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1 City of Detroit Board of Police Commissioners
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5 Meeting before the Board of Police
6 Commissioners at 1301 - Third Street, Detroit, Michigan
7 on Thursday, January 17, 2019.

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10 COMMISSIONERS:

11 William Davis
12 Reverend Jim Holley
13 Shirley Burch
Elizabeth Brooks
14 Lisa Carter
Evette Griffie
Willie Burton
15 Eva Garza Dewaelsche

16 CHAIRPERSON: Willie Bell

17 CHIEF OF POLICE: James Craig

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22 Reported by:
Sherrayna Coleman, CSR-6485

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1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, January 17, 2019
3 3:02 p.m.

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5 CHAIRMAN BELL: Good afternoon. This is
6 a great afternoon. I want to thank you for coming out
7 this afternoon. I am Police Commissioner Willie Bell.
8 I represent District 4. I serve as Chair of the Board
9 and will be conducting our meeting today. On behalf of
10 the Board, for those in attendance, thank you for
11 joining us. For people viewing this meeting on your
12 government cable channel thank you for viewing our
13 meeting.

14 I just want to acknowledge we have a
15 resolution for Sergeant Eric Bucy who was funeralized
16 last week. But I want to honor -- I'm going to ask you
17 to stand for sixty seconds to not just honor Sergeant
18 Bucy, but nationwide we have lost six officers in the
19 line of duty, black, white, female and male from
20 various cities in this country. So if you would just
21 pay some respect by standing to recognize their
22 service.

23 (Whereupon there was a moment of silence
24 in honor of Sergeant Eric Bucy.)

25 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. I was standing

1 and scanning the room to see if the Chaplain Pastor Roy
2 Hill or any other chaplain might be filling in. If
3 not, I'm going to ask our very own Pastor Commissioner
4 Jim Holly, invocation, please.

5 (Whereupon Commissioner Holly commenced
6 the invocation.)

7 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. At this time
8 I'm going to ask the commissioners to introduce
9 themselves starting with my far right.

10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Police Commissioner
11 William Davis, District 7.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon. Shirley
13 Burch, District 3.

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.
15 Elizabeth Brooks, at large.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holly, at large.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Eva Garza
18 Dewaelsche, at large.

19 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chairman, you have a quorum.

20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. I'm going to
21 ask Mr. Hicks to introduce the Board staff, please.

22 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Just
23 prior to introducing the staff, just a couple
24 housekeeping items. I do want to note that Sergeant
25 Quinn is taping the meeting for today. Media Services

1 is providing the audio visual work and Shay Coleman is
2 the court reporter. Then to my immediate right is
3 Robert Brown. And if we go to the first row, since we
4 do have some new people here, if I can ask for when I
5 give your name if you could stand. On the first row
6 would be Ms. Johnson, who is in charge of our fiscal
7 area; Mr. Warwick, who is the attorney to the Board;
8 Ms. Blossom, who is of course our media outreach
9 person; Ms. White, who is the executive manager for
10 policy. And then in the second row I believe
11 Dr. Anderson, who is the personnel director for DPD.
12 And then we always go over to the Chief Investigator
13 Dr. McAllister to introduce herself and the balance of
14 the OCI staff that's current.

15 MS. MCALLISTER: Good afternoon, Board. I'm
16 Dr. Polly McAllister, Chief Investigator, and attending
17 today's meeting with me today is Supervising
18 Investigator Cromwell, Senior Investigator Jones, and
19 returning back Senior Investigator Rivera.
20 Investigator Bates, Investigator Calloway and
21 Investigator Washington.

22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. At this time
23 I'm going to ask Chief Craig to my extreme left, we all
24 see him, and so if you will introduce yourself I would
25 appreciate it.

1 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chair. Starting
2 with Assistant Chief LeValley and then ask the rest to
3 identify themselves.

4 (Whereupon the remaining members of the
5 Chief's staff introduced themselves.)

6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Chief Craig.
7 The next item I'm going to request the Board to approve
8 the Agenda for this afternoon's meeting.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

11 CHAIRMAN BELL: Its been properly moved and
12 supported. Discussion.

13 (None responded.)

14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those in favor, aye?

15 (Several Commissioners responded by
16 indicating aye.)

17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed?

18 (None responded.)

19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion carries. The next
20 item will be Approval of the January 10, 2019 Minutes.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Its been properly moved and
24 supported. Discussion.

25 (None responded.)

1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those in favor, aye?

2 (Several Commissioners responded by
3 indicating aye.)

4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed?

5 (None responded.)

6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion carries. The next
7 item that we are going to acknowledge would be elected
8 officials at this time, but I'm going to take chairman
9 privilege and our Council President is here and I'm
10 going to ask her to come to the mic if she would be so
11 kind. She covered a very significant matter this
12 afternoon in a press conference and I don't know if it
13 was scheduled, but we want to allow her to speak at
14 this about an issue that we all are concerned about
15 every day, but this is somewhat highlighted on the
16 automobile show.

17 COUNCILWOMAN JONES: Thank you so very much
18 for this opportunity. Let me start off by saying Happy
19 New Years to all of you all and thank you for the
20 service that you've rendered and thank you all for the
21 service that you render as well. Today we called a
22 press conference to talk about human trafficking. We
23 are at the eve of the auto show. In the City of
24 Detroit human trafficking numbers rise when the auto
25 show comes and it rises significantly when the auto

1 show comes.

2 Now, I'm not just saying that we have human
3 trafficking going on and you all know during the auto
4 show we have human trafficking all of the time.
5 Michigan has ranked among the top ten in human
6 trafficking. And Detroit plays a very high significant
7 number of those human traffickings. So we want
8 everyone to be aware of what's going on now, to keep
9 their eyes open. We've asked people if they see
10 something and they feel that there's some suspicious
11 activity going on to call and report it, call 9/1/1.
12 We thank the Chief, I thank you for your participation
13 in the press conference today. Thank you for being
14 there. We gave a number to call when they see
15 something going on that they feel is suspicious.

16 Normally the ages are somewhere between 12
17 and 16. We're losing our young girls. They say our
18 children are our future. I say our children are our
19 now, because if we don't get them past now there is no
20 future for them and there is no future for us. These
21 are our doctors, our next police commissioners, our
22 next police chief. We have to help our children when
23 we see them out there. And often we might think it's a
24 prostitute or something. It's not. They're being
25 trafficked and we need to try to get them some

1 assistance.

2 We're not asking anybody in the public to be
3 the police, but we're asking them to call the police to
4 get them some assistance. So thank you for giving me
5 this opportunity. It is such an important thing that
6 we all have to wrap our arms around to help our
7 children. We often think that they're kids that come
8 from a poor family or bad family. That's not always
9 the situation. Sometimes these kids are just on the
10 internet. So we have to watch what our children are
11 doing when they're on the computers. Sometimes they
12 see their friends with items that they want and their
13 friends are out there doing something and that's what
14 entices them into human trafficking. Normally the
15 traffickers are 50 to 60 year olds. So please I ask
16 everyone to keep their eyes open for human trafficking.
17 Thank you.

18 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Council President.
19 I just want to say in my six years on the Board of
20 Police Commissioners, going back to the '70s
21 interacting with some of the great council people in
22 the City of Detroit history, that this council
23 president and this council has really lifted up public
24 safety. This has been priority one. And I think the
25 Chief can perhaps attest to that. They have really

1 concentrated on public safety, especially DPD
2 involvement in terms of their well-being, not just from
3 a pulpit but from a basic financial responsibility and
4 well-being of the officer. I think it's at its highest
5 level and I just want to appreciate council for their
6 leadership in that particular area, because sometimes
7 as officers we think that we are not appreciated but
8 that's not the case. I know that there is a sincere
9 commitment to that.

10 We have another young man that I know serving
11 on the council, Council McCallister, there from the
12 2nd District. Thank you for your attendance. Do we
13 have any other elected officials or representatives of
14 elected officials at this time? Would you please
15 introduce yourself.

16 (Whereupon elected officials and staff
17 introduced themselves.)

18 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. I'd like to
19 acknowledge all of you once again for your attendance
20 this afternoon. I'd like to just pause in terms of we
21 are going to be celebrating -- it's in my remarks but
22 I'd like to pause before we go any further by quoting
23 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. As you well know, it's not
24 MLK Day. It is Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and it's
25 our day. He stated we may have a -- we have all come

1 on different ships but we are in the same boat now.
2 Now, isn't that profound. We're all on the same boat.
3 We all got here on different ships but all the issues
4 we're dealing with.

5 Dr. King was a visionary and we are dealing
6 with this now so I'd like to take one more step in
7 terms of we celebrate -- on Monday we celebrate. I'd
8 like you to just get up and reach across and shake
9 someone hand. Can we do that? Just shake someone hand
10 in the spirit of fellowship. Thank you.

11 Three commissioners have joined us I'm going
12 to start with my far left for them to introduce
13 themselves at this time.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Commissioner Willie
15 Burton, District 5.

16 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Evette Griffie,
17 District 2.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon, Lisa
19 Carter, District 6.

20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Good to see all
21 commissioners in attendance. The next item will be
22 the Chairman's Report. On behalf of the Board I want
23 to express our concern and support for fallen and
24 injured officers. Our concerns for the officer safety
25 and citizen protection is two of the most important

1 parts of the Board. The Board receives a weekly report
2 from the Department listing injured officers. Again,
3 we acknowledge the passing of Sergeant Bucy as you well
4 know. Keep his family in your prayers. Chief Craig
5 will probably provide any additional mention concerning
6 relating to injured officers in his remarks.

7 The Board of Commissioners meet every week
8 except for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday. We meet
9 at Police Headquarters three weeks of the month on
10 Thursday at 3 p.m. We also meet in the community every
11 second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. On the
12 Detroit City Charter Article 7 Chapter 8 the Board of
13 Police Commissioners gives power to provide civilian
14 oversight to supervise and control over the Police
15 Department.

16 Our citizens justify in asking how does
17 civilian oversight of law enforcement help you as
18 citizens in our community. Our answer is we protect
19 the civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations
20 like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating,
21 reviewing and auditing individual cases of citizen
22 complaints and patterns of operation by police agencies
23 to eliminate misconduct, discriminatory police
24 practices and unnecessary use of force by police.

25 Our work is based on developing and

1 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and
2 respect between the police and the community is
3 critical towards increasing the quality of life or
4 residents and visitors to Detroit. The Board of Police
5 Commissioners exists to provide civilian oversight for
6 the work of the Detroit Police Department. As a board
7 we receive and investigate non-criminal citizen
8 complaints, monitor operations of the Department, work
9 with the Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or
10 modify police policy.

11 In your Board package you will notice a
12 change in our public's agenda. We had scheduled review
13 and vote on the Detroit Police Department's annual
14 budget. At the request of the Deputy CFO we will take
15 up this matter within the next few weeks. Commissioner
16 William Davis, the co-chair of the Budget Subcommittee,
17 will make a report on this matter on the committee
18 reports.

19 We have replaced the budget review with an
20 important discussion on police towing. In the past we
21 have had several people approach the Board secretly to
22 return their impound vehicle because they are unable to
23 pay their storage and -- towing and storage fee. Last
24 year, September 20, 2018 the Board adopted a towing
25 resolution that provided for the Police Department to

1 operate tow trucks and storage yards. While passing
2 this resolution we indicated the Board will review and
3 create guidelines for citizens who because of economic
4 hardship could not redeem their property. These
5 guidelines were distributed in your Tuesday package for
6 your consideration at today's Board meeting.

7 Our Executive of Management Molly White will
8 make a presentation on these guidelines at the
9 appropriate point in today's meeting. Additionally, I
10 want to you to consider important items for your
11 consideration. The next graduation of the Detroit
12 Police Department Academy will be held on January
13 25, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at Greater Grace Temple located
14 at 23500 West 7 Mile Road.

15 The Board is continuing to work with NACO,
16 National Association for Civilian Oversight of Law
17 Enforcement, to host in Detroit the national conference
18 in September 2019. Commissioner Elizabeth Brooks has
19 agreed to head our local host committee and they have
20 been hard at work in coordinating the interest of the
21 national organization with the local flavor of Detroit.
22 Additionally, Detroit will be celebrating our 45th year
23 as a civilian oversight organization. I will repeat
24 this several times as we approach the September
25 conference. So we have the conference here in Detroit.

1 We're definitely going to be reaching out to our
2 council president and council for their support. So
3 we're looking forward to that.

4 We invite you, the law enforcement
5 communities, any civic organizations to join us at the
6 conference. You will be hearing more and more about
7 that. We have invited the Chief of Police to
8 participate in the conference and more invitations are
9 going to be extended in the future and we're looking
10 for sponsors and we hope that we will have a very
11 meaningful conference that's going to be involving
12 Detroit to showcase Motown.

13 One of the objectives for 2019 is to increase
14 our communication and cooperation with the Chief of
15 Police. I want to report that this process has already
16 started -- I would say enhanced. We have always had
17 relationship. We're just going to enhance that. The
18 Board and Chief understand the mutual respect and
19 cooperation is critical towards building confidence in
20 the work of the Detroit Police Department.

21 Please note that our current plans are to
22 conduct two community meetings in the month of March.
23 The first would be on March 7th at the Western
24 International High School. The time of meeting is
25 likely changed because we want to accommodate and

1 interact with students at Western International High
2 School. Special meeting notes will be generated and
3 posted as we move closer to the March meeting.
4 Additionally, we will have our regular community
5 meeting on March 14th in the 9th Precinct. And Chief
6 Craig and his team is already committed to support us
7 March the 7th at Western High School. As you well
8 know, I think it's crucial that we have more
9 interaction with our young people in terms of
10 interaction and listening to them. We want to have
11 that type of dialogue.

12 I want to -- I already spoke about there are
13 so many activities on Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day
14 and you should take advantage of that. The Board
15 office will be closed. I'd like everyone to select and
16 attend one of the many celebrations of the life of
17 Dr. King. This holiday was hard to win and long to be
18 recognized. In fact, some people still refuse to
19 recognize and honor Dr. Martin Luther King. There's a
20 list of activities I mentioned earlier. And if you
21 haven't visited Atlanta and you haven't visited Memphis
22 you should take the opportunity to look back in terms
23 of the history of how they recognize Dr. King in terms
24 of Atlanta, Georgia and also the Lorraine Motel and
25 Museum in Memphis, Tennessee.

1 I want to note in your package information on
2 the 75th birthday of Commissioner Jim Holley. It will
3 be a public event to celebrate his 50 years in
4 ministry. Please check your schedule and support
5 Reverend Jim. It doesn't appear to be 50 years and
6 he's in his 70s now but what a blessing of Little Rock
7 Baptist Church.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I really think you
9 ought to give me a little hand there. Ya'll act like
10 my church.

11 CHAIRMAN BELL: That is a milestone. We're
12 just going to report out on Channel 7 Ross Jones is
13 going to be doing an interview with Chief Craig and
14 myself concerning 64 Detroit police officers have been
15 charged criminally. And that interview is going to be
16 rescheduled and they haven't put a teaser out but it's
17 going to be forthcoming Monday and you will have an
18 opportunity to tune in. That's enough said in
19 reference to that. I think the interview, perhaps,
20 speak for itself.

21 Getting to the point, at the end of our
22 meeting we will have oral communications from the
23 audience. Please make sure you print your name on a
24 speaker card. Cards are located on the back on the
25 table. If Mr. Brown would raise his hand. Please get

1 your card prior to us moving to that particular item
2 because we're not going to extend it beyond the cards.
3 Is that fair enough? Thank you in terms of my remarks.
4 We're going to move on to Chief Craig.

5 CHIEF CRAIG: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd
6 like to start my remarks -- let me first start off by
7 thanking Council President Brenda Jones for taking the
8 lead on bringing such a critical issue to the forefront
9 during this time during the auto show. This is
10 something that the Department is committed to, will
11 continue to be committed. And, on that note, I did
12 report out during the media session that just to show
13 you the seriousness of this problem. Yesterday we got
14 a call about a missing young lady. She was missing.
15 Investigators relentlessly followed up and during that
16 follow up determined that she was in the company of
17 someone who had abducted her and another young woman.

18 There was a sexual assault and the plan was
19 to move her from Detroit into Atlanta into
20 prostitution. So I applaud the work of our team. As
21 you know, we're in a federal partnership with the FBI
22 and we were able to quickly find those young women
23 before they could have got further harm. So great work
24 by the Detroit Police Department and the FBI.

25 As it relates to crime, I don't get excited

1 during this first quarter because the numbers are
2 usually lower. Percentages are usually high. But one
3 thing that does stand out for me, when we look at our
4 homicide year to date, year to date we've had three as
5 compared to last year this time we had twelve. In the
6 year prior we had thirteen; 75 percent reduction.

7 Again, I recognize it is very early. One
8 area that we are up, and again, early in the year, is
9 in aggravated assaults which is driving our violent
10 crime. Robbery continues to be down as we ended last
11 year. Overall property crime is still down four
12 percent. So right now we're showing a one percent
13 increase in part one crime, but again, what's driving
14 that number is our aggravated assaults primarily. Our
15 carjackings are also down significantly as compared to
16 this time last year and also the year prior.

17 One thing that, and I didn't hear you ask for
18 it but I'm going to bring it up anyway. You may have.
19 This is the -- on the instant at the 9th Precinct; the
20 individual that was dancing in the street. Chief
21 LeBarren is taking the lead on investigating that
22 matter. As you probably know, he did a presser on it.
23 He made some statements and I was a little bit
24 surprised because the reaction from the community was
25 pretty much negative that we would interface with this

1 young man.

2 He has been a fixture in that area for some
3 time now. What the general public didn't know, we
4 responded to a complaint. In fact, the NPOs responded
5 to a complaint. And on this day or in recent days he
6 started to use an amplified device. He was singing.
7 He was shouting profanities and some business owners
8 were complaining. They were concerned about their
9 patrons and so the officers came in. The only thing I
10 can preliminarily say that probably should have
11 happened, he should have been arrested. Because of the
12 kind of conduct they should have watched, took their
13 time and made an arrest. But instead, as the gentleman
14 was being contacted, was tape recording that contact
15 and during that contact the officers made some
16 inappropriate comments. I can assure you we're
17 investigating those comments and we're taking
18 appropriate action.

19 However, I got a letter in the office today
20 from someone who found it troubling that we would
21 investigate this matter when the officers were doing
22 their job. And, you're right, they were, but we expect
23 our officers to always do their job professionally. So
24 we're going to investigate it and take appropriate
25 action. Anything, Chief LeBarren, you want to add to

1 that?

2 ASSISTANT CHIEF LEBARREN: That sums it up.

3 CHIEF WHITE: Again, Chairman Bell brought it
4 up. On last Friday I met with Chairman Bell and a few
5 of the members. We spent probably about an hour today,
6 I believe it was hour, hour and a half. It was a great
7 meeting. I look forward to future meetings in that
8 forum. There are a lot of things that we can address
9 before we come into the public forum so thank you for
10 that.

11 Recruitment. I know that's been a topic of
12 conversation. You know, when I used to come in here
13 and report that we had this huge pool of candidates,
14 for some reason the candidate pool has changed
15 dramatically; smaller. Not that our folks are not
16 doing their job. One of the challenges I see today
17 with recruitment, two things. One, job market has
18 changed. There's more of -- there's plenty more jobs
19 out there today than there were say a year ago.

20 Secondly, I think the other thing that
21 creates a challenge for us, it's very apparent to our
22 candidates, the dangers associated with this job. Now,
23 that's not that they didn't know about the dangers a
24 year ago or the year before that but it's no secret and
25 I think you raised it in your opening remarks that

1 we've seen more officers killed in the line of duty
2 year to date not here in Detroit but just nationally.
3 And I must believe that that's the reason why the
4 candidate pool is not really what it once was.

5 We're going to continue to do our outreach.
6 We're going to make some adjustments in how we do our
7 backgrounds. Certainly I know that Ms. Brooks, you've
8 been, and Eva, you've been a great leader in driving
9 that, so we look forward to that partnership
10 continuing.

11 March 7th meeting at Western and also the
12 NAPO conference, look forward to both. If I heard it
13 right, Commissioner Burton, you're going to be the
14 point person on the NAPO conference?

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, she is.

16 CHIEF CRAIG: So, that said, Deputy Chief, my
17 neighborhood liaison is going to be the police contact
18 with you. We're committed to making sure that this is
19 a great conference not just for you but for all of us
20 in the City of Detroit. And also he will also be a
21 contact for the Western meeting since we've done so
22 much with our youth that that might be an opportunity
23 to kind of help facilitate the conversation.

24 And lastly, and then I'll open it up for
25 questions. The last thing that was raised, the Jones

1 interview and it was pointed out by the Chairman 64
2 officers charged; that includes both misdemeanors and
3 felonies. Not all were -- some were exonerated in that
4 process but the fact is they were charged. So during
5 my interview, and I'll give you a preview because I
6 think it's important to say, and it may stimulate some
7 questions. You know, one of the things that we have
8 done over the last years is drive home integrity, drive
9 home the importance that if you become aware of
10 misconduct we don't care where you sit in this
11 organization you should report it. If you want to
12 report it anonymously so be it. What we have seen, we
13 have seen serious misconduct being reported internally
14 that subsequently resulted in a criminal charging. In
15 fact, one such example without going into names, a
16 Lieutenant was recently charged. The allegation was
17 theft of funds. And it came to the Department's
18 attention because the subordinate officers notified the
19 Department. It was from that notification that we
20 opened an investigation and that person is no longer or
21 soon not to be a member with this organization. So
22 that's one issue.

23 We also battle the issue of PTSD. You're
24 going to probably hear more from me in the coming
25 months about this because this is a growing concern not

1 just here in Detroit. But when you look at police
2 officers who are facing the kind of trauma that they
3 face on a regular basis that's not usual. And so the
4 fact that we now have a peer support function, I don't
5 see any chaplain here today, but the work that they do
6 in conjunction with our peer support is going a long
7 way in minimizing the trauma but the trauma is still
8 there.

9 I bring that up because one of the officers
10 who clearly was involved throughout his 20-year career,
11 three officers involved in a shooting incident and that
12 had an impact on him. So much so that we knew he had
13 PTSD. We made sure he was treated for it. He got
14 involved into an off-duty incident where he
15 subsequently got charged. So we see that not as an
16 excuse but certainly something that we have to stay on
17 top of because more and more officers when they try to
18 deal with the trauma sometimes they self treat and self
19 treating, as you probably know, the alcohol, we've had
20 more officers arrested for driving under the influence.

21 So when you look at those issues you say well
22 Chief is the Department out of control, 64 officers,
23 and I say to the public no, they're not. In fact, on
24 the contrary. It represents -- I mean, one person
25 getting charged is one too many and it comes out to be

1 roughly 2.6 percent. However, when you look at the
2 trauma and the impact of that, the fact that more
3 officers now are reporting criminal misconduct. So
4 when the report comes out and say well the City of X
5 said there's only officers charged, okay, that's nice
6 to say but is that a department where officers exude
7 the kind of integrity that when they become aware of
8 criminality that they're not afraid to report it.

9 Again, most of the reports we get, and I know
10 Deputy Chief who just left will tell you a lot of our
11 complaints come in anonymously because they don't want
12 to be out front. So we take anonymous complaints as I
13 would imagine the same goes for OCI. So we are excited
14 in the sense that more and more employees are coming
15 forward. So when you see those departments with low
16 numbers it doesn't necessarily mean they're doing
17 everything right. Because one of the things that
18 several tenured officers told me in this Department,
19 during the time you were here, Chairman Bell, is that
20 many times officers will become aware of criminal
21 misconduct and wouldn't report it because they didn't
22 feel the Department was going to do anything about it.
23 And then, as you know, they had two tiers of
24 discipline; one for the police officers and there was a
25 different standard for the bosses. I think these

1 bosses will attest that everybody in the organization,
2 including myself, we're held to the same standard. So
3 with that, I will open it up to any questions.

4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioners.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. May I speak?

6 CHAIRMAN BELL: You may.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Hello, Chief. Thank you
8 so much from the 11th Precinct, the 3rd District. When
9 you assigned the rotating sign, the speed sign, it has
10 made a huge difference. It is rotating. But one
11 concern that I ran into yesterday, Chief, regarding --
12 it wasn't about the Department, but it was about
13 regarding the boundaries of Davison Elementary School.
14 There are no signs posted to let the drivers know that
15 you are approaching a school.

16 CHIEF CRAIG: Davison and Oakman.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, sir. Joseph Campau
18 and Davison Service Drive.

19 CHIEF CRAIG: I just got a serious complaint
20 on that. In fact, I think our east side NPO you want
21 to talk about that.

22 DEPUTY CHIEF LEBARRON: Deputy Chief Lebarron
23 (ph). The Chief did get a complaint regarding that
24 same issue from the Department side where as you know
25 the Chief stood up and they put a police officer east.

1 He's been assigned to that investigation. And also the
2 commander of the 11th Precinct is going to work with
3 commander and have a response for arrival to school and
4 departure from school. So we're on top of it. We're
5 reporting back to the Chief's office by the 15th with
6 our response and with our enforcement action as well.

7 CHIEF CRAIG: Actually, that complaint
8 emanated from councilman Benson's office. We call it a
9 council matter complaint. So he wants a response back
10 by the 18th. So we'll make sure you get that response
11 as well.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Well, we were at the
13 same meeting so I'm glad he's on top of that too
14 because it was a parent that got struck by a car. It
15 was not fatal but it needs to be monitored as far as
16 the people speeding. That's why I suggested, too, like
17 you did over at Fenelon if you could have a speed bump
18 perhaps in that area somewhere. Would you look into
19 that?

20 CHIEF CRAIG: Absolutely.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: The other thing I would
22 like you to put it on your calendar. I'm giving you
23 full advance notice.

24 CHIEF CRAIG: I don't keep my own calendar
25 just for the record.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Well, somebody's
2 writing down what I'm saying. We just want to invite
3 you in the month of April there's going to be a
4 community meeting in the 3rd District. That's my turn.
5 So we would like to invite you because the place we're
6 going to hold it is the wellness medical center and we
7 found out there's a lot of resources inside that
8 building. And we would like for you to be there and
9 the Mayor to really dedicate what that program does for
10 our neighborhood. Because we want the reputation of
11 having everything we need in District 3. So I would
12 appreciate it if you could attend that meeting in
13 April; the 11th.

14 DEPUTY CHIEF LEBARRON: Through the Chair.

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.

16 DEPUTY CHIEF LEBARRON: To just complete the
17 question from Commissioner as far as the speed bump.
18 So on that complaint Councilman Benson's office
19 notified Ron Rumpage (ph) so he will be doing an
20 analysis study to see if that bump could be placed in
21 that particular area.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Both of us working on it
23 it should work, right. Thank you.

24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner to my right.
25 If not, to my left.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Chief, pardon my
2 ignorance, but what is it about the auto show that
3 heightens the alert on human trafficking? We focused
4 on cars but what is it, if you could briefly help us to
5 understand what happens? What makes that so
6 attractive?

7 CHIEF CRAIG: Through the Chair, it's like
8 anything else. It's a big event. It draws lots of
9 people. And so these criminals market what they're
10 doing because they know there's going to be a lot of
11 people in town, staying in hotels. And so not going to
12 go into details about how we monitor because there is a
13 way we monitor very effectively and knowing how these
14 requests are coming in in terms of sexual favors. So
15 any big convention. If there's a big convention that
16 comes in sometimes those conventions will draw. They
17 scour around to know what's going on in any given city.
18 That's not unusual. But, you know, auto show is a week
19 long and it draws a lot of people from not only the
20 region but from various parts of the country.

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm just trying to
22 know. If I got a 12 , 13, 14-year-old daughter,
23 they're there at the auto show unaccompanied?

24 CHIEF CRAIG: When you talk about how and
25 what defines human trafficking, many times these women

1 are abducted, they're runaways. These predators take
2 advantage and seduce these young girls; that I'll take
3 care of you, and then they bring them and put them into
4 a lifestyle of prostitution. Sometimes they're
5 runaways; they're not happy at home. Sometimes they
6 meet these predators over social media so there's a
7 number of ways that it happens.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So what you're saying,
9 it's not just the auto show? It's events like the auto
10 show?

11 CHIEF CRAIG: I think it's event driven. But
12 the auto show is one of the largest events that draw
13 the more significant number of people. I think now
14 that the City is rebounding and there are more and
15 more hotels being built I think you will find more
16 conferences coming to the City. We haven't had -- this
17 has not been a place where a lot of major organizations
18 have had large conferences because they don't have the
19 hotels. But now we're coming into being able to
20 support large conferences.

21 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Yes. Thank you,
22 Commissioner. I wanted to indicate as you mentioned,
23 Chief, that it is becoming difficult to recruit for our
24 Department. Commission Brooks and I are working real
25 hard. She's the Chair and I work with her. And I am

1 with an organization that's a Work Force organization
2 and we run the one stops for the City's Work Force arm,
3 which is the DESC, Detroit Employment Solutions
4 Corporation.

5 And one of the things that we did the last
6 couple of years with the Department was to hold career
7 fairs. And we held them at the one step centers so
8 we're going to start that up again thanks to
9 Commissioner Brooks and Sergeant Gonzalez so we're
10 planning them and I do have some dates. So I wanted to
11 at least give you and the audience some dates. We're
12 looking at February 13th holding a career fair just for
13 the police department at the Samaritan Center, which is
14 on the east side Conner near I-94. And then we're
15 looking at February 21st, Northwest Activity Center and
16 then February 27th at SER Metro, which is on Michigan
17 and Wyoming. So we're going to start those up again
18 and maybe we'll be able to get some numbers increasing
19 there.

20 And then just another comment with regard to
21 the NACO conference, I wanted to mention that DC
22 Bettison was a panelist when we had our NACO conference
23 in St. Petersburg, Florida and he was a co-panelist
24 with our Commissioner Lisa Carter and did a tremendous
25 job. That workshop was very, very well attended and

1 very impressive. And I think that's going to be the
2 draw for people coming. Because they were so impressed
3 with what we're doing in the City of Detroit as relates
4 to the Police Department and the Police Commission. So
5 I think that's going to bring a lot of people.

6 So we really have to showcase what we do as a
7 Commission and the Department because they're expecting
8 great things and so I'm glad to hear that we're going
9 to be partnering on this very extensively. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I have a couple of
11 things to say. First of all, in regards to
12 Commissioner Holley, this has been going on, human
13 trafficking. When I was with the jazz festival we had
14 a young lady picked up in front of our eyes who was
15 with a family. So it doesn't matter if you're alone,
16 if they see someone that they think they can take, they
17 will take them. So, the jazz fest, they've been doing
18 that for quite a while. And they did get one young
19 lady from the jazz fest. The police were called but
20 they were never able to do anything about it.

21 The other thing is with recruiting, we are
22 really working hard on that. I know you've heard that
23 before, but I think we can get the job done. We have
24 our attorney who is sending places where we can
25 recruit. We have commissioner here who is sending in

1 places. Chief, the thing is sometimes there's no table
2 at the places that we give them. And I have suggested
3 that I could find volunteers or either myself could sit
4 at a recruiting table and give out pamphlets and answer
5 questions.

6 The other thing I've asked is for pamphlets
7 to take to churches, to business places, where we can
8 hand them out and put them out. So there are a lot of
9 things to be done and we're doing them and we're going
10 to work as a team. That's the only way you can get
11 anything done. We do have the best police department
12 and my thing is to do whatever it is I can to support
13 it and not undermine it. Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just want to say,
15 Chief, the incident that happened in the 9th Precinct,
16 I know not to mention names, but could DC Bettison
17 speak with me later or sometimes when it's an incident
18 with the police the media comes. The media loves to
19 put out the wrong information; in other words, they
20 don't listen to both sides. So there were witnesses
21 that were at that event that happened with the mental
22 guy that happened in the 9th Precinct. So if one of
23 them can speak to me after so they can get some of the
24 truth from the other side. The media sometimes just
25 concentrates on the negative of our police department

1 and they're not -- we know they have issues, but the
2 truth needs to be told.

3 And, regarding the trafficking, a young girl
4 can be picked up at a bus stop. She doesn't have to be
5 anywhere. That's why I wanted to ask Ms. Jones what
6 are the methods that she's using to really get the
7 general public involved that they would know like if
8 you're in the church or business place to let people be
9 aware of what to watch for, tell the young girls. So
10 is Ms. Jones still here? She's gone. So I should just
11 contact her office on that.

12 CHIEF CRAIG: You can.

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: There's one last thing.
14 It's not just females. It's males. So you men should
15 know out there to watch your sons. It's just not
16 females.

17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Any other
18 Commissioners?

19 (None responded.)

20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Chief. You
21 covered several different areas; the meeting and the
22 young man on the east side of Detroit. I just want to
23 say, as you mentioned earlier, that we have watched
24 this young man and I haven't experienced, I'm not there
25 all the time, but I know he's on the corner of Cadieux

1 and Harper for many, many years. I've never seen him
2 in traffic. Not to say that -- you're going to conduct
3 a little bit more surveillance and see what's engaged.
4 I don't know. Sometimes we want to put a title on an
5 individual. But he is a young man and that is an
6 outlet for him. But when he go to the extreme we want
7 to monitor that.

8 CHIEF CRAIG: That's what has happened. It's
9 become extreme; doing push-ups in the middle of the
10 street creating a public safety hazard. And then the
11 obscenities. He's shouting over this amplified device,
12 which the media didn't really portray that. We had a
13 number of complaints from owners. Again, Chief
14 Bettison went out -- not Chief Bettison, Chief Lebarren
15 went out and actually interviewed some of the local
16 business owners and during that he got a mixed
17 reaction to it. Because on the surface it appears this
18 is a young man who has probably got some challenges and
19 he's not bothering anybody. But they don't know the
20 number of complaints.

21 He doesn't even live inside the City of
22 Detroit. We asked the question if he lives in
23 Eastpointe then why not find a corner in Eastpointe;
24 because the local police department said they would
25 arrest him.

1 CHAIRMAN BELL: I would hope that perhaps
2 you have probably already contacted his mom or dad or
3 whoever, some adult, responsible and try to whatever.
4 I didn't know he didn't live in the City but I thought
5 he was an institution over there.

6 CHIEF CRAIG: He's been allowed to do it for
7 so many years.

8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yeah, so many years, right.
9 Just like the person sitting on the corner doing
10 solicitation if to the extreme. So we have to try to
11 help people and I know you monitor that type of
12 activity.

13 Human trafficking is for real. It's ongoing.
14 What you witnessed here at the auto show, my
15 understanding when you have All Star Game, Super Bowl,
16 there's a bigger clientele. Money is to be spent and
17 those are really high profile. So I call it high class
18 pimping. That's the reality versus what goes on day to
19 day on the city streets. So we just have to be
20 careful.

21 This is not the first year for Councilwoman
22 Jones to roll this out. She has a PR package she
23 released and the press conference was part of that. So
24 it's basically this is like the second or third year to
25 address this issue once she got involved with it.

1 That's what you do in trying to bring awareness and so
2 we thank her.

3 We're going to move the Agenda. I'm going to
4 ask our council -- I mean Commissioner from the 2nd
5 District Griffie, would you read the Resolution for
6 Sergeant Bucy.

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes, I will. Whereas
8 Eric C. Bucy was appointed to the Detroit Police
9 Department on June 6, 1996. Upon graduating from the
10 Metropolitan Police Academy, Officer Bucy began his
11 career at the Second Precinct; and whereas Officer Bucy
12 did dutifully serve the Southwestern District for
13 several years before being promoted to sergeant on June
14 1, 2006, was reassigned to Southwestern District. He
15 also served the Eastern District Criminal
16 Investigations Unit 2nd Precinct and Investigative
17 Operation Section before his reassignment to the 2nd
18 Precinct.

19 On Thursday January 3, 2019, after 22 1/2
20 years of service Sergeant Eric C. Bucy, Badge S-13
21 passed away; and whereas, during his law enforcement
22 career Sergeant Bucy deserving recipient of one Perfect
23 Attendance Award, three Chief Citation Awards, the
24 Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the
25 Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, and the Super

1 Bowl XL Recognition Award, and numerous letters of
2 accommodation from citizens and superiors; and whereas,
3 Sergeant Bucy tirelessly served the Detroit Police
4 Department, the City of Detroit and its neighboring
5 communities for 22 1/2 years.

6 His professionalism, commitment to public
7 service, integrity and dedication were a credit to the
8 Detroit Police Department. He trained and mentored
9 numerous officers and contributed greatly to the
10 development of many adept professional law enforcement
11 personnel today. He was highly respected by the
12 citizens for whom he served as a consummate
13 professional.

14 Now, therefore, be it resolved, the Detroit
15 Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the
16 citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department
17 award this resolution Posthumously in recognition of
18 Sergeant Eric Cordell Bucy's 22 1/2 years of dedicated
19 and diligent public service. His professionalism,
20 integrity and standard of commitment to the City of
21 Detroit and its citizens merit our highest regards. We
22 salute you Sergeant Eric Cordell Bucy for a job well
23 done.

24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Entertain a Motion.

25 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Motion to approve.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Supported.

2 CHAIRMAN BELL: Discussion.

3 (None responded.)

4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those in favor aye?

5 (Several commissioners responded by
6 indicating aye.)

7 CHAIRMAN BELL: Opposed?

8 (None responded.)

9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion carries. Thank you.

10 Next item would be Towing Hardship Guidelines by
11 Melanie White.

12 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, your Honorable
13 Board of Police Commissioners. My name is Melanie
14 White and I am the executive manager of policy for the
15 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners. Today I'm
16 presenting on the policy guidelines for the Economic
17 Hardship Release of Tow Fees. In your packet,
18 Commissioners, you should have a copy of the Summary of
19 the Economic Hardship Guidelines, the actual Policy
20 Guidelines and then the application packet for your
21 consideration and approval.

22 On September 20, 2018 the Board of Police
23 Commissioners approved a resolution authorizing the
24 Detroit Police Department to operate motor vehicle
25 storage facilities and towing operations. The Board

1 also specified that it would develop and establish
2 policy guidelines on the Economic Hardship Relief
3 Program. In drafting these policy guidelines we met
4 with the Department as well as the tow monitor who was
5 assigned to Assets and Licensing, Lieutenant Michael
6 Parish (ph). We contacted several law enforcement
7 agencies and of course conducted research analysis into
8 identifying best practices and recommendations for
9 these policy guidelines; therefore, this is a shared
10 product between the Detroit Board of Police
11 Commissioners and the Detroit Police Department.

12 The Board of Police Commissioners and the
13 Department is setting a standard by establishing and
14 implementing policy guidelines of the request for tow
15 economic hardship relief. Our research shows that many
16 law enforcement agencies and oversight agencies have
17 not implemented a program of this sort in eliminating
18 and reducing tow fees; therefore, the Board and the
19 Department is, again, establishing a standard and
20 setting a precedent. The Detroit City Charter Article
21 7 Chapter 8 empowers the Board of Police Commissioners
22 to establish policies for the Detroit Police Department
23 under Section 7-802, 7-803 and 7-806.

24 The purpose of this Economic Hardship Policy
25 is to provide an administrative relief process for

1 applicants who are unable to pay tow storage and/or
2 administrative fees imposed. Regarding the recovery of
3 property, the policy of the Board is to establish
4 guidelines for an efficient, effective and fair
5 recovery of property. The Board has independent
6 supervisory oversight of the Detroit Police Department,
7 its tow operations and the motor vehicle storage sites
8 and the Department supervises the day-to-day towing
9 operation and motor vehicle storage sites.

10 In general, an applicant has five days from
11 the date of impoundment to apply for an economic
12 hardship relief. The Department has five days to
13 review and evaluate the facts and circumstances based
14 on the eligibility criteria outlined in the policy
15 guidelines. Such hardship criteria may include but is
16 not all inclusive but it may include low income relief,
17 compassionate early release, first time tow or a
18 medical expenses. Please see the application package
19 and your policy guidelines for a complete listing of
20 the eligibility criteria.

21 Fee waivers and hardship claims do not apply
22 to corporate or business entities. The tow monitor is
23 responsible and required to evaluate each application
24 packet based on the policy guidelines and is required
25 to make a determination on a case by case basis. Also,

1 during the Department's evaluation process, the
2 Department shall freeze all tow storage fees for the
3 applicable vehicle that is involved in the economic
4 hardship application.

5 Lastly, applicants have a right to appeal
6 hardship decisions to the Board. Appeals to the Board
7 should include a written request from the applicant and
8 a copy of the Department's evaluation and decision.
9 All requests for appeal shall be submitted to the
10 secretary to the Board Mr. Gregory Hicks. In rendering
11 its decision, however, the Board has five days from the
12 date of the request and the Board will consider the
13 facts and circumstances surrounding each request and
14 make a determination based on the application package.
15 For integrity safeguard purposes, the Department is
16 responsible for providing a quarterly report to the
17 Board on this matter and regarding the actual
18 applications they are or will be available once
19 approved by the Board of Police Commissioners. It will
20 be available on the Department's website, the City
21 website and they will also be available at the DPD
22 Assets and Licensing Unit, which is located at 2121
23 Fort Street.

24 The application package consists of the
25 following: A one-page application, the Department

1 Evaluation page and the instruction and information for
2 the applicant so it is user friendly. And, for more
3 information, you may refer to the Policy Guidelines
4 again contained in your packet and that is it for my
5 report.

6 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question.

8 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The five days, is that
10 calendar days or business days?

11 MS. WHITE: It's business days.

12 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, ma'am.

13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So how does that work?
14 My question was actually about the same timeframe. So
15 how does that work when we are recess? So if a
16 complaint comes or an appeal comes in and we don't meet
17 that two week lag in December -- or actually, there are
18 seven days in between the time that we meet so there
19 could be times where we don't respond in that five-day
20 window. I'm just concerned that it is not enough time.

21 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, the Police
22 Department, and again, the tow monitor, who is assigned
23 to the Assets and Licensing Unit receive the
24 application package. So they are still reviewing and
25 evaluating the application package even though the

1 Board of Police Commissioners may be on recess at that
2 time. The only time that the Board of Police
3 Commissioners evaluates a package is during the appeals
4 process and of course it will take place when the Board
5 of Police Commissioners is in business. And the
6 application package also, again, comes to the Secretary
7 to the Board so it's brought in that manner.

8 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay. So the five
9 days starts from the time the appeal comes in to the
10 time that we make our decision. So if an appeal came
11 in on a Friday, say tomorrow an appeal came in, we
12 wouldn't meet again until the following Thursday. That
13 just seems like it would be in violation of the
14 timeframe.

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Well, it's our rule. We'll
16 be flexible. It's our rule. We pretty much set a
17 timeline on ourself. So we're going to be flexible
18 to address their concern because we never had a formal
19 appeal process.

20 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yeah. I'm just
21 thinking maybe we should adjust the rule now.

22 CHAIRMAN BELL: We an address that. You
23 want how many days?

24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm thinking at least
25 seven since we meet once a week.

1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Make that adjustment and
2 we'll make the adjustment on the document and I'll
3 assume all commissioners are in support of that.

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I want a
5 motion that we set this aside for next week's board
6 meeting. The fact that I'm just now receiving this
7 now, I really want to look into this thoroughly and
8 submit my questions in writing. And also I think if we
9 could set this aside until next week and gives all the
10 Commissioners to read this thoroughly and raise
11 questions for the next board meeting. I'd like to see
12 how this is really going to work and how it's really
13 going to-

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I second that.

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: There's no motion on the
16 floor.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: May I ask a question?

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm putting a motion on
19 that we set this aside until next week so we can all be
20 able to read it thoroughly, understand it and raise
21 questions. I'm just now receiving this today about a
22 towing hardship but I haven't got a chance to read this
23 thoroughly. It just got put in front of me just-

24 CHAIRMAN BELL: We sent it out on Tuesday
25 in reality.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm just now getting
2 it.

3 CHAIRMAN BELL: I can't speak to that but
4 we always send it out on Tuesday. How many
5 commissioners received it?

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I came here -- I want
7 to put this out there too. I came here yesterday and
8 the day before and I cannot get into my City of Detroit
9 email address as of yesterday when I came here and
10 Executive Secretary Mr. Hicks can contest to that.

11 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: May I have a point of
12 procedure? Let me ask you this. Help me,
13 Mr. Chairman. Is this something that you want -- do
14 you really want this? This is something you want to
15 do? Secondly, I thought we were out of this business.
16 I thought we were out of cold business. I thought we
17 was out of this. So I thought we threw this back to
18 the City and now we're going to be -- I'm following
19 your direction. In other words, if you want this it's
20 fine. But I do feel like unless -- and I've been here
21 except for one meeting, I thought we were out of this
22 business. We're not out of this business?

23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Unfortunately,
24 Commissioner, Commissioner Holley, we're not out of the
25 business. One of the part of the process is that we

1 would have an appeal process where individuals-

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Is that something you
3 want?

4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes. If the Department-

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: If that's what you
6 want. But let me just ask you, I'm the kind of guy
7 that likes peace like you do. If it's not a necessary
8 thing we just got to do can I support Commissioner and
9 just do it for a week or you feel like its got to be
10 done right now? I will follow your direction but I
11 just feel like -- I don't feel like I need to -- every
12 now and then he ought to have a shot of doing
13 something.

14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Holley, I have
15 no problem. I serve at the pleasure of the Board;
16 however, we hear the same argument over and over again
17 about I do not receive, and I just addressed that issue
18 the last two weeks. I said we know what we're going to
19 get from a Commissioner. He did not receive it. I
20 asked him to link the email address because it kept
21 bouncing back. Its been an ongoing issue the last six
22 years and this Board cannot continue to operate because
23 we do our best. Our staff do our best to communicate.
24 We give you hard copies. We give you email. But it is
25 an age old argument. So I don't like to support people

1 who don't try to make a change in terms of their
2 behavior.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I'm just asking, Mr.
4 Chairman-

5 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm going to second
6 the motion so we can get to a vote and potentially keep
7 going.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you. I was about
9 to do that.

10 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion is on the floor.
11 Those in favor of the motion?

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Aye.

14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed to the
15 motion?

16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Opposed.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Opposed.

18 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Opposed.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Can we do a roll call
20 vote?

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Chair.

22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Make your motion.

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: As the Chair of the
24 Policy Committee I would like to in accordance with
25 the 2002 Detroit City Carter 7-802, 7-803 and 7-806

1 that empowers the Board with the authority to establish
2 police policies, upon review and consideration, I move
3 that the Board accept and approve the Tow Economic
4 Hardship Guidelines for Department implementation
5 effective immediately.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I asked for a roll call
7 vote.

8 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: He closed the first
9 motion.

10 CHAIRMAN BELL: He requests a roll call vote.
11 Mr. Hicks -- I can conduct it. Mr. Davis, are you in
12 support of the motion?

13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Which motion are we
14 voting on?

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: The first one to suspend
16 this for another week.

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: We can suspend it
18 another week. I don't care.

19 CHAIRMAN BELL: What's your vote?

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, I support the
21 motion.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: No, I oppose.

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: I oppose.

24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Oppose.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I support.

1 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Oppose.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Oppose.

3 CHAIRMAN BELL: Oppose.

4 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, the motion fails.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And I support the
6 motion resolution-

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I don't think its been
8 seconded. I'll second.

9 CHAIRMAN BELL: Its been properly moved and
10 seconded. Discussion.

11 (None responded.)

12 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those in favor of the
13 motion?

14 (Several commissioners responded by
15 indicating aye.)

16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed?

17 (None responded.)

18 CHAIRMAN BELL: The motion carries.

19 MR. HICKS: The motion is approved.

20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Do we have any
21 standing and ad hoc committee reports?

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: The budget subcommittee
25 is currently completing our review of the DPD Budget

1 for fiscal year 2019 which begins July 1, 2019. We met
2 with the deputy CFO and DPD of Finance on January 8th
3 to discuss questions we compiled from the budget. This
4 meeting was very fruitful but there still remains
5 further clarification and our standing responses
6 relating to this matter have to be resolved at this
7 time -- have not been resolved at this time. But the
8 budget director and the CFO, the deputy CFO and Detroit
9 Police Department Finance has asked more time to comply
10 with our response with our request. So we agree to
11 provide more time. We have moved the possible approval
12 of their budget until January 31st meeting because we
13 need more information before we can move forward.

14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Mr. Davis.
15 Commissioner Davis, Ms. Johnson, our fiscal person,
16 circulated that information by email. Is that correct?

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Everyone should have got
18 that email.

19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Did commissioners receive --
20 did any commissioner not receive it? Commissioner
21 Burton.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, for the
23 second time, and I hope this is the last time, but I am
24 not -- you know, one day I come into the office I can
25 get into my emails. The very next day I come in I

1 can't get into my emails. I don't know what's really
2 going on here. I'm not changing my password again, but
3 for some reason it's like I can't get in. One day I
4 come in the phone is working at the desk. The next day
5 the phone is not working. And the computer is working
6 the one day. The next day the computer is not working.

7 I have requested in writing early of last
8 year, you know, where is my City of Detroit laptop or
9 tablet or City Department phone that each commissioner
10 has on the Board. I have not had any resources so I
11 can be able to stay effective with my constituents. My
12 constituents are reaching out. How do I posed (sic) to
13 communicate with them? I'm not using my personal
14 phone.

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton, I just
16 asked one question.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This becomes a big
18 problem.

19 CHAIRMAN BELL: I just asked one question.
20 Mr. Hicks, would you make sure Commissioner Burton gets
21 a hard copy of the information you sent out to him if
22 you have send it in U.S. mail.

23 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, I don't want
24 anything sent to -- to -- in mail. The thing about I'm
25 here just about every board meeting.

1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Make sure he get a copy.

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: My -- the question --
3 the big problem is, Mr. Chairman, I'm not getting all
4 the communication. And when I do come in here to use
5 the one desk that's for the BOPC I'm not able to get
6 into my emails. One day I can get in and the next day
7 I can't.

8 CHAIRMAN BELL: You can meet with the Chair.
9 You can meet with Mr. Hicks and we'll set up a date and
10 time and we'll address those concerns. Thank you. Any
11 other committee reports?

12 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chairman, I-

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This is preposterous.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, I just
15 want to clarify, I don't believe the commissioners have
16 phones, right?

17 CHAIRMAN BELL: The commissioners have
18 phones. They have department phones.

19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: I meant cell
20 phones. We don't have cell phones.

21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes, we have cell phones.
22 For those who wanted to -- well, this is a housekeeping
23 issue. We're not going to spend any more time on this
24 particular matter. We're going to move on. Thank you,
25 Commissioner Davis, to our Board Secretary Mr. Hicks.

1 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I do want
2 to draw your attention to the four items that are
3 listed in the Agenda. These are items that have come
4 into the office and they are not scheduled for action
5 at today's meeting. They really reflect the flow of
6 communications coming in and out of the BOPC office.

7 We did receive a notification of the press
8 conference today on human trafficking, and as you can
9 see, there are other business items that we received.
10 The communications from the 9th Precinct; this has to
11 do with the case in which you discussed earlier
12 involving the individual who was dancing in and around
13 the intersection in the 9th Precinct. There was also a
14 transmittal from the police department, the new
15 directive. This has to do with facial recognition and
16 we've also sent out on a couple of occasions a
17 notification for the January 25th graduation, which is
18 again, on January 25th at 10:30 at Greater Grace Temple
19 23500 West 7 Mile. This is the graduation for the
20 Police Academy. With that, unless there's questions on
21 the part of the Board members that would conclude my
22 info for this evening.

23 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Board, any
24 questions or concerns?

25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.

1 CHAIRMAN BELL: Yes.

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Clarity for me, if
3 myself as the commissioner of the 3rd District, if I
4 send a memo to you and to Mr. Bell of concerns of
5 whatever my topic is in that email is it automatically
6 put into the Minutes or I have to request it to be put
7 in the Minutes with a reply back to my suggestion? How
8 does that work?

9 MR. HICKS: If an item is sent to us by email
10 we cannot legitimately put it in the Minutes because
11 the Minutes reflect the activity of the Board. Now,
12 had you mentioned the item in the Board meeting then of
13 course it can go into the Minutes. What I do when I
14 receive any communications coming by email from any of
15 the Board members, we essentially set that up and send
16 it into the leadership meeting which occurs on
17 Wednesday each week and the leadership essentially
18 discusses the item and makes the final decision of what
19 goes on the Agenda or not. So that would be the
20 process. We could not -- in all candor we could not
21 take an email and then put it in the Minutes itself.

22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a question.
23 Board Secretary, do you get -- does the Department send
24 you notification whenever they reassign a captain or a
25 commander to each precinct? I know sometimes it seems

1 like they move some of them quite frequently.

2 MR. HICKS: No. We do not formally receive a
3 notification. What we tend to do is track
4 administrative messages and there may be information
5 that are included in the administrative messages that
6 might reassign. And it's normally announcing that X or
7 Y has occurred. But no we do not formally receive a
8 list of deployments inside the Department, no.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay. I was just
10 wondering. I know we should and whenever you get
11 anything about any new commanders at any precinct I
12 would like to know.

13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you, Mr. Hicks. Any
14 old business?

15 (None responded.)

16 CHAIRMAN BELL: I do have one item under
17 Old Business. I'm going to circulate it now to the
18 commissioners. This item is not to be taken up at this
19 particular time, but I wanted to circulate it to you in
20 person. You received a rough draft a month ago and I
21 will communicate with you and we will probably take
22 this up at our next meeting. You have a hard copy. We
23 do not have a formal organizational chart that we could
24 locate. If so, we wanted to modify. This speaks to
25 the organizational chart for the Board of Police

1 Commissioners. There was a dire need to have one
2 officially so if you have any concerns you can email me
3 or you can call me on my department phone or you can
4 call me on my personal phone or my personal email. You
5 know how to get in contact with me. So therefore I
6 want commissioners to weigh in on it first of all so if
7 you have copies you have any concerns please contact
8 me. More likely this will be on the Agenda for the
9 next meeting. We want to try to address that this
10 month.

11 Any new business?

12 (None responded.)

13 CHAIRMAN BELL: Our announcements. Our next
14 meeting is going to be Thursday, January 24th at 3
15 p.m. at Public Safety Headquarters 1301 3rd Street.
16 Our next community meeting will be on Thursday,
17 February 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in the 9th Precinct at
18 Ford Resource and Engagement Center at 1549 Maddelein
19 on the east side of Detroit. That's right in the
20 recreation center right there by the old recreation
21 center. So that will be the next community meeting.

22 We're moving on to Oral Communication at this
23 time from the public. You have two minutes to speak.
24 I would hope that you will be respectful and please
25 give your name and Mr. Brown is going to call you. And

1 he's also going to -- the cards are not just for show,
2 please. They serve a purpose. Okay. We don't want
3 you to stop in mid sentence but we want you to respect
4 the process.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Before we go into Oral
6 Communications I just want the record to reflect that
7 it's not that I don't support an economic hardship for
8 towing for those individuals that may be effected.
9 It's the process and procedures what I don't support;
10 getting things at the 12th hour and saying we're going
11 to vote on something.

12 I was in the office, the BOPC offices,
13 yesterday; couldn't get into my emails. I was there
14 the day before yesterday. One day I can get in. The
15 next day I can't get in and, you know, this is really
16 preposterous because-

17 CHAIRMAN BELL: Commissioner Burton, you
18 have had the opportunity with your motion. I think we
19 closed that matter out.

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. It's your floor.

21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Mr. Brown.

22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have seven cards.
23 The first speaker will be Ms. Fredia Butler followed by
24 Ms. Faith followed by Mr. Scotty Boman.

25 MS. BUTLER: Good afternoon, Board. Fredia

1 Butler, community activist. During your meeting
2 January 3, Commissioners, Commissioner Jim Holley
3 expressed his frustration with the report given by
4 Assistant Chief David LeValley. Assistant Chief
5 LeValley reported on the decrease in crime in Detroit.
6 Commissioner Holley stated that he felt like giving up
7 because his parishioners and others were telling him of
8 their experience with crime. It seemed as if
9 Commissioner Holley was blaming the police for not
10 doing more. Our officers are not responsible for
11 society mores or to teach morals; however, they are to
12 enforce laws and ordinances that govern.

13 We have many officers who go beyond the call
14 of duty. Each of us must look and determine what we
15 are doing and can do to make changes in our
16 communities. In the African American communities the
17 entities that sustained us were our homes, churches and
18 schools in that order. Arthur Ash, the famous tennis
19 player, wrote in his book that after the 1965 Voting
20 Rights Act many of our more affluent blacks moved from
21 their communities leaving void of mentors and
22 leadership.

23 In February 10, 2010 I sent over 700 letters
24 to ministers with the largest churches in Detroit
25 asking them to do more. I asked them not to meet in a

1 church but on neutral grounds that come up with a plan.
2 The City of Dearborn was given as an example for money
3 turned over many times before leaving their community.
4 From my letter I received six responses from pastors.
5 Two responses that stood out were the churches weren't
6 to start business and the other was who would lead or
7 be in charge.

8 Commissioners, too many of our so-called
9 leaders have helped to destroy our communities by not
10 limiting them. Instead of working within the homes and
11 school systems that started their own schools for money
12 and did not protest against school closures and the
13 bankruptcy of the City. Communities are not viable
14 without schools. Some of the schools started by
15 churches have failed our children. The lack of homes
16 that are functional schools and churches teaching
17 values wouldn't have crime and more of it.

18 The Department's report will grow negatively
19 if we don't stop chasing the dollar and prestige and
20 come together for the benefit of our communities.

21 Thank you.

22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.

23 MR. BROWN: Ms. Faith followed by Mr. Boman.

24 MS. FAITH: Happy New Year to everybody.

25 Welcome to the new year. I wanted to make a comment

1 about the trafficking and how they were so concerned
2 for the young folks and all the ages and both genders.
3 I'm very concerned myself. I was up praying myself
4 about it and didn't know it was going to be discussed
5 today. And I noticed something in a place that I went
6 to that it was going on. We need to pray about this.
7 And the work that is being done on it I do appreciate
8 what Chief Craig said about it and also Council Member
9 Jones had said about it in the press conference. It
10 was very, very needed. The young folks really do need
11 help and I'm thankful that the help is there. I don't
12 know if I can do this but I would like to pray for all
13 of the commissioners and pray for all the DPD because
14 you have a special place in my heart. Dear Heavenly
15 Father, I thank you for-

16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Excuse me. We can't pray
17 at this time. We have a process. Just pray for us
18 each and every day. We would appreciate it.

19 MS. FAITH: Okay. Well, I do appreciate
20 everyone.

21 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.

22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Boman followed by Ms.
23 D. Etta Wilcoxon.

24 MR. BOMAN: Okay. I'm revisiting a topic and
25 I've spoken about it before and I'm going to keep

1 bringing it up and I'm going to encourage others to
2 keep bringing it until we get some kind of more
3 appropriate action on it. I'm referring now again to
4 the situation of the beating of Lakeisha Williams by
5 Corporal Jones back in, I think it was, late July and
6 the Board's vote on that matter on December 6th in
7 which they rejected the Chief's recommendation to
8 suspend Corporal Jones without pay.

9 I urge the Board to reexamine this. They
10 waited until December to vote on that one measure at
11 one point regarding an incident that happened in
12 August. They can vote on it again. They can vote on
13 a different action. They are the final authority on
14 disciplinary actions. You are the final authority on
15 disciplinary actions. If you watch the video you see a
16 woman being used is a punching bag by Corporal Jones.
17 You see a woman behind him actually trying to get him
18 off there. So in spite of the line of officers who
19 lined up that day all saying that what he did was all
20 right, I know at least one person who otherwise.

21 Furthermore, there's a former officer who I
22 heard on Fox 2, Commissioner Bell here actually did say
23 after the vote when the matter was being addressed by
24 the news media that he thought it was not the brightest
25 hour of this Board and in fact it was a bad decision to

1 reject the Chief's recommendations. So, first of all,
2 I see a need to revisit this and I still think that --
3 I'm disturbed that Officer Jones is back out on regular
4 duty and felony charges have been dropped. But the
5 Board's disciplinary actions don't need to be tied to
6 that.

7 Second of all, in a larger long term matter,
8 is we need to change the training. There's got to be a
9 matter of policy. There needs to be policy set by this
10 Board that say from this point forward this is not
11 acceptable behavior and be very specific about it so
12 that we don't have a line of officers coming up here
13 saying it is acceptable behavior because it isn't.

14 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.

15 MR. BROWN: Ms. Wilcoxon followed by Ms.
16 Joanne Warwill.

17 MS. WILCOXON: Good evening, Commissioners.
18 I'm D. Etta Wilcoxon, resident of the City of Detroit,
19 and I don't purport to know your responsibilities so
20 I'm going to ask; if this body has within its purview
21 the investigative ability that would give it the
22 authority, the ability and hopefully the opportunity to
23 look into a long festering problem in the City of
24 Detroit and generally in the State of Michigan. What
25 has been said nationally through the report is that the

1 City of Detroit has the highest auto insurance rate in
2 the country and that the rest of the municipalities in
3 the State of Michigan do not fall far behind.

4 We also know that we have a 2020 census
5 coming up next year. There also reports and it is --
6 it's commonly said throughout the community that there
7 are thousands of residents in the City of Detroit who
8 actually live within the City of Detroit but have an
9 address that is outside the City of Detroit. So for
10 census purposes those people are a drain on we the
11 people. Those people need to be counted as a part of
12 our census. So they need to be given an incentive to
13 actually live within the boundaries of the City of
14 Detroit and carry an address which corresponds with
15 where they actually live.

16 I said all of that to say that I would like
17 to ask this Board to use its investigative authority to
18 ask the Attorney General to look into the catastrophic
19 fund that is maintained by the State of Michigan that
20 has within it's coffers more than several billion
21 dollars with a B. We don't know how much money is in
22 that fund. We don't know how those funds are being
23 spent. We do know that the State of Michigan is one of
24 only two states in the nation that does not have FOIA
25 ability so that the residents know what their

1 government is doing. So we can't access that
2 information.

3 So what I'd like to ask this Board to do is
4 to ask the Attorney General who has the staff
5 capability to look into that issue on behalf of the
6 City of Detroit to figure out whether or not we can get
7 some relief. Those of us who carry insurance pay
8 inordinate rates. And we are out on the streets every
9 day all day confronted by people who do not have
10 insurance or people who are under insured and then we
11 fight with our insurance companies once we file a
12 claim. So if this body would ask the Attorney General
13 to investigate and to bring that report back to this
14 body I would certainly appreciate it.

15 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Time is up.

16 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.

17 MS. WILCOXON: Thank you so much. I
18 appreciate it.

19 CHAIRMAN BELL: Ms. Wilcoxon, our duty and
20 responsibility is located in the City Charter.

21 MS. WILCOXON: I'm sorry?

22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Our duties and
23 responsibilities of the charge is mandated in the City
24 -- you said you're not familiar with it, but it's in
25 the City Charter. I think that's an area that is not

1 within the realm and scope and duty and responsibility
2 as far as insurance. We all are concerned. The Mayor
3 I know that's an area that they are dealing with in
4 Lansing, State reps, State Senators; that is the proper
5 arena to address issues. That is not in our area. We
6 are concerned but we don't have that authority. It
7 would be inappropriate. I just wanted to give you that
8 response. Thank you.

9 MS. WILCOXON: It is my understanding,
10 Mr. Chair, that there are members of the Board who do
11 not share your sentiment, and so if the Board-

12 CHAIRMAN BELL: I'm not asking for a
13 response.

14 MS. WILCOXON: And I'm just trying to-

15 CHAIRMAN BELL: Excuse me. Your time is up.
16 Individual members of the Board have a way to exercise
17 their civic duty and responsibility. That is clear.
18 Thank you.

19 MS. WILCOXON: Thank you, sir.

20 MR. BROWN: Ms. Warwill followed by Ms. Lory.

21 MS. WARWILL: Hi. Yes, first of all, I just
22 wanted to say the last time I spoke, Commissioner Bell,
23 you somewhat implied that I was being rude that I went
24 over. But I just want to let you know I saw a lady
25 from the building and I was talking about something

1 else and she said are you going to say that. I said I
2 won't have time and she said well, you know, you can go
3 a little over. So I was misled by someone over there
4 I'm going to try to keep tight to two minutes.

5 When it comes to processes I fully agree with
6 Commissioner Bell -- excuse me -- Commissioner Burton.
7 I am in District 5. Don't, you know, give him stuff at
8 the last minute and expect him to vote. That's not how
9 I want someone to represent me. That is a problem that
10 happens in other parts of City Government.

11 But I'm here again to once again point out I
12 just feel your civil complaint procedure is
13 tremendously lacking. Here I have a response to an
14 appeal and all it says is, "The BOPC followed up on the
15 Office of the Chief Investigator, which conducted a
16 preliminary investigation regarding the above-mentioned
17 complaint you filed. After review of information and
18 video and findings obtained the BOPC stands in
19 agreement with the Office of the Chief Investigator at
20 this time." That's it. There's no reasoning. There's
21 no allegation of facts. There's no officers' names.
22 There's no dates. There's no findings. There's
23 nothing. So this is a complete waste of public
24 resources.

25 And I'm a little disappointed because I did

1 bring up this problem that you don't put any
2 information in these letters and I did that months ago,
3 probably six or seven months ago, and nothing has been
4 done about this. So how can I have any faith in this
5 Board if this is the kind of decisions that you write.
6 I will be bringing this to the Charter Commission that
7 if you can't put proper procedures in by yourself about
8 giving some actual like findings and information then,
9 you know, that needs to be put in there for you.

10 The last thing I wanted to say is that your
11 officers need training on the first amendment. They're
12 violating peoples' rights in the first amendment and
13 they need some proper training. Thank you.

14 MS. BROWN: Ms. Lory followed by Ms. Michelle
15 George.

16 MS. PARKS: Good evening. I'm Lory Parks and
17 I am from the National Action Network. I want to talk
18 again about the recruitment. Like I stated before,
19 there's a lot of older people. I only see two young
20 people, the young lady over here and Willie Burton. A
21 lot of times when you have recruitment sessions like
22 that you need to see younger people at the table
23 recruiting and African American people. So I wanted to
24 put that out there again.

25 And then you need to have it other places

1 besides Greater Grace, besides Northwest Activity
2 Center. Those people you keep having them there over
3 and over and over again. And by you having them there
4 I'm sure they get some kind of stifling and I think
5 they're getting richer off the City dollars. You
6 should pass the wealth around a little bit. Have it
7 somewhere at maybe a smaller church because you don't
8 get a big recruitment. Greater Grace is too big. Then
9 you should have graduation other than Greater Grace.
10 It's other big churches here -- or other churches.

11 Did you guys -- I want to ask the Chief did
12 he ever receive his credentials to maybe arrest. I
13 don't know if that's the right question because I know
14 when he first got hired here he did not have the
15 credentials to arrest citizens.

16 Also, to reexamine the vote that was taken on
17 the police officer that I heard was back on the
18 streets. We are all, hundreds of us, are very
19 concerned about that because it did not seem to me that
20 he was a stable individual to be out on the street
21 trying to protect the citizens of Detroit. And I would
22 like to know how many African American males/females
23 are graduating from this class and how many non-African
24 Americans are being -- are graduating from this last
25 class. And how many of the non-African American people

1 who have already graduated within the last five years
2 have stayed in the City of Detroit after they've been
3 recruited here. Thank you.

4 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
5 Brooks would like to respond.

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Yes. I'd like to
7 respond to your statement. First of all, we're
8 everywhere. We've been in all six campuses Wayne
9 County Community College. We're in churches. We're
10 everywhere. And we have a different culture at our
11 Board that sits at the table to recruit. But at this
12 point I don't really care who we recruit. We need
13 police officers. And so we have a lot of places that
14 we recruit. You could give us a place.

15 MS. PARKS: I did before when I was here. I
16 spoke directly with you.

17 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: That's why I'm
18 addressing you again. We do. We work hard. We cannot
19 help if things have changed, but we're still out there
20 working to get as many police officers as we can get
21 and we will continue to do that. Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the Chair, I
23 just wanted to clarify for the record. I heard it said
24 that -- I'm assuming you were referring to Corporal
25 Jones, and I just want to clarify that he's not-

1 CHAIRMAN BELL: He's still suspended with
2 pay.

3 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I just wanted to make
4 sure.

5 CHAIRMAN BELL: He's still suspended with
6 pay.

7 MS. PARKS: Thank you.

8 MR. BROWN: Ms. Michelle George and Chair,
9 that will be your last speaker.

10 MS. GEORGE: Good afternoon to Chairman Bell
11 and the Board of Police Commissioners. I would like to
12 -- and I know also I usually bring several topics over
13 and over again. But one of the things and to the
14 Deputy Chief that I would like Chief Craig to know is
15 that the other day I was at the City Council meeting
16 for public comments talking about the salaries of
17 police officers and raising that salary, that starting
18 salary, due to the attrition rate and we want -- law
19 enforcement is a career. And so I know when I go
20 mentor youth I talk about law enforcement as well as
21 nursing. But one of the things I was at the City
22 Council and President Pro-Tem Sheffield gave me
23 legislative policy about how it works with developers
24 coming in our city with tax abatements and I was asking
25 about monies being given to police. Because it's a

1 bonus four times a year.

2 So, one of the statements that's in this
3 article, it talked about exploring other revenues to
4 increase the pay for police officers. So I'm going to
5 start working on that and maybe I can come before you
6 and the officers and Chief Craig because Chief Craig is
7 also working as the deputy chief of the mayor, deputy
8 mayor. So I would like him to know that he has
9 influence on the mayor and as we work on our new
10 governor. And also when I go to DC we're going to work
11 on getting those officers more money. Because millions
12 of dollars was taken out of our schools to build that
13 Little Caesars Stadium that we marched down and risked
14 our lives for. But the key thing that is something I'm
15 going to work on.

16 Also, on a good note, there's Law Enforcement
17 Appreciation Day that's going to be on February 8th so
18 I will give that to -- we would like Chief Craig to
19 come. Because we also want to encourage our officers
20 and we want to continue to pray for the family of
21 Officer Bucy. His service was beautiful. I went to
22 his services and I will continue to pray for his
23 family. That's it.

24 CHAIRMAN BELL: Thank you.

25 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last

1 speaker.

2 CHAIRMAN BELL: That was the last business
3 item. I will thank all of you for coming out this
4 afternoon. I hope to see you next week. Board, what
5 is your pleasure?

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Adjournment.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, before
8 we adjourn, can I make one comment? I wanted to say,
9 and we may have done this already and I missed it, but
10 we had an investigator that was on medical leave for a
11 very long time. We were all very concerned about her
12 and we want to welcome her back, Adella Rivella (ph).
13 It is great to have you back. Thank you, Mr. Chair.

14 CHAIRMAN BELL: She's a former commissioner
15 too, but she's a hard charge and so good and we gave
16 her love early on so we embrace you. Those in favor of
17 adjournment?

18 (Several commissioners responded by
19 indicating aye.)

20 CHAIRMAN BELL: Those opposed?

21 (None responded.)

22 CHAIRMAN BELL: Motion carries. Thank you.

23 (The proceedings concluded at 4:42 p.m.)

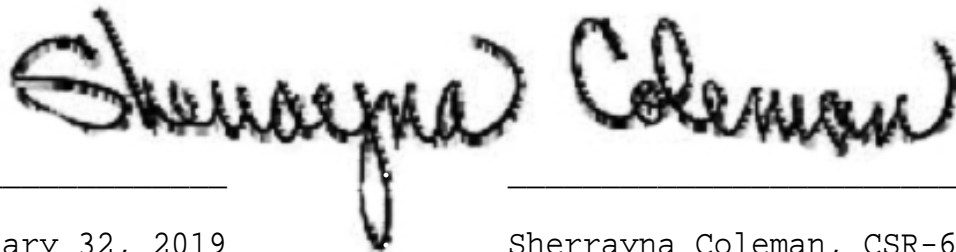
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