just doing an incredible job out
- 22 there. Overdose related calls down this year, the first
- 23 time in a few years too. So more good news.
- 24 Unfortunately, there are still far too many that we'd
- 25 like to get ahold of. Just a couple significant incidents

- 1 that go around. Thursday, April 11th, approximately 11:10
- 2 AM at the corner of Phillips and Waveney in the 5th
- 3 Precinct, there were two victims discovered, they had
- 4 first appeared to be a drug overdose, later determined
- 5 that one of the male victims was shot and the female
- 6 victim was brutally beaten to death. At this point it's
- 7 kind of in a little of a vacant area, so we really need
- 8 the community's help and support on that. So if anyone
- 9 saw anything leading up to that event prior to, if they
- 10 know them from the area, they could please call Crime
- 11 Stoppers at 1800 SpeakUp or Detroit Rewards TV.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And what was that area, AC
- 13 Fitzgerald?
- 14 AC FITZGERALD: Phillips and Waveney in the 5th
- 15 Precinct.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 17 AC FITZGERALD: Yep. Down the Eastside. Last
- 18 incident. Sunday, April, it's a drag racing issue. April
- 19 14th, the officers went to Martin Luther King Rosa Parks
- 20 to investigate drag racing. When they got there, a lot of
- 21 cars were taken off in the area trying to flee. They did
- 22 identify one car through a license plate, and tracked it
- 23 back. They attempted to stop the car, the car took off at
- 24 a very high rated speed. We will not chase for something
- 25 like that, so you let it go. But the CAT's team just did
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- 1 an amazing, our Commercial Auto Theft, did an amazing bit
- 2 of work, tracked that out to a registered owner in
- 3 Sterling Heights. So we made the trip out to Sterling
- 4 Heights to take the vehicle at that time.
- 5 We investigated the driver. He was found to be in
- 6 possession of an illegal handgun. So that warrant was
- 7 submitted to the Wayne County Prosecutor. So just a great
- 8 follow up by our officers getting out there. And we're
- 9 trying to be rid of this drifting drag racing nonsense
- 10 that we see every day. On some positive notes, the NFL
- 11 draft is one week away. So we hope to see you all come
- 12 down at some point in time. I know the last number we
- 13 received is over 300,000 one passes. So there's going to
- 14 be a lot of excitement downtown. And we probably won't
- 15 get a whole lot of sleep for those three days, but it
- 16 should be fun nonetheless with spring. Citizens Police
- 17 Academy started on Monday, April 15th. There is still
- 18 availability, if you want to join up. You can call
- 19 5962520 and ask for either Corporal Woods or Corporal
- 20 Wilson. Be more than happy to try to get you into that
- 21 class. We had a wonderful visit Tuesday from the Deputy
- 22 US Attorney Lisa Monaco. She came and she toured the Real
- 23 Time Crime Center. She stayed for quite a while. We did
- 24 some Q&A. It was just a really nice visit. And she just 25 wanted to look to see what we're doing with these

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- 1 historic crime numbers and the decrease in crime. So it
- 2 was a wonderful meeting. We have Saturday, April 20th is
- 3 the DEA drug take back day. So you can go to any DPD
- 4 precinct and you can get rid of any of your unwanted or
- 5 expired medications from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Again, it's
- 6 at any DPD precinct.
- And lastly another positive. We had an unfortunate
- 8 five people shot at the Chicago Blues back on March 29th.
- 9 Just some amazing work by the detectives and the officers
- 10 and our members from our FAST. A lot of effort was put
- 11 into it. They were able to secure a multi count warrant.
- 12 We were able to track this young man from Tennessee
- 13 coming back here to come see the probation officer. And
- 14 he was taken into custody at Metro Airport. So just a lot
- 15 of really, really good work. And the officers just did an
- 16 amazing job to get someone who could just recklessly
- 17 shoot at a group of people, shoot five people over a
- 18 fight, over a parking spot. So, I just wanted to
- 19 highlight that. And other than that, I'd be more than
- 20 happy to take any questions you may have.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Let the record show
- 22 that Commissioner Banks has joined us. Are there any
- 23 questions for AC Fitzgerald?
- 24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Chairman.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bell.
- COMMISSIONER BELL: I just have a statement. I just
- 2 want to wish the men and women of DPD the best in terms 2 Sianneh Jensen arrived and were interviewed. The
- 3 of this international event. I know it's going to be, not
- 4 24 hours is going to be 36 hours, you know, in terms of a
- 5 full day to get to sleep on Sunday, right afterwards.
- 6 AC FITZGERALD: That's right.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Thank you. Wish you the
- 8 best.

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- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Bernard. 9
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Just quickly. I want to, first
- 11 of all, acknowledge the awesome report that was part of
- 12 the mayor's State of the City address by our Chief
- regarding the police department. And congratulations, of
- 14 course, goes to you, all of the deputy chiefs, the
- 15 assistant chiefs, every single member of the force. And
- 16 when I was walking in, there were two people that had
- 17 just been sworn in last month, and they were young and
- 18 excited. And, you know, they were at the thing, you know,
- 19 where you have to walk through the big thing that we have
- 20 now. And they were just so enthusiastic about the
- 21 department and about their assignment. The lady was
- 22 African American, the man was Arab-American, and it was
- 23 just wonderful. And then to go inside and watch what is
- 24 by far the best State of the City report in the history
- 25 of this city, particularly in the last, let's say 30/40

- years. It was unbelievable. And again, I want to
- 2 recognize, obviously, Mother Bernice, who was also
- 3 recognized by the mayor last night in his remarks on
- 4 stage. So, please congratulate the entire department on
- 5 my behalf, and I'm sure on behalf of my colleagues. But
- 6 it was an exceptional report on crime, and everyone was
- 7 super excited by what the department is doing. Thank you.
- AC FITZGERALD: I will. Thank you, miss.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Any further questions or
- 10 comments for the Chief? Hearing none, thank you for your
- 11 report. At this time, noting that we did amend the
- 12 agenda, we will now move towards unfinished business,
- 13 where we'll begin with the special Personnel and Training
- 14 Committee Report, which will be read to us or offered to
- 15 us, presented to us, rather by the Chair of that
- 16 Committee, Commissioner Darryl Woods.
- 17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Thank you very kindly. On behalf
- 18 of the Board of Police Commissioners, Special Personnel
- 19 and Training Committee, please see the key updates from
- 20 the committee meeting held on April 1st, 2024. Board
- 21 attendees were committee Chairperson Woods via Zoom,
- 22 Darryl Woods via Zoom and Vice Chair Tamara Liberty
- 23 Smith. And Commissioner Lisa Carter. The executive
- 24 administrative assistant, two interviews, seven
- 25 administrative assistants, two candidates were invited to
- 1 interview two candidates, Artemisia Johnson(sic), and
- 3 interviews lasted approximately 15/20 minutes each, and
- 4 consisted of the following elements: introductions,
- 5 instructions, overview of position, interview questions.
- 6 Commissioner Smith and Commissioner Carter asked the
- 7 candidates the standard five questions. Commissioners
- 8 asked, clarifying and follow up questions as needed.
- 9 Writing sample. Ms. Joshua was the only candidate to
- 10 prove a legal writing sample. Each commissioner was
- 11 provided a copy of the writing sample. After scoring each
- 12 candidate, the Special Personnel and Training Committee
- 13 voted to move Artemisia Joshua to the full board for the
- 14 position of executive administrative assistant to legal.
- 15 The Special Personnel and Training Committee discussed,
- 16 and approved the recommended salary offer of \$65,000
- 17 pending the further negotiation and background check. And
- 18 so that concludes my report as it relates to that.
- 19 However, we are fully prepared to do interviews next week
- 20 on the investigator positions.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. So, by
- 22 recommendation of the Special Personnel and Training
- 23 Committee, the Chair entertains a motion to offer to
- 24 Artemisia Joshua
- the position of executive administrative assistant, 25



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- 1 legal with the recommended salary of \$65,000, pending
- 2 further negotiation and background checks. It doesn't
- 3 require a second because it comes out of committee. Any
- 4 discussion? Commissioner Bernard.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: My question is only to our
- 6 chief investigator. Do you concur in these
- 7 recommendations as these people will be working for you?
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Well, actually, this person
- 9 will be working directly with the board's attorney.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, I know that. Well, yeah.
- 11 That and our person, I'm talking about the investigative
- 12 position.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah. We're not yet there at
- 14 the investigative position. Again, this motion is
- 15 relative to the executive administrative assistant,
- 16 legal. So is there any further discussion? Commissioner
- 17 Burton.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The question is, you know, how
- 19 many people applied for that position in entirely? And
- 20 also you know, we want to be able to, to bring on someone
- 21 who wants to make this a career with the Board of Police
- 22 Commissioner's Office, instead of, you know, here for a
- 23 short stay, and then they may be gone later. So it's very
- 24 important to know how many people applied. Are we hiring,
- 25 you know, the best person that's in the pool? And it
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- 1 would be nice if we could have three or four names
- 2 brought before the full board so the full board could
- 3 interview them. You know, that would be best practices in
- 4 this regard, because these individuals will be working
- 5 for the board.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So to the first question,
- 7 Commissioner Woods, do we know how many people apply for
- 8 the position?
- 9 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair? All the
- 10 applications were forward to all the commissioners.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Attorney LaBelle, would you
- 12 like to share how many people applied for the position
- 13 ATTORNEY LABELLE: Through the Chair. This goes back
- 14 many months, but my recollection is about 70 people
- 15 applied for the position. Eight, I think were advanced to
- 16 the committee. And then given the passage of time, three
- 17 remained, and I think those are the three that
- 18 Commissioner Woods speaks of.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 20 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Yes. Also, through the Chair,
- 21 the information was, and they are often, well, all the
- 22 time, especially now, forward to every board member, the
- 23 applications for review. And I encourage all of our
- 24 commissioners to take a look at them, because if they
- 25 have any thoughts or suggestions that they can have a

- 1 voice in that situation.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. And it should be
- 3 noted to your second point that this process is in line
- 4 with the customs and traditions of this board where we
- 5 entrust the committee to do their due diligence and
- 6 ensure that the commissioners who serve on that committee
- 7 share the same desire and interest as you, which is that
- 8 we get the very best person a possible for the position.
- 9 And so I just ask that you share confidence in your
- 10 colleagues that they have done their due diligence and
- 11 vetted the individual for this position appropriately.
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- 12 But if not, you do have agency as commissioner in voting
- 13 no, on approving this recommendation.
- 14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes. Commissioner Burton.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know the question was just
- 17 raised here, how many applicants applied? There was not
- 18 one single commissioner sitting at this table that knew
- 19 the answer to that. How many people applied? It went down
- 20 from commissioners looking at one another, down to the
- 21 board secretary or the board secretary down to the chief
- 22 investigator, down to the person that's sitting in for us
- 23 as our attorney. And so therefore you know, no one knew
- 24 the answer to that, you know.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: So as the young people would

- 1 say, Commissioner Burton, that's not the flex that you
 - 2 think it is. So what you just admitted to, is that you
 - 3 did not know, and you made the assumption that others did
 - 4 not, which was not the case. The way that is, excuse me,
 - 5 the Chair speaking, excuse me, the Chair speaking. This
 - 6 is not how it works. You asked a question. That question
 - 7 is directed to the Chair of the committee. You did not
 - 8 ask for a poll of your fellow commissioners of who knew
 - 9 how many people were interviewed. And as was also shared,
 - 10 all of the resumes was sent to every commissioner
 - 11 including you, which means that you should be aware of
 - 12 how many resumes were filled. But what you just admitted
 - 13 to, is that you do not know. So do not allow the work
 - 14 that you did not do.
 - 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: What I'm asking...
 - 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Excuse me, the Chair is
 - 17 speaking. Excuse me. You have not been recognized, and
 - 18 the Chair is speaking. I will be kind enough to
 - 19 acknowledge you after I'm done. You just acknowledge that
 - 20 you did not do your work. So please don't allow the work
 - 21 that you did not do to keep this board from moving
 - 22 forward with the work that has been done by your fellow
 - 23 colleagues. Now, Commissioner Burton, you've been
 - 24 recognized,
 - 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know for a point of



- 1 information it's very important that we hire the best
- 2 applicant for this position. It's also best that we have
- 3 a runoff where three of five individuals that applied
- 4 come before the full board for their final interview. As
- 5 well as we want someone who wants to make this a career
- 6 opportunity other than just, I'm here now, but I'm gone
- 7 later. I watched you know, so many of these positions
- 8 over the years, over the past decade where people have
- 9 come, they have gone for various reasons. This board has
- 10 been sued you know, countless times, you know, by even
- 11 board staff members have sued this board. You know, and
- 12 so I don't want us to be in that situation again.
- 13 And there has been some cherry picking when it comes
- 14 to selecting certain candidates. At one point in time,
- 15 Chief Warfield applied for a position on this board, and
- 16 there were two commissioners on this board that basically
- 17 said, pull their resume, pull their information. And so
- 18 they were pulled out of the portal, and they had to
- 19 reapply later on and so forth. And so this board has a
- 20 history of not doing what's always right.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. I think we have
- 22 thoroughly discussed, and I think that the votes might be
- 23 there to move forward on this issue. And again, we do
- 24 have a lot to handle today. And so again, I'm going to
- 25 ask my colleagues, please allow the Chair that
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- 1 discretion. And so again, by recommendation of this
- 2 Special Personnel and Training Committee, it is
- 3 recommended that we offer Artemisia Joshua, excuse me,
- 4 Artemisia Joshua, the position of executive
- 5 administrative assistant, legal with the recommended
- 6 salary offer of \$65,000, pending further negotiation and
- 7 background checks. All those in favor, please signify by
- 8 saying, aye.
- 9 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I mean, Mr. Chair, I did call
- 12 the motion.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And you were not acknowledged.
- 14 Okay. So the ayes have it, and that motion passes.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For point of information, Mr.
- 16 Chairman, can we ask the parliamentarian at this time,
- 17 was that amendment to the motion appropriate because I
- 18 made a motion. And I believe, and members of our
- 19 listening audience also believed that the amendment that
- 20 I was making at the time was appropriate.
- 21 COMMISSIONER WOODS: It has to be acknowledged.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It was not, you were not
- 23 acknowledged. You did not have the floor. We were in the
- 24 middle of a vote. Thank you.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Point of board, Mr. Chairman,

- 1 if anything, it is abusive of chairman board powers.
- 2 Amendment was made.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Amendment was not made.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Motion (unclear).
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Next we will move
- 6 on to our Personnel and Training Committee Report that
- 7 was offered by Chair Hernandez.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. Through the
- 9 Chair, I'll provide the report and actually read the
- 10 memorandum. On behalf of the Board of Police
- 11 Commissioners Personnel and Training Committee, please
- 12 see the key updates from the committee meeting held on
- 13 April 3rd, 2024. Board attendees were Committee
- 14 Chairperson, myself Commissioner Lisa Carter, and
- 15 Commissioner Cedric Banks. That includes all members of
- 16 the committee, just for reference. Community and
- 17 committee attendees were Acting Board Secretary Robert
- 18 Brown, Administrative Assistant Jonya Underwood, DPD, HR
- 19 Director, Katrina Patillo, and City HR, Chief of
- 20 Recruitment, Darrell Conrad. In particular, I want to
- 21 call out those individuals from HR who were represented
- 22 there. Again, to make sure that we uplift the integrity
- 23 of this process and ensure that we have a stable and
- 24 successful interview process and just hiring process
- 25 lifecycle holistically. Police HR director Katrina
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- 1 Patillo provided the candidates resumes for the secretary2 to the Board of Police Commissioners. The Personnel and
- 3 Training Committee reviewed each resume and rated all
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- 4 seven candidates based on the qualification categories to
- 5 determine the top three candidates. In very simple terms,6 we had a rating scale. Commissioners had time during
- 7 recess to rate each of the seven individual candidates.
- 8 Based on those qualification categories, Commissioner
- 9 Carter motioned to recommend to the full body that we
- 10 interviewed, the top three candidates. The motion passed,
- 11 and therefore, the Personnel and Training Committee will
- 12 make a recommendation to the board to interview the top
- 13 three candidates, which are to keep confidentiality and
- 14 integrity of the process. We're not going to actually
- 15 state names, to interview the top three candidates,
- 16 candidates, one, two, and seven publicly on Thursday, May
- 17 2nd, 2024 at the board's 3:00 PM meeting at Detroit
- 18 Public Safety Headquarters in the Skylar Room. That will
- 19 conclude my report, and that is the recommendation, which
- 20 obviously doesn't need a second to preempt any premature
- 21 questions. We had 65 candidates and touch points in
- 22 support, not only from our city HR team, but also from
- 23 the firm that this body motioned to leverage, which was
- 24 iAdvantage. So out of those 65 touch points, we ended up 25 narrowing down based on qualifications to seven. From

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- 1 those seven, we narrowed to three. Those three are
- 2 confirmed and will be in front of us during that May 2nd
- 3 meeting if this recommendation is adopted, which I have
- 4 full confidence in. Other than that I feel very happy
- 5 with just the process and just the support that we've had
- 6 from a variety of different stakeholders from across city
- 7 government and BOPC staff. So that'll conclude the
- 8 report, and then I'll leave it up to a motion.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So by recommendation of
- 10 the Personnel and Training Committee, it has been moved
- 11 that we move the top three candidates, candidates one,
- 12 two, and seven to public interviews, which shall be held
- 13 on May 2nd, at the Board of Police Commissioners meeting
- 14 at 3:00 PM at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters in
- 15 the Skylar Room. Again, seeing that it is recommended by
- 16 a committee, it does not require a second, but is there
- 17 any discussion,
- 18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Burton.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman. You know, right
- 21 now, we currently don't know how many people apply for
- 22 the board secretary's position. And in addition to that.
- 23 we have not seen all the resumes for everyone that
- 24 applied for this position from this search firm. In
- 25 addition to that, it's very important that the board sees

- 1 to, and who's still out there in the pool that can
- 2 actually do the job.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Chair Hernandez.
- 4 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you so much. I won't
- 5 elongate, through the Chair, to suggest, especially
- 6 publicly, that an individual commissioner should have the
- 7 right to quote, "Hand pick and add names to the pool,"
- 8 completely counters the integrity of the process that I
- 9 am ensuring. And to even suggest that is beyond
- 10 ridiculous to me. And with that, I'll call it a question.
- 11 So we stop this discussion.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Question of the call. Is there
- 13 a second?
- 14 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Second.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 16 second. All those in favor of the question. So this is
- 17 just to intubate and move towards a vote. All those in
- 18 favor, please signify by say, aye.
- 19 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no?
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. The ayes have it. The
- 23 question is passed. And so now again, we will be now
- 24 voting on the motion that comes by recommendation of the
- 25 Personnel and Training Committee to move the top three

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- 1 candidates: candidates, 1, 2, 7, for public interviews on
 - 2 May the second, 2024 at 3:00 PM before the full board
 - 3 here at the Detroit Public Safety Headquarters in the
 - 4 Skylar Room. All those in favor please signify by saying
 - 5 Aye.
 - 6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
 - 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no?
 - 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
 - 9 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: The ayes have it. That motion
 - 10 passes.
 - 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: And Mr. Chairman, I am
 - 12 requesting...
 - 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You have not been recognized,
 - 14 Commissioner Burton. You're out of order. You have not
 - 15 been recognized, Commissioner Burton.
 - 16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: a list of all the applicants
 - 17 that applied for the position, along with the resumes.
 - 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: You have not been recognized.
 - 19 With that, we will now move on to our Policy Committee
 - 20 Report, which will be offered to us by Commissioner
 - 21 Bernard.
 - 22 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Oh, thank you, Mr. Chairman. I
 - 23 just want to say that we have been busy at work this past
 - 24 week. We had canceled the Policy Committee meeting, and I
 - 25 wasn't sure that we were going to have a quorum. So I

1 all the resumes from all the applicants that apply. So we

- 2 know from a transparent standpoint that we are bringing
- 3 on the best person for the job. We don't know that right
- 4 now because we don't know who all apply. We just see a
- 5 list here with a few names on it. But we know that that's
- 6 not all the advocates that applied, you know, in this 7 portal.
- 8 So before we move forward today, we want to know how
- 9 many people applied for this position and where are their
- 10 resumes? And then we should table this until next week, 11 just so we can do our due diligence when we look at all
- 12 the resumes ourselves, and see, do we have the best
- 13 that's being selected out of here, because commissioners
- 14 may want to add a name or two, you know to come before
- 15 the board as well for an interview. I just think that
- 16 this is a very important task, but we should not rush
- 17 this, and we should not allow someone to cherry pick
- 18 names and bring them before the board, without us doing 19 our due diligence from an oversight standpoint to look at
- 20 every applicant that applied. We have not seen that, we
- 21 have not seen their resumes. In past practices, we had
- 22 received them, in past practices years ago. But today we
- 23 have not seen the list of everyone that applied. And it's
- 24 very important that this board get that list so we can
- 25 cross reference and see who we are offering interviews



- 1 canceled the meeting so I wouldn't waste the time on the
- 2 public because we couldn't take any action. But instead,
- 3 we had the most robust discussion by nine law students,
- 4 two of whom are graduates now, of the Wayne State
- 5 University Law School, about policies. And they gave us
- 6 actual reports. They had been assigned various issues
- 7 regarding the Detroit Police Department. Your office
- 8 wasn't there Deputy Chief, because we had canceled the
- 9 meeting, but I didn't know. If I had known ahead of time
- 10 that I would've had you guys there because Ian, Commander
- 11 Ian...
- 12 AC FITZGERALD Severy.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Yeah. He comes to the meetings
- 14 and he's great, and I really enjoy working with him.
- 15 But the students looked at four things, which we are
- 16 going to report to you on, and I'm going to have the
- 17 students actually do the report to the community on these
- 18 issues. The first presentation relates to general data.
- 19 The second relates to ShotSpotter and, and the fact that
- we don't have any data on the efficiency of the program.
- 21 And they have looked at all the data from other cities on
- 22 ShotSpotter. We need to be informed of all the facts
- 23 about all the things that we do. The third was on
- 24 procedural justice. And the fourth is the use of force.
- 25 And the most important thing that they presented on use

- 1 almost four years ago now when I contacted the Dean of
- 2 the law school. But Teresa has followed up on it and has
- 3 now decided and they have been interacting with her
- 4 regarding our commission and what our officers are doing.
- 5 So I'm looking forward to the real Time Crime center
- 6 preview with them. Oh, they're so excited. I mean, it was
- 7 like manna from heaven. You wouldn't believe it. But
- 8 anyway, I want to thank Commissioner Burton. He did show
- 9 up. He came in. I didn't know he was coming.
- He got there and his remarks were just really,
- 11 really exciting Mr. Chairman, because he related police
- 12 activity over time. He talked about the songs and the
- 13 things that the community had done in response to what
- 14 was police brutality over the last, let's say, 25 years.
- 15 And you know, like NWA and this and that. And he even
- 16 knew the dates and the times and, you know, and the
- 17 reactions of the community to police which in many
- 18 instances was excessive force and police brutality. So
- 19 they were ecstatic. And I also think that I want to
- 20 congratulate you again to thank you for showing up,
- 21 Commissioner Burton, because I think having the
- 22 perspective of a black man made a difference to them, and
- 23 I could see it in their faces, including the professor.
- 24 So I want to thank you for coming, and thank you for
- 25 sharing your experiences with the police department and

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- 1 those of others in the movement and outside of the
 - 2 movement. That concludes my report, excuse me. Our next
 - 3 meeting is two weeks from whatever the date is here. I
 - 4 don't have that date right before me. I know you do. So I

 - 5 look forward to seeing everybody.
 - CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Well, thank you. I'm so
 - 7 grateful that there was such an eventful conversation.
 - 8 But I hope that we don't lose sight of some policies that
 - 9 DPD has provided to this board, particularly around the
 - 10 eyewitness identification lineups that we might be able
 - 11 to do our due diligence to ensure that that policy indeed
 - 12 protects the citizens of Detroit.
 - 13 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: It was fine, I assure you, Mr.
 - 14 Chairman, I've shared the policies with the students. We
 - 15 are actively working towards giving input to the end. And
 - 16 incidentally, we need him at the next, because he gives
 - 17 us the police perspective, at the next meeting.
 - 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Thank you.
 - 19 COMMISSIONER BERNARD: Thank you.
 - 20 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there any... Commissioner
 - 21 Hernandez.
 - 22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yeah. Through the Chair. I
 - 23 just want clarity on the report that was verbally
 - 24 provided or against, rather, the one that we have in
 - 25 writing. The one that I have in front of me in the packet

- 1 of force, which our community would love to see in
- 2 Detroit, is the reporting mechanism that they use in
- 3 Chicago, which reflects every single incident of use of
- 4 force.
- 5 Chicago has 26,000 police officers, I believe. I
- 6 think that's what I found out. And if there's a use of
- 7 force incident of any kind with or without a weapon, it's
- 8 automatically uploaded on their system for COPA, the
- 9 Chicago Office of Police Accountability. That's their
- know, what the incidents were. Was it just, you know,

10 commission. And you see it right there. You can see, you

- fisticuffs or was it a gun, or was it a knife? Whatever
- it was. And that is how they are being accountable, and 14 they're accountable that way, Mr. Chairman, because, like
- us, they are now the subject of a consent decree. And all
- 16 of this transparency has resulted, and has become really
- a model for the country right now in terms of
- transparency regarding police activities. So they're
- great students. You guys are going to get a chance to
- 20 meet them.
- 21 And on, I think it's May 3rd, it's a Friday, I'll
- 22 tell you later. I'm going to take them all to see the
- 23 Real Time Crime Center, along with Professor Robichaud,
- 24 who's in charge of this initiative. And finally, I want 25 to give a shout out to Teresa who had... I initiated this



- 1 has three particular items that were postponed until 2 April 16th.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, I think that was the
- 4 communication that they were initially planning on having
- 5 the meeting and then not being aware whether or not there
- 6 was a quorum, it was canceled. So all the items that are
- 7 in the committee report that are in your packet were the
- 8 items they would have discussed. But because there wasn't
- 9 a quorum it was postponed to the next meeting. But they
- 10 did show up, so they had some sort of conversation, which
- 11 is what she presented to us.
- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: So, which report are we 12
- 13 supposed to...
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We're not adopting any report
- 15 into our archive.

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- COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Thank you. 16
- 17 COMMISSIONER WOODS: And this...
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods. I'm sorry.
- 19 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I was in St. Louis during the
- 20 time of the meeting. I was in communication with the
- 21 chairperson. And, you know, I was going to attend vis-a-
- vis Zoom, but there was so much uncertainty in terms of,
- 23 for any other committee member to be there. And that's
- 24 why she was left to cancel the meeting because there was

2 be that some of our commissioners are really having some

3 challenges either receiving or reading their emails. And

4 so I just encourage you that again, if you're not getting

7 again, we might be accountable to the work that needs to

8 be done. Alright, with that we will now move on to new

9 business and under new business, we have a report from

11 us by the Chair of that committee, Commissioner Banks,

13 Mr. Chair. To the Board of Police Commissioners from

15 Oh, I'm sorry. Dear colleagues, on the behalf of the

16 Board of Police Commissioners Citizens Complaint

17 Committee, please see key updates from the committee

meeting held on March 26th, 2024. Board members,

20 Commissioner Tamara Smith, attendees Chief of Police,

21 Eric Ewing, Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield, Acting

22 Board Secretary Robert Brown, Police Community Relations 23 Coordinator, Teresa Blossom, Administrator Assistant

24 Candace Hayes, Lieutenant Star Gonzalez, Sergeant Kerry

25 Moore. Guest speakers, public guest speaker, public

Committee Chairperson, Cedric Banks, Commissioner Woods,

10 our Citizen Complaint Committee, which will be offered to

14 Cedric Banks, Chairperson, Citizens Complaint Committee.

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Through the Chair. Thank you.

5 the emails that are being provided for the business of 6 this board that you indeed communicate that so that

25 no response to the emails or the phone calls.

- 1 commenters, Wayne State Law Fellow Molly Moening, Wayne
- 2 State Law Professor Rebecca Robichaud. Andy O'Breen,
- 3 report from Chief Investigator Jerome Warfield provided
- 4 the following updates. WingSwept Case Management System.
- 5 Chief Investigator stated that OCI is in the process of
- 6 purchasing WingSwept software. An additional cost of
- 7 \$18,000 for certain software capabilities was approved by
- 8 the City Council. Purchase is pending City Council
- 9 approved at this time as it pertains to open cases with
- 10 OCI. As of Friday, March 22nd, 2024, OCI has 1,753 open
- 11 cases. The Office of the Inspector General returned 30
- 12 boxes to OCI con containing approximately 1,152 cases.
- 13 Out of those cases, 705 of them need to be
- 14 reinvestigated. The three new investigators are currently
- 15 working on the backlog of the cases, utilizing the new
- 16 automotive form that was recently approved by the board.
- 17 The total number of closed cases for 2023 was 910, with
- 18 160 of those being sustained, which is about 17.5% in
- 19 2023. There were approximately 288 allegations with 11.3%
- 20 of those allegations being sustained.
- 21 Presentation on the DPD Procedural Justice Workshop
- 22 and Q&A with Committee and Wayne Law, ABA Fellows. Teresa
- 23 Blossom presented on DPD's Procedural Justice Workshop
- 24 and history and current state. The following key points
- 25 were made. In 2018, DPD requested from OCI to use data as

- 1 it pertains to complaints against officers. As a result,
- 2 some citizens were invited to attend workshops to garner
- 3 feedback on their interaction with officers. In 2022. OCI
- 4 and the board were interested in how procedural justice
- 5 or restorative practices could be a benefit to
- 6 dissatisfied citizens. Open forums were held via Zoom
- 7 with citizens who had filed complaints and had questions
- 8 regarding the findings in those investigations. The goal
- 9 behind having an open discussion with this demographic
- 10 was to be sure that they were not only aware of the 11 board's role, but to also continue finding ways to
- 12 improve satisfaction along with community and police
- 13 interaction.
- 14 In 2023, Wayne Law and ABA Fellows were looking at
- 15 research on procedural justice. This collaboration
- 16 between the board and Wayne Law and DPD with the
- 17 assistance of Assistant Chief Ewing, allowed Wayne Law to
- 18 attend workshops, as well as community summits to get
- 19 information on what was occurring in the program.
- 20 Attending these summits have allowed Wayne Law to get a
- 21 wealth of information for their research. The new phase
- 22 of the project is to take a deeper look into the database
- 23 and evaluate the data contained therein. Questions raised
- 24 by commissioners. Commissioner Banks asked AC Ewing, what
- 25 kind of impact the procedural justice workshop is making

Page 43 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, and I mean, it seems to

- 1 on the citizens in the City of Detroit. AC Ewing stated
- 2 that there was no hard percentage, but the workshop seems
- 3 to be helping, based on what they are hearing from the
- 4 residents and officers who had attended.
- Commissioner Banks asked AC Ewing if the department
- 6 officer's relationship building to its members, to which
- 7 AC Ewing responded that relationship building is part of
- 8 training. Commissioner Banks asked AC Ewing, what happens
- 9 if it is discovered that an officer failed to use de-
- 10 escalation techniques, to which AC Ewing stated that the
- 11 matter is handled according to policy. And in the event
- 12 that that becomes an ongoing issue, the officer is then
- 13 put into pairs where they are monitored. Commissioner
- 14 Woods, asks Ms. Blossom, what are some of the best
- 15 practices to restorative justice that she has seen
- 16 throughout the project, and requested a document that
- 17 outlines those best practices? Ms. Blossom stated that
- 18 Wayne Law will be providing a white paper that includes
- 19 all their research and it will contain best practices to
- 20 restorative justice. The next Citizen's Complaint
- 21 Committee meeting will be Tuesday, April the 23rd, 2024
- 22 at 5:00 PM. Sincerely, Cedric Banks, Chairperson of the
- 23 Citizens Complaint Committee.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. And seeing that
- 25 there are no action items from that committee, there's no

- MR. BROWN: Commissioner Carter Present.
- 2 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Hernandez - Present.
- 3 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Woods - Present.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright, we do indeed have a
- 5 quorum. And yes, the document has been received. Thank
- 6 you so very much, Commissioner Burton. Alright, now we
- 7 will move to a vote. And this vote again is to authorize
- 8 human resources to negotiate a reasonable salary, pending
- 9 final approval from the board considering personnel
- 10 matters.
- 11 COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.
- 12 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 14 seconded. All those in favor? Excuse me. Is there any
- 15 discussion? Hearing no discussion, all those in favor,
- 16 please signify by saying, aye.
- 17 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no? The
- 19 ayes have, and that motion passes. Is there any further
- 20 new business? It has been discussed again, because next
- 21 week will be the draft and that may cause some difficulty
- 22 in not only the commissioners making it to the meeting,
- 23 but also the public as well, noting how crowded downtown
- 24 would be. That we look at an alternative meeting date so
- 25 that we might, again, meet our charter mandated duties

- 1 need for any adoption. We thank you for that report. And
- 2 so now the Chair entertains a motion to move into close
- 3 session pursuant to Section 8(a) of the Open Meetings Act
- 4 MCL 15.268(a) to consider a request for the board to
- 5 consider personnel matters.
- 6 COMMISSIONER WOODS: So moved.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved and
- 9 seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying,
- 10 aye.
- 11 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no? The
- 13 ayes have it. We ask that everyone will exit the room and
- 14 we will take a five minute recess, so we might prepare
- 15 for a closed session. We'll call our meeting back to
- 16 order. We'll again begin with the introduction of
- 17 Commissioners by Secretary Brown.
- 18 MR. BROWN: Chairperson Pressley - Here.
- 19 MR. BROWN: Vice Chairperson Smith - Present.
- 20 MR. BROWN: Give a note here. Commissioner Bernard
- 21 has an excuse.
- 22 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Banks -
- 23 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Bell - Present.
- 24 MR. BROWN: Commissioner Burton - Present. And do you
- 25 have that document?

- 1 while also being mindful of the inconvenience that next
- 2 Thursday might provide. And so I'll open up the floor for
- 3 my colleagues to state their will or desire.
- 4 Unfortunately, I'll be out of town next Thursday, so I
- 5 won't be here. But if it is the board's position, maybe
- 6 we can look at a Tuesday meeting depending upon your
- 7 availability, or if you sense that we might be able to
- 8 just move forward on Thursday we can do that. So is there
- 9 any feedback from my colleagues regarding this matter?
- 10 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Mr. Chair, could we get a sense
- 11 from the Assistant Chief of what activities? I know that
- 12 there are activities throughout the week, so will 13 downtown be basically shut off all week, or...?
- 14 AC EWING: Well, you look at it, I'm sorry, through 15 the Chair. It goes into stage five of the shutdown. So
- 16 you'll have all of Woodward be shut down, straight down
- 17 to Jefferson.
- 18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Starting when?
- 19 AC EWING: I'm sorry, starting Monday. So it does
- 20 have an impact. There is a flag football event that'll be
- 21 held at DePAL, the corner stadium or corner ballpark
- 22 starting Tuesday as well, that says from 76 teams from
- 23 across the country. So a lot of friends and family are 24 coming down for that as well. So yeah, have definitely
- 25 pack your patience, coming downtown next week.

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16 community will be informed.

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- 1 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So noting that, yes.
- 2 Vice Chair Smith.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: What about Zoom? Would that
- 4 be...?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, I'm not aware of the
- 6 policies that predict Zoom, I think is, that's only in
- 7 emergency cases that we are allowed to do that. And I
- 8 think that was under Covid. I don't know if the traffic
- 9 will be considered a reasonable emergency, but I mean, we
- 10 may get a legal opinion on that if that's the only
- 11 decision we might have. Commissioner Woods.
- 12 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I'm thinking maybe we can do it
- 13 offsite in the community, you know, at a community
- 14 location, maybe at Northwest Activity Center or some type
- 15 of place that's not downtown.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Right. Mr. Brown, I'll ask you
- 17 to respond to that about the feasibility of moving off
- 18 site within a few days from now.
- 19 MR. BROWN: Yeah, Mr. Chair, we'll have to check
- 20 around to see if they have available space for us to
- 21 come. That's the problem we may have at short notice.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: And we are mandated to inform
- 23 the community in how much time?
- 24 MR. BROWN: 24 to 48 hours.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. Attorney LaBelle.
- 19 I think Attorney LaBelle is going to check what Butzel
 - Rec Center on Kercheval, which is in the downtown area.
 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Ms. Blossom has something to
 - 22 say about,
 - 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, again, the technical
 - 24 capacity, I think is what Ms. Blossom is referring to,

15 as soon as it is made aware, commissioners and the

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Okay.

1 great location in a sense of if it's feasible.

CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay. So let the Chair

3 entertain a motion to move next Thursday Board of Police

5 being communicated to the community as soon as possible.

CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Is there a second?

10 seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no...Yes. Commissioner

CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: It's been properly moved, and

COMMISSIONER BANKS: Where's the meeting going to be

CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: We will have to do that, and

COMMISSIONER WOODS: And I think, through the Chair,

4 Commissioners meeting off site with that information

COMMISSIONER CARTER: So moved.

COMMISSIONER WOODS: Second.

25 which again, we want to take into account, but again,

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- ATTORNEY LABELLE: Through the Chair. I can also
- 2 check with the Butzel Family Center on Kercheval. They'd
- 3 hardly have any evening event and they have a big space
- 4 there that would accommodate it if it's allowed for IT.
- 5 Well, my team works there and the Wi-Fi works for us, so
- 6 I'm not sure.

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- 7 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Alright. We'll at this time, I
- 8 don't know how to handle that because I mean, I can say
- 9 we can explore other meeting options, but that will
- 10 require a vote from us, about changing that meeting. So
- 11 we would need to do that today, not knowing for certain
- 12 whether or not another facility may be available.
- 13 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: Oh, through the Chair.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, Vice Chair Smith.
- 15 VICE CHAIRPERSON SMITH: What about moving the date
- 16 up instead of Thursday to maybe Monday?
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yeah, but moving it up and
- 18 moving the facility actually puts more onus on the staff
- 19 to be able to move out here. But he was saying that the
- 20 street's going to be shut down by Monday. So I mean,
- 21 basically whatever we're dealing with on Thursday is
- 22 still going to be a case on Monday.
- 23 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Through the Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Commissioner Woods.
- 25 COMMISSIONER WOODS: I think Kercheval would be a

- $1\,$ we'll view Kercheval and others. I think there's been
- 2 some others that have been named, and we'll do our due
- 3 diligence and at the point that is made aware we'll
- 4 communicate it. Any further discussions? Hearing no
- 5 discussion. All those in favor please signify by saying,
- 6 aye.
- 7 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: All those opposed, no?
- 9 Alright, the ayes have it. Thank you so very much for
- 10 your accommodation. I know it's somewhat inconvenient,
- 11 but I do appreciate you making the effort to meet our
- 12 charter mandated responsibilities. Is there any further
- 13 new business? Alright, here. No further new business. We
- $14\,$ now will move back to oral communication. Ms. Underwood,
- 15 who do we have?
- MS. UNDERWOOD: Chair? We have seven, but some people
- 17 have left Zoom.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- 19 MS. UNDERWOOD: So here we're going to start with
- 20 Lieutenant Mark Young. Then we're going to go to Ms.
- 21 Smith. And after Ms. Smith, Mr. Ronald Foster.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Okay.
- 23 LT. YOUNG: Good evening.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good evening.
- 25 LT. YOUNG: We got this. DPD, we got this. The world



- 1 is watching us and you're going to do what you always do
- 2 your best. There's a lot of talk. It was a discussion
- 3 about use of force and a story that was in the paper.
- 4 That story was old. But here's the story that I'm going
- 5 to share with you today. Years ago, there were some anti-
- 6 police people talking about use of force and in some kind
- 7 of way, the leadership of DPD offered them to go through
- 8 the use of force, a fatal force simulator. For those
- people that failed, they were devastated civilians. For
- 10 them it was virtual death. Use of force for us, if we
- 11 fail to act, is reality death. When you talk about use of
- 12 force, don't talk about it. If you've never been in the
- 13 shoes, I faced it. My colleagues face it. There's a few
- 14 stories that's facing the news right now that make no
- 15 mistake.
- 16 I'm Detroit Police proud of our Detroit police.
- 17 Greatness. It's tough out here. They're doing a great
- 18 job. They don't get the credit, but they're doing a great
- 19 job. This weekend they locked up six files and I stepped
- 20 out there and I saw Detroit police officers acting with
- 21 such empathy, humility, compassion, and grace and
- 22 elegance following policy. That story was not told. Next
- 23 week we have company coming. Your messaging should not be
- 24 about something 4,000 miles away. You should be passing a
- 25 motion to say, with a resolution to say it's unacceptable
- 1 here for crime. Here to talk about things that's so far
- 2 away. All our hearts bleed for Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, and
- 3 whoever. But my blood is on the line here. Thank you.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 5 MS. SMITH: Good afternoon. I'm going to be very
- 6 brief because I know the time is going to be catching up
- 7 with me. Number one, as you all know, that was present. I
- 8 was accused of misusing people with my cane. Also, it
- 9 hurt me so bad because I feel as though I got a good
- 10 reputation. My mother taught me to be decent and
- 11 respectful. And I taught the same to my children. I have
- 12 five and I'm very proud of them. Alright, let me explain
- something to you. So I went to my attorney and he said,
- 14 forget it, it's not worth it. Then I still, I talk with
- 15 the good Lord. And then one of our police, I'm not going
- 16 to tell you who it is, I talked with him just like you.
- 17 Anyway, and he said, Mother Bernice, let me tell you
- 18 something.
- 19 This is going on all the time, whenever he's
- 20 present, all right? He's always complained about
- 21 something. And then one of your board members told me to
- 22 forget it. But then again, I prayed again on this. And
- 23 then after I talked with my police, because I was willing
- 24 to take a lie detector and pay for it. He said, forget
- 25 it. Then he hung the phone up. And then I said, Lord,

- 1 just help me forget all of this, because the devil is
- 2 busy. I get a telephone call. And who was it? I'm not
- 3 going to tell you exactly, but it was from the mayor's
- 4 office. They said, Mother Bernice, don't worry about a
- 5 thing. We have your back. It's all over with you guys. I
- 6 don't worry about a thing because you know why, with me
- 7 talking with certain people and they confided in me and
- 8 told me what I should do and what I should ignore about.
- 9 And then I talk with the Lord. As you all know, I'm 91
- 10 years old and will soon be 92, May 31st. Yes, the good
- 11 Lord bets me. So, you know, I love my city. I love my
- 12 police department and I love this committee. You're doing
- 13 a hell of a good job. So keep up the good work and don't
- 14 let the devil invade your property like we have with some
- 15 people. Even in the audience. Woods last night, I had the
- 16 pleasure of sitting behind.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: That's your time, Mother
- 18 Bernice. I'm so sorry.
- 19 MS. SMITH: Yes. Anyway, I met your minister last
- 20 night. We had a nice talk about you.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you.
- 22 COMMISSIONER WOODS: Amen.
- 23 MR. FOSTER: Good afternoon.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon. Through the
- 25 Chair. First thing, as a combat veteran we have faced use

- 1 of force. We've been shot eight times. I support these
- 2 resolutions. I support peace wherever it comes from. And
- 3 so I would say that, and I was shot as a citizen here. So
- 4 I went to the union guy..
- 5 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Make sure you speak to the 6 Chair.
- MR. FOSTER: Through the Chair, I was shot eight
- 8 times as a citizen in this city. Didn't have anything to
- 9 do with use of force. And so I want to make that very
- 10 clear. Secondly, the only bad question is the one not to
- 11 ask. I think that our commissioner to some, may be a
- 12 little obnoxious, but the reality of it is he's still
- 13 elected. And we are going to have to have some respect
- 14 for our elected officials regardless if we like the
- 15 decisions that they make.
- 16 He has a responsibility to do what his constituents
- 17 ask them. We don't know what his constituents are asking
- 18 him to represent. And so we have to leave it at that.
- 19 This body is divided between appointed and elected. And
- 20 so we have to weigh that balance at all times. Every
- 21 elected person speaks for the community or is supposed to
- 22 represent the community. And so equally, I'm asking that
- 23 our commissioner hold himself to a standard of
- 24 respectability so that the community can support whatever
- 25 it is that he's bringing here. It's important that we



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- 1 have law and order here if we are going to be practicing
- 2 law and order out in the streets. Thirdly, I applied for
- 3 your secretary position, but didn't get a response form a
- 4 federal law enforcement. I speak very well and articulate
- 5 and so I don't bicker about that. I understand there may
- 6 be some agendas there. And lastly, you have a lot of
- 7 beautiful female officers here. It makes it a lot easier
- 8 for enforcement. Keep that up a little concerned about
- 9 domestic violence. But I do appreciate the beautiful
- 10 young ladies that you all have on the force.
- CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. 11
- 12 MR. FOSTER: So thank you.
- 13 MS. UNDERWOOD: Mr. Chair, we're going to go into
- 14 Zoom. Our first speaker will be Marguerite Maddox, then
- 15 we'll have former commissioner William Davis and then
- 16 Professor Baker.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Ms. Maddox, are you there?
- 18 MS. MADDOX: Hello? Good afternoon.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- 20 MS. MADDOX: Good afternoon. Because there was
- 21 another meeting that I missed trying to wait for you guys
- 22 to get off and come back. My [unclear] is Monday at Cass
- 23 and West Grand Boulevard, and I did not stop to find out
- 24 what was going on, because I had to meet somebody for
- 25 lunch. So my question is, at any time when you have the

1 courage and ability, and I did let the people know the

2 area, not to go near that area. My number two issue is

3 secondly, postpone next week because if [unclear] is

4 about 48 hours when you guys need at least 72 hours to

7 to the community to make sure that the meeting is here

8 every Thursday, but why not postpone until the

5 get an ASL [unclear, the amount of time is 72 hours. And

6 I do understand the issues and I am making a commitment

- - 1 board secretary mentioned to you all, this board is in

12 get that stipend for that week.

2 the newspaper again. You know, you all have had more bad

CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Yes, go right ahead.

MR. DAVIS: Okay. I'd like to start off by saying

3 that your meetings are too long. It should be a little

5 over the past few years, but it needs to be a little bit

4 bit better structured. I think the structure has improved

6 more about the structure. I think that everybody that was

8 and be there on time. I never missed a meeting. I think

9 that you all should probably get more of a stipend than

10 what you all get, but I also think for those who do not

7 elected or appointed should make a commitment to be there

11 show up or do not have an excused absence, they shouldn't

Also, I was pleased to hear that you all passed a

14 resolution about a ceasefire, you know, in Gaza, because

18 Commissioner Burton being attacked by Mother Bernice, and

20 witness also. I know she may not remember, as well as she

21 once did. But a lot of people remembered the scene. Also,

22 I think that you all made your emphasis should be making

23 sure that you all have enough investigators and getting

24 the investigators in there. Of course, you all need a 25 board secretary. And also I see that your former acting

15 I'm a strong supporter of that. I think it could have

16 been a little bit stronger. I personally liked the one

17 that Commissioner Burton had. Also, I witnessed

19 there were a lot of people in that Rec Center, the

- 3 press in the last couple years than I can imagine since
- 4 I've been gone. You know, there's a whole lot of bad
- 5 stuff associated with elements of this board, mostly from
- 6 the previous administrations. But you all have a nice
- 7 day. Be safe.
- 9 [unclear01:25:28]. Anyway, thank you. I'm done. CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. And again, just to
- 11 respond, we were only trying to do and vote, which is to
- 12 meet our charter mandated responsibilities that the Board
- of Police Commissioners meet each week, while still
- 14 trying to be accommodating to the traffic that may happen
- downtown. And again, your point is well taken, relative
- 16 to securing our ASL interpreters. But again, because the
- meeting is happening at the same time and they are able
- to attend virtually, although the commissioners are not,
- 19 it should not be much of an issue to ensure that they are
- 20 present, to ensure communication is accessible to all.
- 21 Next speaker.

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- 22 MS. UNDERWOOD: Former Commissioner Davis.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Former Commissioner Davis, are
- 24 you there?
- 25 MR. DAVIS: I am now. Can you hear me?

CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. And I don't think

- 9 that anybody sympathizes more with the length of these
- 10 meetings than the sitting commissioners do. And so we
- 11 take that comment to heart.
- 12 MS. UNDERWOOD: The last speaker is Professor Baker.
- 13 PROFESSOR BAKER: Hi. Thank you. Good afternoon.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Good afternoon.
- 15 PROFESSOR BAKER: On Monday, April the 15th, the
- 16 Public Health and Safety Committee was presented with a
- 17 new procurement proposal prepared by DPD to purchase
- 18 digital radiography software and hardware from a vendor
- 19 known as NOVO, DR. Inc. This is a system that enables
- 20 sensory imaging of the interior of buildings and it's
- 21 often used to detect bombs or weapons that are buried
- 22 underground, such as landmines or enclosed in the
- 23 interior of buildings or located on the undercarriage of
- 24 a vehicle. During the procurement request, DPD was asked
- 25 by members of the Public Health and Safety Committee and

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1	the specification report, which is required within the	1	
2	terms of the community input over government surveillance	2	
3	ordinance was completed to accompany the procurement	3	
4	request. DPD indicated one was not. There was no spec	4	
5	report due to DBT having radiology equipment that's now	5	STATE OF MICHIGAN)
6	nearing 20 years in age. In our science ordinance, it	6)
7	indicates that similar technology to existing technology	7	COUNTY OF WAYNE)
8	DPD does not require a spec report. This allows DPD to	8	
9	bypass specification report submission. However, when DPD	9	RECORDER'S CERTIFICATE AND NOTARIZATION
10	does request procurement of new technology regardless of	10	
11	having had past technology that's similar, if the	11	I, Donald Handyside, Court Recorder, do hereby
12	2 capacities or use of that tech have expanded, a spec	12	certify that on April 18, 2024 at 3:00 P.M., I did
13	3 report is required. NOVO, DR tests their procurement in	13	record the Detroit BOPC meeting, the same being
14	the occupied Palestinian territories. They have	14	later reduced to typewriting and that the foregoing
15	5 significantly updated their radiography systems over the	15	is a true and accurate transcription of said
16	6 last 20 years when DPD last acquired this technology. And	16	electronic recording taken at such time and place.
17	7 I'm asking that this committee contact members of City	17	I further certify that I am not related to
18	3 Council, as well as Public Health and Safety to request	18	or employed by any party of this cause or their
19	that this procurement contract be pulled back into	19	respective counsel.
20	committee and that all agencies in the city that are	20	Links
21	impacted by the science ordinance received necessary	21	
22	2 training to make sure that they are aware of their	22	DONALD HANDYSIDE (CER 1464)
23	3 responsibilities to observe and uphold this ordinance.	23	Notary Public
24	CHAIRPERSON PRESSLEY: Thank you. Alright. I believe	24	My Commission Expires: 5/6/2027
25	5 that was all of our public commenters. Again, we thank	25	
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	everyone for their contribution to today's meeting. And		
	that does indeed conclude our agenda. And so the Chair		
	now entertains a motion for adjournment.		
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	seconded. All those in favor please signify by saying,		
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11 ayes have it. This meeting is adjourned.

(Meeting Adjourned at 5:10pm)

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