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STATE OF MICHIGAN
DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
COMMUNITY MEETING

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Taken at 1301 Third Street, Media Room
Detroit Public Safety Headquarters
Detroit, Michigan
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Before Sheila D. Rice, CSR-4163, RPR, RMR
Notary Public, County of Wayne

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APPEARANCES:

- CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL, District 4
- VICE CHAIRPERSON DARRYL D. BROWN, District 1
- COMMISSIONER EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, At-Large
- COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER, District 6
- COMMISSIONER ELIZABETH W. BROOKS, At-Large
- COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3
- COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7
- COMMISSIONER WILLIE BURTON, District 5
- COMMISSIONER EVETTE GRIFFIE, District 2
- ASSISTANT CHIEF JAMES WHITE
- SECRETARY GREGORY HICKS
- ROBERT BROWN

1 Detroit, Michigan
2 Thursday, April 11, 2019
3 6:29 p.m.

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5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good evening. The first
6 order of business will be to silence your cell phones,
7 please. We have a full house, and we want to make sure
8 that we stay on the agenda and do things in a timely
9 manner. So we don't want to -- the pop-ups. And
10 that's including the commissioners, too, that we're all
11 going to cooperate.

12 Good evening again. I am Police Commissioner
13 Willie Bell. I represent District 4. I serve as Chair
14 of the board and will be conducting our meeting
15 tonight. Hosting tonight's meeting is Commissioner
16 Shirley Burch, District 3.

17 On behalf of the board, for those in
18 attendance, thank you for joining us. For people
19 viewing this meeting on your government cable channel,
20 thank you for viewing our meeting.

21 Commissioner Annie Holt and Reverend Jim
22 Holley have asked to be excused for tonight's meeting.
23 Tonight's meeting is the fourth community meeting of
24 the board for the 2019 calendar year. We have eight
25 additional community meetings this calendar year. We

1 hope to visit every district within the city.

2 I want to thank the Wellness Plan for the use
3 of their great facility this evening. The Wellness
4 Plan is one of our highly rated health care delivery
5 systems in southeast Michigan.

6 After invocation from Chaplain Goodlow, I
7 would ask Anthony King, CEO of the Wellness Plan, to
8 welcome us to his facility and give a brief set of
9 highlights on the Wellness Plan.

10 Chaplain Goodlow, would you please come to
11 the podium, please.

12 CHAPLAIN GOODLOW: (Invocation)

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chaplain
14 Goodlow.

15 And Mr. King is not with us this evening, but
16 we have Dr. Tiffany Sanford, the Chief Medical Officer,
17 to speak on behalf of the Wellness Plan, and thank you.

18 DR. SANFORD: Yes. Thank you, Mr. Bell. My
19 name is Dr. Tiffany Sanford. I am Chief Medical
20 Officer of the Wellness Plan Medical Centers in the
21 greater Detroit area. I would like to thank you so
22 much for being willing to come to our facility at our
23 east side clinic to host this Board of Commissioners
24 meeting.

25 I just want to give you a few -- a little bit

1 of information about our organization. We are a FQHC,
2 which stands for a federally qualified health center.
3 What that means is that we provide health care services
4 to patients who are uninsured and underinsured and
5 those who may have different financial difficulties.
6 And basically a clinic that acts as a house and a home
7 for any patient that needs services.

8 At this particular clinic, this is one of our
9 largest clinics. We have an Urgent Care, internal
10 medicine, family medicine, pediatrics, obstetrics and
11 gynecology in addition to a pharmacy and a dental
12 facility. At some of our other clinics we have all of
13 those services in addition to others. We have six
14 clinical sites in the Detroit -- greater Detroit area,
15 two within the city of Detroit, one in Oak Park and two
16 in Pontiac and one in Madison Heights.

17 I do want to say that we are very happy to
18 have you all here. I don't want to take up too much of
19 your time, but I also wanted to thank a few people who
20 were able to pull this together, first person being Ms.
21 Fatina Graham (ph) who is our outreach coordinator.

22 (Applause.)

23 DR. SANFORD: Thank you, Fatina. I also want
24 to thank Commissioner Slappy and Commissioner Shirley
25 Burch and Ms. Theresa Blossom for assisting Fatina in

1 developing this event. And so thank you so much.

2 I see my CEO just kind of step out. I don't
3 know if he wants to make any comments.

4 Mr. King, do you want to just say ...

5 Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

7 MR. KING: Good evening, and I'll be brief so
8 that you can get on with the important business that
9 you have before you. But I just want to thank you all
10 and I want to thank everybody here for your attendance
11 and participation and welcome you to our Wellness Plan
12 East Medical Center.

13 The Wellness Plan considers ourselves
14 partners within the community, and we look for every
15 opportunity to provide, one, best possible care we can
16 to the people that we serve. But, two, we look for
17 ways to partner with the community. And so we look at
18 this as an opportunity to begin some of that process of
19 how do we become better partners and how do we become
20 better participants in the communities that we serve.

21 So with that I will say thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

23 (Applause.)

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We are going to have the
25 commissioners introduce themselves starting to my far

1 right, please.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Commissioner William
3 Davis, District 7.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good evening. Shirley
5 Burch, Commissioner, number 3.

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good evening.
7 Elizabeth Brooks, At-Large.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Good evening.
9 Darryl Brown, Vice Chair, District 1.

10 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Good evening. Eva
11 Garza-Dewaelsche, At-Large.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Good evening. Evette
13 Griffie, District 2.

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, commissioners.

15 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, you have a quorum.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.

17 And we're going to bring forth our District 3
18 commissioner, Shirley Burch, to welcome us in the frame
19 of how Shirley Burch interacts with all of us. Thank
20 you.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Again, good evening. I
22 want to first give honor to a holy God. So just clap
23 your hands.

24 (Applause.)

25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: This an awesome turnout.

1 I am so very proud that everybody here reached out to
2 everybody else. On behalf of my colleagues, the
3 commissioners and Chairman Bell, Vice Chair Mr. Brown,
4 we're honored to have you all here at a facility that
5 is simply a state-of-the-art.

6 When Commander Slappy and I found out that
7 this place was here and nobody was really aware of it,
8 we said, oh, no, we're going to make this our top
9 priority to make sure our District 3 citizens and
10 children, churches, businesses knew about it. So we're
11 glad to have you here. I understand there may be a
12 short tour of the dental facility, and we also have
13 refreshments.

14 And now we're going to get on about the
15 business of the police commissioners. Again, thank you
16 for coming.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
19 Burch.

20 I'm going to ask the commissioners to approve
21 the agenda for tonight's meetings.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
25 and supported.

1 Discussion?

2 Those in favor, aye?

3 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

5 Motion carries.

6 The next item will be approval of April 4,
7 2019 minutes.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So moved.

9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Support.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
11 and supported.

12 Discussion?

13 Those in favor, aye?

14 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

16 Motion carries.

17 We're going to suspense -- due to the time
18 frame, I'm going to ask the board staff, Mr. Hicks,
19 just everybody stand that's on the board staff, please.
20 And also the Office of the Chief Investigator staff,
21 would you just wave to the crowd.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We normally do individual
24 introduction, but we're just going to try to move this
25 agenda, because you're going to be very patient with

1 us. We do have a heavy schedule this evening.

2 And sitting in for Chief Craig is Assistant
3 Chief James White. And I'm going to ask would you have
4 the DPD staff stand and wave to the crowd, please.

5 A.C. WHITE: Absolutely. Good evening,
6 esteemed board. Assistant Chief James White on behalf
7 of Chief Craig who has another event tonight in the
8 community.

9 Would the members of the DPD please stand,
10 wave to the crowd. We're going to not go through the
11 individual introductions.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Go ahead.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Excuse me. I just want
15 everybody to recognize Engine House number 56 is
16 located on Ryan and Seven Mile. We want to be partners
17 with the guys that go out every day just like our DPD
18 and put their lives on the line. So we have a few of
19 them to represent them over here to my right. Would
20 you wave to them and say thank you.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we have Councilman
23 Scott Benson representing District 3.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: He's right there. Thank

1 you for your attendance and your district. We
2 appreciate you.

3 And Councilman Roy McCalister from District 2
4 representing.

5 (Applause.)

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do we have any other
7 elected officials or representatives? Introduce
8 yourself, young lady. Linda.

9 MS. WESLEY: Hi, everyone. I'm Linda Wesley
10 from Council President Brenda Jones' office.

11 (Applause.)

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And if you don't know
13 Linda Wesley from Council President Jones' office, then
14 you don't know -- you don't know about city government.

15 Thank you for your attendance.

16 Any others?

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Excuse us. We want to
18 recognize all of you are very important in terms of
19 attending this evening. We appreciate you, but we're
20 going to try to move the agenda right along.

21 The next item would be the Chairman's report.
22 On behalf of the board, I want to express our concern
23 and support for fallen and injured officers. Our
24 concerns for officer safety and citizen protection is
25 ranked as two of the most important priorities of the

1 board. Our board receives a weekly report from the
2 department listing injured officers. I would ask
3 Assistant Chief James White during his remarks to
4 provide us with any additional information related to
5 injured and fallen officers.

6 The Board of Police Commissioners meets every
7 week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday
8 period. We meet at Police Headquarters three weeks in
9 the month on Thursday at 3 p.m. We also meet in the
10 community every second Thursday of the month at 6:30
11 p.m.

12 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
13 Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is
14 empowered to provide civilian oversight and supervisory
15 control of the police department. Our citizens are
16 justifiable in asking how does civilian oversight of
17 law enforcement help you as a citizen within our
18 community. Our answer is we protect the civil rights
19 of citizens. Oversight organizations like the BOPC are
20 at the forefront of investigating, reviewing and
21 auditing individual cases of citizen complaints and
22 patterns of operations by police agencies to eliminate
23 misconduct, discriminatory police practices and
24 unnecessary use of force by police. Our work is based
25 on developing and supporting effective policing.

1 Mutual trust and respect between the police and the
2 community is critical towards increasing the quality of
3 life for residents and visitors to Detroit.

4 The Board of Police Commissioners exists to
5 provide civilian oversight for the work of the Detroit
6 Police Department. As a board, we receive and
7 investigate noncriminal citizens' complaints, monitor
8 the operations of the department and work with the
9 Mayor and the Chief of Police to make or modify police
10 policy.

11 I want to point to several important items
12 for your consideration and information. The board is
13 continuing to work with NACOLE, the National
14 Association for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement,
15 to host the National Conference on September the 22nd
16 through the 26th, 2019 in Detroit. During the same
17 time, Detroit will be celebrating our 45th year as a
18 civilian oversight organization on July the 22nd, 2019.

19 The board recently released a press statement
20 indicating Mayor Mike Duggan has joined the many civic
21 giants to celebrate civilian oversight of law
22 enforcement. The press statement was released last
23 week and announced the Mayor's willingness to be a
24 honorary co-chair for our efforts. As we confirm
25 others, we will continue as the board on progress as we

1 move forward. We are inviting law enforcement and
2 other civic-minded individuals and organizations to
3 join us at the conference. The planning process is
4 well underway, and again we invite your participation.

5 Before starting, I have a few items of
6 interest to share with the board. The Reverend Jim
7 Holley, Commissioner Holley, the pastor of historic
8 Little Rock Baptist Church, will be hosting a Law
9 Enforcement Appreciation Day on May the 19th at 10 a.m.
10 at Little Rock Baptist Church. The Chief of Police and
11 his command staff will be honored at the ceremony on
12 Sunday, May the 19th, 2019.

13 A team of Detroit's best participated in the
14 Baker, California to Las Vegas challenge, a 120-mile
15 foot race with 20 stages that challenged the physical
16 and mental abilities of each of its runners. The race
17 has more than 8,000 runners from across the country and
18 around the world. The Detroit Police Department's team
19 scored 10th overall in their category.

20 Let's give a round of applause.

21 (Applause.)

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And I think they pointed
23 out that we even surpassed Chief Craig's former LAPD.
24 I just wanted to acknowledge that. I know he would
25 appreciate me sharing that with you.

1 On behalf of the board, I would like to thank
2 each of the officers and their support teams for
3 participating in the race for holding high the banner
4 of the city of Detroit and the DPD.

5 The police department has announced
6 promotional examinations for the rank of sergeants,
7 lieutenants and detectives to be held July the 13th,
8 July the 19th and July the 14th, 2019. The
9 examinations will take place at Cobo Hall. For more
10 information on the requirements associated with the
11 promotional exam please refer to DPD administrative
12 message 19-0219 for detectives, DPD administrative
13 message 19-0220 for lieutenants and DPD administrative
14 message 19-0221 for sergeants. Copies of these
15 messages are included in your board package.

16 Yesterday, Secretary Hicks transmitted to the
17 board proposal directive 307.6, use of traffic
18 light-mounted cameras and facial recognition
19 technology. The proposed directive from the Chief of
20 Police outlined the department's approach to the
21 enhanced surveillance activity announced by the Mayor
22 in the State of the City Address. It is my
23 understanding that the department has pulled back the
24 proposal directive for additional refinements. Please
25 wait until a replacement directive is provided by the

1 Chief's office and we will begin our review of the new
2 proposed directive number 307.6.

3 Early in the week, we transmitted a draft
4 letter to each commissioner on the Chief's appointment
5 of 47 sergeants to the rank of master sergeants. I
6 promised the board before finalizing the letter to the
7 Chief of Police I would obtain input from the board.
8 Please make sure that you have reviewed this draft and
9 send me concerns that relates to the appointments of
10 master sergeants. I hope to collect your concerns and
11 include them in the letter to the Chief within the next
12 few days.

13 Today on our agenda, we will take up several
14 resolutions. Commissioner Shirley Burch will be
15 presenting resolutions to Orlin Jones and Ann Connally.
16 Detroit City Councilman Scott Benson will be joining
17 her to present these resolutions. Commander Constance
18 Slappy of the Eleventh Precinct will give a resolution
19 to Doina Rosu.

20 We have three presentations to the Board.
21 The first will be from DPD's personnel director, Dr.
22 Marcella Anderson. The personnel report was
23 distributed this past Tuesday to each commissioner as
24 part of the Tuesday package.

25 The second presentation will be made by

1 Commander Constance Slappy from the Eleventh Precinct.
2 My hope is that Commander Slappy will discuss with the
3 board some of the hot spots and measures underway in
4 the Ninth Precinct -- correction. That will be the
5 Eleventh Precinct, okay.

6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: -- to fight crime.

8 The third presentation is a special
9 presentation on the intersection of law enforcement and
10 mental health. We are honored to have several key
11 practitioners from the law enforcement and the mental
12 health field with us. The panel will be composed of
13 Mr. Willie Brooks, Jr., the president and CEO of the
14 Detroit Wayne County Mental Health Authority, Detroit
15 City Councilman Roy McCalister, City Council's Mental
16 Health Task Force, DPD Assistant Chief James White, DPD
17 Support Services, and Dr. Krystle Woods, Clinical
18 Psychologist, The Wellness Plan, and Karlton Akins,
19 Public Relations Director, Team Wellness.

20 I would ask each of the panelists to
21 introduce themselves in the order listed on the agenda.
22 I would also ask each panelist to take no more than
23 five minutes. We have -- leave time after the panel
24 for questions and responses.

25 Finally, we have our regular report from the

1 Chief of Police. The Chief will review some of our
2 current crime stats and update us on any additional
3 police personnel with injuries in the line of duty. I
4 also ask the Assistant Chief to update us on any
5 critical issues facing the department.

6 Towards the end of the meeting we will have
7 oral communications from the audience. Please make
8 sure you print your name on a speaker's card. Cards
9 are located in the back on the table or can be obtained
10 by -- I see Mr. Brown somewhere. He's far right. We
11 will need your card before the beginning of public
12 comments. We hold each speaker to the allotted two
13 minutes.

14 And we're going to move on to the resolution
15 at this time.

16 Commissioner Willie Burton has joined us from
17 District --

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Sure. Hi, audience.
19 Greetings. I'm District 5 commissioner, Willie Burton,
20 and I'm here today standing for transparency.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Let's give her
22 a round of applause as she comes forward.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: The first person,
25 Mr. Orlin Jones, would you please come up. I think

1 everybody here knows you.

2 (Applause.)

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Orlin Jones. It is an
4 honor --

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Speak into the mike.

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just wanted to say
7 that Orlin has been around so long and upstanding. And
8 if you know the Conant Gardens has been blessed because
9 of him. And so -- you still can't hear me? I'm
10 talking in it. Do you want me to use my outside voice?

11 AUDIENCE: Yes.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay. Here it is.
13 That's good.

14 Orlin Jones, everybody. The resolution
15 honoring Mr. Orlin Jones.

16 Whereas, Mr. Orlin Leon Jones was born,
17 raised and lived in the community of Conant Gardens in
18 the city of Detroit for 86 years.

19 (Applause.)

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: He and his wife, Audrey,
21 raised -- Audrey, raised four children and have one
22 granddaughter. He attended Atkinson Elementary and
23 graduated from Pershing High School in the January
24 class of 1951.

25 Whereas, Mr. Jones retired from the General

1 Motors in 1997 after 27 years of service. Mr. Jones is
2 one of the eight authors of the neighborhood history
3 book, "Conant Gardens, a Black Urban Community," 1925
4 to 1950. The book is being read in 27 states and eight
5 countries. He is the historian of Pershing High School
6 and the Conant Gardens.

7 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
8 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the
9 citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police
10 Department, acknowledge the generous, giving spirit
11 of -- that's kind of wrong, but that's okay. Excuse
12 me. They just put the wrong name. That's okay.
13 Mr. Orlin Jones, and for the years of dedication for
14 supporting the community of the Eleventh Precinct and
15 the citizens throughout the city of Detroit, merits our
16 highest regards. We thank and congratulate Mr. Orlin
17 Leon Jones.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Just pause right there.
20 Would you invite Councilman Scott Benson to join you.
21 Please come us, please.

22 (Applause.)

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Ms. Ann Connally would
24 you please come up. Ms. Connally has been a part of
25 Pershing. Everybody know about Pershing. That's the

1 lady.

2 (Applause.)

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Whereas, Ms. Ann
4 Connally attended the Marygrove and Wayne County
5 Community College and retired from Detroit Public
6 Schools after a successful career. A native Detroiter,
7 she is the co-founder and president of Pershing High
8 School Alumni Association.

9 Whereas, as the supporter of the Eleventh
10 Precinct, she has attended the Community Relations
11 meetings, participated in the Belmont Shopping Center
12 Veterans' Parade. She also invites police officers to
13 career days at Pershing High School to foster a better
14 relationship with students and officers, and invited
15 officers into the alumni picnic for free hot dogs and
16 other refreshments. During the last holiday season,
17 Ms. Connally collected Christmas lights for our Engine
18 House number 56 on Ryan and Seven Mile.

19 Now, therefore, as it be resolved that the
20 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the
21 citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police
22 Department, acknowledges the dedicated, hardworking,
23 committed support of Ms. Ann Connally. Her service and
24 devotion to improving the quality of life for all
25 citizens in her community and throughout the city of

1 Detroit, merits the highest regards. We thank you and
2 congratulate you, Ms. Ann Connally.

3 (Applause.)

4 COUNCILMAN BENSON: And so I just want to
5 thank the commissioner for the invitation. I'm here to
6 also recognize Ms. Connally for all of her hard work.
7 And so we have a Spirit of Detroit Award to present as
8 well.

9 And the Spirit of Detroit Award is presented
10 herewith as an expression of the gratitude and esteem
11 of the citizens of Detroit to Ann Green Connally,
12 Pershing High School activist, in recognition of
13 exceptional achievement, outstanding leadership and
14 dedication to improving the quality of life. By the
15 City Council of Detroit, Detroit City Councilman Scott
16 Benson and the members of the Detroit City Council,
17 would like to commend you for your hard work and
18 dedication to the students of Pershing High School of
19 Detroit. Over the years, you have personally ensured
20 graduating seniors receive scholarships as well as
21 securing finances for the school. Countless children
22 have benefited from your mentoring program, career days
23 and field trips. We are thankful and grateful for your
24 service to our community. May God continue to bless
25 your endeavors.

1 (Applause.)

2 MS. CONNALLY: I'm speaking first not because
3 it's ladies first, because once Orlin gets started
4 there will be no time left since we only have two
5 minutes.

6 But I would like to thank the commissioner
7 and Councilman Benson for acknowledging me for doing
8 what I love. I love the students at Pershing and my
9 community. Even though I moved out, I continue to come
10 to Pershing and inside the community. And whenever Ms.
11 Burch calls on me I'm ready. And thank you again for
12 this recognition.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. JONES: Thank you, Shirley Burch, for
15 honoring me on this particular day. I'm 86 years old,
16 and I've been a doughboy since I was age 12, can you
17 believe that, living in the same neighborhood for 86
18 years. And I'm crazy about my neighborhood, and it
19 saddens me to when I take a tour through my
20 neighborhood every other Friday -- every other Saturday
21 morning just to see some of the things that are
22 happening and changes. I was fortunate enough to
23 deliver the Michigan Chronicle and Pittsburgh
24 (Inaudible) magazine through my neighborhood for six
25 years. And so I'm self-appointed and so nobody can

1 fire me, because I do my own thing. Thank you very
2 much, Shirley.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: One more.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Doina Rosu, would you
6 come up, please. Everybody give Doina ...

7 (Applause.)

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Come over here.

9 Everybody, this lady right here is one of the
10 anchors of the Eleventh Precinct Community Relations.
11 She's the lady that sends out all of the E-mails, all
12 of the texts regarding what we're supposed to know. I
13 mean, she's on her job. Every second Tuesday in the
14 month she's right there with Ms. Jackson. So we're
15 proud to have you and to honor you on this day, and
16 this is a resolution honoring you, okay.

17 Ms. Doina Rosu was born -- she's going to
18 cry, y'all. Ms. Doina Rosu was born in Milan, Italy.
19 When she was 12 years old, her parents migrated to the
20 United States in July of 1970. In the 1980s she moved
21 to Fenmore Street in Detroit and later moved to
22 Detroit's historic Indian Village. Ms. Rosu received a
23 bachelor of business administration marketing degree
24 from Davenport University in 2006.

25 Whereas, Ms. Rosu's community involvement

1 includes vice president, secretary of the Eleventh
2 Precinct of Community Relations Council. She's the
3 editor and publisher of the Eleventh Precinct's
4 community newsletter, volunteer member of the Literacy
5 Volunteers of America, Detroit Chapter, volunteer of
6 the Capuchin Soup Kitchen, served on the board of the
7 historic Indian Village Association, and she's an
8 alumni of the Detroit Police Department.

9 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
10 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for the
11 citizens of the city of Detroit and the Detroit Police
12 Department, acknowledges the generous, giving spirit of
13 Ms. Doina Rosu, the commitment, the years of dedication
14 and supporting her community of the Eleventh Precinct
15 and the citizens throughout the city of Detroit, merits
16 our highest regards. We thank and congratulate you,
17 Ms. Doina Rosu.

18 (Applause.)

19 COMMANDER SLAPPY: We love you so much at the
20 Eleventh Precinct. We have a Spirit of Detroit Award
21 for you. It is presented herewith as an expression of
22 the gratitude and esteem of the citizens of Detroit to
23 Ms. Doina Rosu in recognition of exceptional
24 achievement, outstanding leadership and dedication to
25 improving the quality of life, by the City Council of

1 Detroit, Michigan.

2 (Applause.)

3 COMMANDER SLAPPY: We have one more. It
4 says, "The Detroit Police Department Certificate of
5 Recognition to Ms. Doina Rosu, resident of the city of
6 Detroit, in recognition for the following outstanding
7 service and cooperation. Your involvement in the
8 community and services to the city of Detroit
9 demonstrate a spirit and commitment that is worthy of
10 recognition." And it's signed by Chief of Police,
11 James E. Craig, April 11, 2019.

12 (Applause.)

13 MS. ROSU: I would just like to take a couple
14 of minutes to say thank you from the bottom of my heart
15 to my family in blue, whom I love so much, and my
16 Eleventh Precinct and our community. I fell in love
17 with DPD a long time ago, and I keep swearing in my
18 afterlife I will become a sworn police officer to serve
19 and protect.

20 I appreciate you all and I appreciate the
21 community. And I just want to make a difference and I
22 hope that I do by serving for you.

23 (Applause.)

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, I move that
25 all resolutions be approved.

1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Support.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
3 and seconded.

4 Discussion?

5 Those in favor, aye?

6 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Opposed?

8 Motion carries.

9 Let's give them another round of applause.

10 (Applause.)

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: A whole lot of dedication
12 out of the Eleventh Precinct.

13 Since we're still on the Eleventh Precinct,
14 is Kim Jackson here?

15 Would you please come forward. Kim Jackson
16 is president of the Eleventh Precinct Community
17 Relations.

18 (Applause.)

19 MS. JACKSON: Good evening, everyone. Kim
20 Jackson, president of the Eleventh Precinct Police
21 Community Relations Council. And I would like to say
22 thank you and welcome. And to the young ladies and the
23 gentlemen, thank you for having us here at the Wellness
24 Center as well and welcome the commissioners. Thank
25 you.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And thank you for your
2 work.

3 MS. JACKSON: Thank you. Appreciate it.
4 (Applause.)

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on to
6 Assistant Chief White reporting on behalf of Chief
7 Craig.

8 A.C. WHITE: Good afternoon -- or good
9 evening again, honorable board. I'll start with the
10 crime report, the CompStat report.

11 Starting with homicides, we're experiencing a
12 32-percent reduction, which is 21 homicides down.
13 Sexual assaults, a slight uptick of ten percent. We
14 attribute much of that uptick to a new reporting
15 mechanism that we've implemented as well as certainly
16 some community confidence with regards to reporting.
17 If the board would like more on that, I can elaborate a
18 little later if you would like.

19 Aggravated assaults, two percent down, total
20 number of 34 from last year this time. Nonfatal
21 shootings 16 percent down, total number of 27. And
22 robberies 11 percent down, a total number of 64.
23 Carjackings 44 percent down, total number of 30 less
24 this year than the same time last year, with a total
25 overall violent crime reduction of three percent.

1 Certainly, we are not applauding the work
2 thus far, because the work continues, but it is
3 evidence that the crime strategy and plan that we're
4 implementing is paying dividends. But we continue to
5 recognize that these crime numbers are still
6 unacceptable, but heading in the right direction.

7 With regards to our critically-injured
8 officers, we have six officers that are still out with
9 various injuries, the most significant being that of
10 Officer Waldis Johnson who is in an extended nursing
11 facility. We ask that you keep Officer Johnson and all
12 the officers in your prayers. Officer Kisselburg is
13 recuperating at home. Officer Therssen, Lemuel Sims,
14 Officer Painter and Officer Robert Trozak all are
15 recuperating from injuries. And again, I ask that you
16 to keep them in your prayers.

17 The board is aware that within the past week
18 we lost a recently retired member of our department,
19 beloved member of our department, Eren Stephens, a
20 sergeant for a number of years. Sadly, she passed
21 three days after her departmental retirement. I had an
22 opportunity, as well as a number of board members here,
23 to attend her coffee and cake. And we were actually
24 able to share with her how important she was to the
25 department and how beloved she was while she was here.

1 So if there's anything to take from that we were
2 actually able to share our love for her while she was
3 able to receive it. But sadly, three days later, she
4 died and her funeral was last Saturday. So with that
5 we just ask that the board and members of the audience
6 keep the department and as well as her family in your
7 prayers.

8 That concludes my report.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Assistant Chief
10 White.

11 Commissioners, any questions or concerns for
12 the assistant chief?

13 Yes, ma'am.

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: No question, just a
15 comment that I would like to make, especially since
16 we're here in the community and there are a lot of
17 people in attendance.

18 I want to thank the Chief and the DPD for on
19 a weekly basis, probably 50 times out of the year, if
20 not 49 or 50 times out of the year, coming before this
21 board and providing a comprehensive report with the
22 details that we request and updating it whenever we
23 request. I really appreciate it, and I know having
24 attended several of the national conferences on
25 oversight committees and boards that we are the only

1 police commission in the United States that meets on a
2 weekly basis and gets its Chief of Police to give us a
3 weekly report, and I want to commend you for that.

4 (Applause.)

5 A.C. WHITE: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes. Question for
11 Assistant Chief White. What is the department's
12 strategy as far as curbing Detroit's violence?

13 I'm looking at the number here for sexual
14 assaults, robbery and nonfatal shootings. What is the
15 department's strategy for turning some of these numbers
16 around?

17 A.C. WHITE: Well, as indicated, certainly
18 the numbers have turned around as you look at each
19 category. That speaks specifically as it relates to
20 our strategy, it's a layered approach. A number of
21 policies that have been brought before the board and
22 implementations with technology as well as literally
23 looking at crime data, using data analytics, putting
24 officers in the areas of hot spots. And, as indicated,
25 we are reaping some of those rewards, certainly not

1 bolstering or bragging about the results, but the
2 numbers are headed in the right direction.

3 However, when you look at homicides, for
4 example, criminal homicides this year are down 21 from
5 the same time last year, that's total of 44 homicides
6 from 66 homicides last year at this time. And that
7 number was attaching itself or competing against the
8 number previous to that where there was a reduction at
9 that time.

10 So when you look at 21 less people buried
11 someone, 21 less people lost their brother, mother, you
12 know, husband, wife, certainly that's something that
13 you look at and you say your strategy is working.

14 When you get specific into the strategy, you
15 look at what you're doing in terms of deployment. You
16 look at Green Light, you look at a number of
17 initiatives, Cease Fire. And you have to lend credence
18 to the fact that those initiatives are working.

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: So looking at these
20 numbers right now, basically it's still early. It's
21 what, about the fourth month into the year. Do you
22 think by December of this year, do you think the
23 department would be where you all want to be as far as
24 with the numbers as far as your goal or the
25 department's goal?

1 A.C. WHITE: Through the Chair, I certainly
2 can't predict the future. What the department wants to
3 be is at no crime. I don't want any homicides. I
4 don't want any robberies. I would like that number to
5 be zero, but realistically that's not something that we
6 can control. We hope to make an impact and get
7 criminals off the street, and that's a goal that we'll
8 continue to work towards.

9 And, if you look at the work that some of the
10 men and women in this room are doing on a day in and
11 day out basis, I think you can argue that certainly
12 we're -- we may not be the best, but I don't know many
13 better than we are in what we do. And we're going to
14 continue what we're doing, and I think that it's
15 reaping certainly some positive dividends and we'll
16 continue on that strategy.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Do you predict that
18 compared to last year's numbers this year's numbers are
19 going to be better than last year's?

20 A.C. WHITE: I can't predict the future, sir.
21 If I could, I wouldn't be here.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on.
23 Thank you, Assistant Chief.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Recognize, Mr. Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. Go ahead.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. I would just
2 like everybody to know here that's in this audience you
3 have one of the best police precincts in number 11, and
4 I'm not just saying that because I'm sitting here. I'm
5 saying that before I became a commissioner I was a
6 citizen. I learned to know the NPOs. I learned to
7 know our commanders. I learned to know the sergeants.
8 I learned to know the citizens that will sometimes not
9 tell the whole truth.

10 So sometimes we as people sitting here I want
11 you to know that every time we call number 11 they
12 respond. Every time you get in trouble, you call
13 number 11, they respond. I just want to say to you as
14 an audience that work together with your police
15 department, with Chief Craig, with Chief White, with
16 Bettison, with Barren.

17 One other thing I want to say, Mr. Chair, is
18 because of my position I was able to get what they call
19 the rotating speed sign. That rotating speed sign is
20 going to be all over the east side documenting and
21 watching the speeders that are going up and down our
22 neighborhoods. That's a good thing. That has been
23 lost for a while, but now it's back in service.

24 I want you also to know that we have an
25 officer whose name is Officer Robbins. He's taking

1 care of the ones that's speeding through the street
2 like they're on a racetrack. So we are working in our
3 community. Yes, give it up for them.

4 (Applause.)

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

7 The next item will be Dr. Anderson's HR
8 report, please.

9 DR. ANDERSON: Good evening, honorable board.

10 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

11 DR. ANDERSON: I'm going to give the HR
12 report for the month of March. We currently have 2,467
13 sworn positions filled with 173 vacant positions for a
14 total of 2,640 positions. We have 634 civilian
15 positions filled with 67 vacancies for a total of 701
16 budgeted positions.

17 For active recruiting, from July 1, 2018 to
18 March 31, 2019, 2,867 people have applied for the
19 position of police officer, 337 are waiting in post
20 testing, 73 are in process, we have hired 98, 327 have
21 dropped off for lack of interest, 1,499 are listed as
22 temporary disqualified.

23 We are actually reviewing that list. We're
24 making calls to candidates that we listed as temporary
25 disqualified for things such as maybe they didn't turn

1 in their driver's license, maybe they didn't submit
2 their MCOLES. We're reaching out them to see if
3 they're still interested. We have 537 that are
4 permanently disqualified.

5 On Page 2 for our MCOLES testing for the
6 month of March we had 65 applicants scheduled for the
7 written exam, 52 appeared, 38 passed, 14 failed and 13
8 were no-shows. For our physical agility, we had 187
9 scheduled, 124 appeared, 55 passed, 69 failed, with 63
10 no-shows.

11 I want to note that we are offering
12 reconditioning for those who do fail. So we are trying
13 to help them get up to speed so that they can pass the
14 physical agility.

15 Our hires for the month of March include 25
16 sworn officers who are currently in our police academy,
17 41 civilians, zero police assistants, for a total of 66
18 hires.

19 Our residency report includes for total sworn
20 573 sworn officers live in the city of Detroit, 366
21 civilians live in the city of Detroit and 33 police
22 assistants live in the city of Detroit. Non-city
23 residents, sworn officers 1,836, civilians 268 and
24 police assistants 25.

25 For our student intern program I hope to have

1 an announcement out by the end of April, and we're
2 going to open it as open competitive where if you go to
3 any college you will be able to apply, not just Wayne
4 State. I want to clarify that.

5 Attrition for the month of March we lost 19
6 sworn officers, 10 civilians, one police assistant for
7 a total of 30. Our leave of absence restricted duty is
8 listed at the bottom of Page 2. We have 16 sworn
9 officers on continuous FMLA, 81 on intermittent FMLA,
10 one on medical, two on military duty, zero education,
11 139 restricted and 39 disabled. For our civilians we
12 have eight on continuous FMLA, 84 on intermittent FMLA,
13 one on medical, and for the rest of the categories for
14 civilian the number is zero.

15 On Page 3 for sworn personnel suspension we
16 have 13 officers on suspension, one detective, one
17 sergeant, one command officer. And our monthly
18 separation report is listed below. We have a total of
19 19 officers that we lost. And also I have the numbers
20 listed there for the DROP program, Deferred Retirement
21 Option Program. That's my report.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, questions
23 or concerns?

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Very good report,
2 Doctor. Is there greater effort? Because I would love
3 to see more Detroiters in the academy, more Detroiters
4 become Detroit police officers.

5 DR. ANDERSON: So our effort to hire more
6 Detroiters is greater than just police personnel. The
7 Mayor's office is planning to start a ad campaign for
8 Detroiters. So I hope to have that. I'm hearing that
9 it will be started by 1st of June. They're going to
10 have commercials, billboards. They're going to
11 advertise on social media as well as holding recruiting
12 fairs, and we're hoping that that will make a change.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And I might add,
14 Commissioner Brooks is going to be reporting out in
15 terms of recruiting in a minute and give you an update
16 overall on behalf of the board shortly. Thank you.

17 Any other commissioners?

18 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Yes, through the
19 Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

21 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Dr. Anderson, whose
22 responsibility is it to -- when we do recruiting drives
23 to set up all of the materials and make sure the space
24 and everything is taken care of for recruiting?

25 DR. ANDERSON: That would be Sergeant Star

1 Gonzalez. She's our field recruiting supervisor.

2 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: So other than her
3 who else is above that to make sure she has all the
4 resources she needs?

5 DR. ANDERSON: Field recruiting falls under
6 the Chief's office. And I do want to add that the
7 Chief has given field recruiting two new officers. So
8 they are -- we have a posting out for two new officers.
9 And the Chief has also given seven new officers to our
10 recruiting department. So in the last 30 days -- the
11 last 60 days we have received seven new officers and we
12 are awaiting two. But Star Gonzalez, field recruiting,
13 falls under the Chief's office.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Dr. Anderson.

16 DR. ANDERSON: Thank you, sir.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And we're going to move on
18 to the Eleventh Precinct, Commander Slappy. Let's give
19 the commander a round of applause.

20 (Applause.)

21 COMMANDER SLAPPY: Good evening, honorable
22 board, Assistant Chief White and guests. Again,
23 welcome to the Eleventh Precinct.

24 Overall, the crime at Eleventh Precinct is
25 looking very well. Our homicides we're down 60

1 percent. Our nonfatal shootings we're down 50 percent.
2 Our property crimes we're looking great there as well.
3 With our burglaries we're down five percent, larcenies
4 12 percent. Motor vehicle thefts we're down 24
5 percent, armed robberies we're down seven percent, and
6 we have just a slight uptick in our aggravated assaults
7 of nine percent.

8 All of these great numbers in my opinion are
9 due to the hard work of the men and women of the
10 Eleventh Precinct. We get these results by targeting
11 enforcement in our high crime areas. We have narcotic
12 raids, OTE operations. We do warrant sweeps, MDOC home
13 checks, and we definitely have the Cease Fire
14 initiative.

15 Some of our community programs that we do, we
16 have active shooter training for our faith-based
17 community. We have the Narcan training. We have a
18 sisterhood program at Pershing High School, which I am
19 very proud to say I'm a participant in that program.
20 We have Cop on the Block.

21 Cop on the Block, I started this when I was
22 in the Tenth Precinct, and it was a great initiative.
23 So I was happy to carry it on here in the Eleventh
24 Precinct. And what that is, we take the community
25 meeting to the community. It's a seasonal meeting,

1 meeting once the weather breaks. What we do is we go
2 to the community and we shut down a portion of that
3 block. And the citizens are able to just come outside
4 their doors with their lawn chairs, walk over a few
5 blocks, and we hold the community meetings right there
6 in the street. And they really love it and look
7 forward to it. It's normally on a Saturday at noon.
8 So that's one of my favorite initiatives. Again, it's
9 very convenient, because some of the citizens aren't
10 able to make our Tuesday meetings at 6:30 in the
11 evening. So this gives them a chance to still engage
12 with us as a community and as a precinct.

13 Some of the other things we do at our
14 precinct, we have our Senior Valentine Day Dance, our
15 annual Easter egg hunt, which is upcoming, our Senior
16 Turkey Bingo, Shop With a Cop, just to name a few.

17 So again, overall the Eleventh Precinct is
18 looking very well, and I would like to attribute that
19 to the hard work that the men and women of our precinct
20 is doing. Thank you.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

22 (Applause.)

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, questions
24 or concerns for the commander?

25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: If you could, please,

1 Commander -- Mr. Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Touch a little bit more
4 about the Coffee with a Cop. That's something you've
5 adopted.

6 COMMANDER SLAPPY: Yes, ma'am, through the
7 Chair. Coffee with a Cop is -- I would love to take
8 this to say that I invented it, but I didn't, but I did
9 bring it back to the Eleventh Precinct. And what we do
10 is in our high crime areas we pick out a location and
11 we pretty much just go there. And it's literally what
12 it says, coffee with a cop. The citizens there can
13 come in. We have coffee and we literally talk about
14 whatever is going on and their concerns within our
15 precinct.

16 And, as you know, Commissioner, we just held
17 it I think a couple of weeks -- a couple of Wednesdays
18 ago at the Belmont Shopping Center at the Motown Coney
19 Island.

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

21 COMMANDER SLAPPY: Yes, ma'am.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, Commander, thank you
23 for an outstanding report and ongoing endeavors in the
24 Eleventh Precinct. And we know that you are close to
25 the community, you interact, and all the programs are

1 just really fantastic. Thank you.

2 COMMANDER SLAPPY: Thank you, sir.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to move on to
5 our panel discussion, and we're going to -- it's just
6 to give you a overview. It's not a in-depth type
7 format, but just to give you an overview of mental
8 health issues that we are dealing with. And we have a
9 cross section of panelists. If they can --

10 Mr. Hicks, we're going to shift to our right,
11 or how they're going to flow?

12 MR. HICKS: A couple over here. And a couple
13 commissioners can go out in the audience. There's
14 seating over here where the panel is. The panel you
15 should come up.

16 We're asking the panel in the order that you
17 appear on the agenda to introduce yourselves. That way
18 you can give the correct emphasis of your profession
19 responsibility. All of the mikes are live.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to -- we have
21 what 7:30; is that right?

22 Okay. We're going to kick it off with
23 Mr. Willie Brooks, the president and the CEO of Detroit
24 Wayne Mental Health Authority. Fully introduce
25 yourself and whatever you want to share.

1 MR. BROOKS: Thank you for allowing me to
2 come out and talk with you. As you know, the police
3 force and mental health is a major issue in our
4 community. Recently I went Miami-Dade to look at their
5 correction system along with Chief Warren Evans, Chief
6 Dunlap of the jails and about five other judges to
7 actually look at what they were doing there and how we
8 can incorporate it here.

9 It is my belief that no one with mental
10 illness should be in our jail system, that we should
11 have ways to treat people versus incarcerate people.
12 We should also make the jobs of our police officers
13 much easier when it deals -- when it comes to dealing
14 with people with mental illness. Many of our police
15 officers are seeing the same people over and over
16 again, and without receiving the treatment that is
17 required.

18 Just yesterday I was at the mental health
19 correction facility for women in Ypsilanti viewing many
20 of our citizens who are in jail with mental illness.
21 And there's something that we can do and there's
22 something that we must do to correct that situation.

23 And I'll say this briefly, but there's two
24 things that are driving this change. One, the cost
25 involved with incarcerating individuals is not

1 appropriate as relates to the treatment. It costs 45-
2 to 50,000 a year to incarcerate one individual with
3 mental illness, whereas it only cost \$7,000 to say to
4 train and to treat that individual within that same
5 time. We must do something about that. Also, the
6 support systems that we're giving individuals with
7 mental illness does not meet their needs.

8 The good news is change is on the way. We're
9 collaborating with every aspect of government, and
10 we're going to effect change and we want to do change
11 this year. So I'm excited about that and you will be
12 hearing more about that. Thank you.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

14 (Applause.)

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Councilman Roy McCalister,
16 councilman from District 2, please.

17 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: Thank you so very
18 much. First of all, I'd like to give honor to God
19 who's the head of my life for not only allowing me to
20 be here, but allowing each and every one of you to be
21 here. I'd like to thank the Board of Police
22 Commissioners for allowing me to be here. It is a
23 pleasure to be here in the Eleventh Precinct as well as
24 in the Third District with my colleague member, Benson,
25 in the Third District.

1 My name is Roy McCalister, Jr., and I am the
2 husband of your Chief Investigator, Dr. Polly
3 McCalister. That's my rock.

4 (Applause.)

5 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: I'm also the council
6 person for District 2. And when I was running in 2017
7 there was a number of catastrophes that happened
8 throughout the country. And when they looked at the
9 individuals or individual that was involved there was
10 some mental health issues with that. And I pled that
11 once I got on council that I was going to start to do
12 something to help with that illness.

13 If you'll remember back in the 1990s, we had
14 a governor that did away with a number of our mental
15 health facilities. And because of that a lot of people
16 thought that or think that there's no help out there,
17 but there's a number of agencies that are out there to
18 help people. And the goal is to bring everyone
19 together. And CEO Willie Brooks stated, "It is about
20 bringing people together and working together on this."
21 So, therefore, as he stated, mental health
22 incarceration is not the answer.

23 The other issue is emergency rooms is not the
24 answer, because when people come to the emergency room
25 the doctor there is to treat for trauma, not mental

1 health. So these are the other things that we're
2 bringing forth.

3 So what is mental health? A lot of people
4 think that mental health is somebody that has been hit
5 in the head, someone that has been born with that. But
6 being involved with this I have found out that mental
7 health is life, everyday life. When you talk about
8 someone that has -- does not have a job, that is a
9 mental health issue, because they're trying to
10 determine how am I going to pay my next bill, how am I
11 going to feed my family. When we have our youth that
12 are committing suicide, that is a mental health issue,
13 because of cyber bullying, also because of human
14 trafficking. These are the issues of everyday life,
15 ladies and gentlemen, that has caused mental health.
16 So this is what we're bringing together.

17 So the objective of my task force is to work
18 with people like CEO Willie Brooks, the Detroit Wayne
19 Mental Health, Team Wellness. The objective is to
20 bring the mental health people, not only in Detroit,
21 southeast Michigan, but throughout the whole state of
22 Michigan together, because this does not just affect
23 one particular area, it does not effect one particular
24 culture, it does not affect one particular age group.
25 It affects everybody.

1 And I'm pretty sure each and every one of us
2 in here has come in contact or is directly affected or
3 indirectly affected with some type of mental health
4 person that we know. So that what we're doing is
5 bringing everyone together. And I've reached out from
6 as far as Saginaw as well as working with people. We
7 also have people that found out way from Ontario,
8 Canada that is reaching out with us.

9 So the objective is for the federal
10 government to look at what Detroit, because as you well
11 know Detroit has always been the forerunner in
12 everything. So we want to put a template together for
13 the federal government will look at us, see what we're
14 doing, take our template, and not only expand it and
15 enhance it throughout the city of Detroit, but also
16 throughout the whole country. And that's our
17 objective. That's what we want to do.

18 Last October the 27th we had a mental health
19 workshop, and we've been working with WC3. We had it
20 at the northwest campus, which was on West Outer Drive
21 and Southfield Freeway. So what we want to do is we
22 want to make it convenient.

23 Our next mental health workshop, and we have
24 fliers on the table, will be May 4th at WC3, Eastern
25 Campus, 5901 Conner. And we want everyone to come out,

1 because one of the things we're going to be looking at
2 is not only the mental health and how it's affecting
3 our hospitals, but we're also looking at mental health
4 as far as Narcan training, because a lot of our mental
5 health people are overmedicating. So we want to stop
6 that, and we also want to train people in that.

7 Human trafficking, that is another issue that
8 we're going to look at. We want to make sure that.
9 And again, how do we stop or how do we assist from
10 people being incarcerated and people going to
11 emergency.

12 So I just want to thank everyone for allowing
13 me to be here. Please, please, May 4th put that on
14 your schedule, because you're going to have a fantastic
15 training seminar. Thank you so very much and God bless
16 you.

17 (Applause.)

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Councilman.

19 Assistant Chief White.

20 A.C. WHITE: Good evening once again. James
21 White, Assistant Chief, Support Operations.

22 One of my areas of responsibility with
23 support operations is the jails. We call it the DDC.
24 In the jails we see a 30-percent nexus to mental
25 illness in our lock-ups, meaning that we are actually

1 criminalizing mental illness. Some of the actions of
2 the people that we are engaging or encountering, like
3 what's been said here tonight, are suffering from
4 mental illness.

5 In my private life, I'm also a licensed
6 psychotherapist with a specialty in PTSD. And what we
7 see with that is there's a large number of people in
8 our community that are suffering from PTSD. If you've
9 lost a family member in a violent episode, if you've
10 seen violence, if you've seen domestic violence, we all
11 can suffer from a PTSD circumstance.

12 And very simply put, for those of you who
13 want to know exactly what that is, if you've ever
14 unfortunately been involved in a car accident and when
15 you go through that intersection again and you kind of
16 jump and you feel the anxiety of the last time you were
17 there, that's pretty much PTSD. So, as been said here
18 tonight, mental illness is a big deal in our community,
19 but not just our community, across the country.

20 By way of numbers, because we always look at
21 metrics when we look at how things are impacting our
22 community, in 2017 we had 8,256 mental health police
23 runs, meaning somebody called the police on someone due
24 to something that they were doing as it relates to
25 mental illness. 2018, 8,767. And already this year

1 2,187 times we've had to engage a member of our
2 community suffering from mental illness.

3 So it's a very serious situation. I've told
4 you my credentials so I have no excuse not to help. I
5 touch it at work and I also touch it off work. So I'm
6 very happy to be here and offer any assistance I can to
7 this panel. Thank you.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

9 (Applause.)

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Dr. Woods.

11 DR. WOODS: Good evening, everyone. I am Dr.
12 Krystle Woods Hollier. I'm a native Detroiter, a proud
13 DPS graduate from Bates Academy and Renaissance High
14 School. I am also a clinical psychologist and the
15 coordinator of Integrated Behavior Health Services here
16 at the Wellness Plan Medical Center. So again, welcome
17 to our home.

18 So each day I have the esteemed privilege of
19 meeting one-on-one with adults struggling with
20 depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder as
21 well as managing the day-to-day operations of the
22 Behavior Health Department. So with my personal
23 experiences with law enforcement's treatment of my
24 patients it's been one of mutual respect and
25 partnership. So we truly rely on the Detroit Police

1 Department as we work to help our patients in crisis
2 who are at high suicide risk, allowing them an escort
3 to the hospital. They've been a huge help in that.

4 In our facilities we also have in-room panic
5 buttons with alarms that go directly to local law
6 enforcement when triggered. Now, thankfully we have
7 not had a need to use that panic button in the last
8 five years, but it's such a comfort to be in the room
9 and know that that is there and that they're just a
10 call away.

11 So even though I have witnessed
12 overwhelmingly positive experiences with the officers,
13 I am aware of the overarching challenges inherent in
14 interactions between law enforcement and the mentally
15 ill. So it can be difficult managing goals that may at
16 times seem at odds. Managing the needs of a vulnerable
17 group like those with mental illness and reducing harm
18 of risk to all that are involved.

19 So according to M Live's analysis of police
20 reports, court records and newspaper archives, mental
21 illness played a role in 30 percent of Michigan police
22 officer killings in the last 20 years. Conversely, 38
23 percent of the civilians killed by the police in the
24 last five years were either diagnosed with or exhibited
25 signs of a mental illness.

1 So due to the nature of the work they do
2 police officers end up having a lot of contact with
3 mentally ill persons. They're often the first to
4 respond to a mentally ill person in crisis. Law
5 enforcement provides up to a third of all emergency
6 mental health referrals. And officers actually
7 interact more with the mentally ill than any other
8 occupational group other than behavioral health
9 professionals. So in that frequency of contact with
10 police has only increased in recent years because of
11 person coping with severe and persistent mental illness
12 is more likely to be to on the streets now than in a
13 hospital.

14 As was mentioned earlier, with
15 deinstitutionalization, the move from inpatient,
16 state-run psychiatric hospitals to community-based care
17 has left Michigan with one of the lowest rankings in
18 the nation for the number of psych inpatient beds per
19 capita. We're currently ranked 47th out of 50, so with
20 so few inpatient options for someone in a mental health
21 crisis.

22 So if fewer people are able to access
23 inpatient psychiatric facilities when they need to
24 they're more likely to fall into homelessness, drug
25 abuse and criminal behavior, putting them in greater

1 contact with law enforcement at a time that's probably
2 one of the most stressful times in their life.

3 So after reading some of the literature on
4 this, and it's truly a nationwide, not a global
5 concern, it looks like people are looking to address
6 this problem by increasing access to mental health
7 treatment and improving the mental health training
8 given to law enforcement. And so in Michigan many of
9 the organizations you see represented on this panel are
10 working to increase access to behavior health treatment
11 and increase awareness of mental illness and mental
12 health services.

13 So, of course, the Detroit Wayne Mental
14 Health Authority is working tirelessly to inform our
15 community that help is both available and easily
16 accessible. Councilman McCalister and his Mental
17 Health Task Force, as he spoke of, are holding meetings
18 and workshops to increase awareness about mental
19 illness and to connect community members with services.

20 There is state and federal funding that's
21 been made available to federally qualified health
22 centers like the Wellness Plan that helps us to expand
23 our current behavior health services. So now you may
24 come in to meet with your primary care doctor or your
25 gynecologist or even your dentist. And, if you're

1 exhibiting signs of having a mental health issue, you
2 can be referred directly to behavioral health services
3 that are in the same clinic.

4 And -- now, at the Wellness Plan we mainly
5 service the mild to moderately mentally ill population,
6 which is why we're so grateful to clinics like the Team
7 Wellness Center that allows us to refer those patients
8 with severe and persistent mental illness. So their
9 more intensive treatment offering.

10 So there's also hope that increasing the
11 number of psychiatric inpatient options in Michigan
12 will reduce the number of mental health crises police
13 officers are forced to manage. So to that end the
14 Michigan Department of Health and Human Services
15 actually launched a new initiative in July of 2017.
16 They created a work group, the Michigan Inpatient
17 Psychiatric Admissions Discussion Work Group. And
18 basically this was a team of professionals tasked with
19 studying the needs of Michigan's mentally ill
20 population and coming up with solutions. And they did
21 come up with a series of recommendations that hopefully
22 will trickle down to the members of our community and
23 allow for greater access to services, even for the
24 severe and persistently mentally ill.

25 The last noted area for reducing some of the

1 challenges found in police encounters with mentally ill
2 people was by making changes in improvements to how law
3 enforcement is trained to deal with the mentally ill.
4 So research on police trainings has demonstrated that
5 the best outcomes occur when the trainings are paired
6 with outcome assessments, when they focus on changing
7 specific behaviors on the job and not just attitudes
8 about mental health. And when the trainings are
9 repeated throughout a law enforcement professional's
10 career, not just at the start.

11 So outcome assessment use job performance
12 data collected before and after a training to determine
13 if the training had a real world impact. So you might
14 measure the number of complaints, the number of times
15 an officer had to use force in a interaction with a
16 mentally ill person, supervisor ratings of an officer's
17 use of empathic communication during a crisis call to
18 determine whether the training had a positive impact on
19 the actual job performance measures.

20 There are also better training outcomes found
21 when training focuses on changing actual behaviors and
22 not just attitudes. So for some the training approach
23 is to focus on changing the negative stigma officers
24 may have of mentally ill persons with the idea that a
25 change in attitude will lead to behavior changes on the

1 job. But stereotypes and biases are extremely
2 difficult to change, and they do not necessarily or
3 automatically lead to a result in behavioral change.
4 So while addressing stigma in training should be done,
5 it's also imperative to actually teach and model the
6 specific behaviors that lead to improve communication
7 and the care of mentally ill persons.

8 And lastly, police training is most effective
9 when it is reinforced through refresher courses. So
10 when it is repeated ideally every one to three years to
11 optimize the effects of memory retention and newly
12 acquired skills.

13 So I say all this to say my peers here on
14 this panel and out in our community have identified
15 various challenges when it comes to interacting with
16 mentally ill persons and law enforcement. And they are
17 currently working to bring some ideas of how to improve
18 this issue.

19 Today I really look forward to hearing ideas
20 presented from the community members in attendance
21 today about the challenges you have experienced in this
22 area and some of the possible solutions we may be
23 missing. Thank you.

24 (Applause.)

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Dr. Woods. I

1 think you have a keen interest when you were talking
2 about police personnel. And I think the assistant
3 chief we all have concerns. So you hit on some key
4 points.

5 And last but not least, Mr. Adkins.

6 MR. AKINS: Akins, yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Akins. I'm sorry. Akins,
8 okay.

9 MR. AKINS: Thank you to the Board of Police
10 Commissioners and thank you to everyone here for having
11 us here today.

12 My name is Karlton Akins. I represent Team
13 Wellness Center, and we are a community mental health
14 provider here in the city of Detroit. We have two
15 clinics in the city and one in Southgate.

16 So we are a service provider for Wayne
17 County. We provide services primarily to adults who
18 have mental illness or substance abuse disorders,
19 children with serious emotional disturbances, and then
20 we also offer integrated care. So we offer primary
21 care and dental services right at our site on Mack and
22 Mount Elliott.

23 In looking at mental health and law
24 enforcement, everything that we do takes a lot of
25 partnership. And we've had a very valuable partnership

1 with the Seventh Precinct, because we physically sit
2 both of our clinics over at Eastern Market and Mack and
3 Mount Elliott sit in the Seventh Precinct.

4 But what we have learned is that there is no
5 one right solution. There is no one, you know, magic
6 wand that is going to solve the issues related to
7 mental health. And so we've taken a multifaceted
8 approach and looked at a number of different things,
9 and I want to share some of those with you this
10 evening.

11 The first thing we looked at was crisis
12 services. So we have a program at Team Wellness
13 Center. It's called Crisis SOS. That's Crisis
14 Stabilization on-Site. And what that is, a lot of
15 times when people are in a mental health crisis they
16 are in an area, whether it's in the community, they're
17 in the hospital, they're -- you know, they may be at
18 home, they may be at school, they can be anywhere, but
19 it's usually in a place that is not equipped to resolve
20 that crisis. And so whenever we have a problem or
21 we're in trouble we call the best, and who are the
22 best. That's our men and women that serve on our
23 police department. So we call them first. That's who
24 we've been taught since a child to call for help.

25 And we've all worked with those individuals

1 who say, "that's not my job, that's not my job." Well,
2 our men and women of the Detroit Police Department they
3 never say "that's not my job." They come, they show up
4 and they respond. But if the person has not committed
5 a crime --

6 (Applause.)

7 MR. AKINS: That's right, applause, because
8 they don't say "that's not my job." But, if the person
9 has not committed a crime, well, they can't arrest
10 them. They can't take them to jail, because they have
11 not committed a crime. So Team Wellness Center created
12 the Crisis SOS program to be that place for law
13 enforcement to bring people, for the hospitals to refer
14 people.

15 And what we can do is we can stabilize the
16 crisis right there on-site at Team Wellness Center in
17 an environment where we have therapists, we have
18 psychiatrists on-site, on call 24 hours a day. We have
19 no waiting list. So if a person can get to us today we
20 can see them, we can serve them today, beyond the
21 crisis SOS program. Because it's easy to say if you
22 can get them to us we can serve them, right. But for a
23 lot of families and for a lot of professionals
24 transportation is an issue.

25 So we recently started a new program called

1 CART. That's C-A-R-T, Crisis and Addiction Response
2 Team. And so what we do is we dispatch a team to a
3 police precinct, to a emergency department in the
4 hospital, that can pick the person up. If the person
5 is willing to come to Team Wellness Center, that team
6 can bring them to Team and start services immediately.
7 This takes the -- I won't say it takes the burden off
8 of the hospital or off the law enforcement, but it
9 allows them to continue to do their job and allows us
10 to do ours, and it gets the person to the care that
11 they need.

12 Other things that we have looked at, a large
13 percentage of the population with mental illness is
14 homeless. And a lot of times when law enforcement are
15 called to resolve an issue related to mental illness
16 they're dealing with a man or woman that is homeless.
17 So what we've created is what we affectionally call our
18 overnight program, right, just an overnight stay. But
19 what it is, it's an immediate housing resource for a
20 man or woman who is homeless to get them a place to
21 stay for the night.

22 The reason why this is so valuable is because
23 what we found is if that person has to come back for an
24 appointment or has to come back tomorrow during normal
25 business hours, our chances of seeing them again are

1 slim to none. So we give them a meal, we give them a
2 shower, we give them a place. If they need to do
3 laundry, we have laundry facilities where they can do
4 their laundry and we give them a place to sleep for the
5 night. And then the next day, or that night in some
6 cases if it's a crisis situation, they see a therapist
7 immediately. They can see a psychiatrist immediately.

8 So we look at the immediacy of these issues,
9 because if that person has to leave our facility and
10 they go do, you know, something else or they disturb
11 the peace now the police get called again. And that's
12 two times that our law enforcement are now distracted
13 from something else that they need to be doing to serve
14 and protect to deal with this same individual. So we
15 try and make it as warm and comfortable as possible to
16 get them to stay so that we can provide those services.

17 But it does take a lot of coordination. We
18 look at treating the whole individual. So we don't
19 just stop at the mental health or the addiction. We
20 also go into their housing situation, not just for our
21 overnight program, but short-term and long-term
22 housing.

23 Employment, right. Because a lot of times if
24 you have a mental illness, yeah, you'll come see a
25 therapist today, but if you don't know where your next

1 meal is going to come from, you don't have a place to
2 sleep, you don't know how you're going to have an
3 income, those problems will persist and those problems
4 will sometimes outweigh your going to see a therapist
5 or a psychiatrist. So we help them resolve all of
6 those issues. We again treat the whole person and look
7 at that wholeness of care.

8 We have a primary care and dental facility
9 right at our location. So if they have some physical
10 health issues they can get those resolved. We have
11 dental care as well so they can get that taken care of.

12 But we keep that line of communication with
13 our law enforcement open, which is very key. And the
14 reason why that is so key is because this is an
15 individual from our community. These are our
16 neighbors, these are our mothers, our fathers, our
17 brothers and sisters.

18 A lot of times when we talk about mental
19 illness we use the terms like "them," "they," but what
20 we really should be saying is "us," because if it's not
21 us it's somebody very close to us. And when they leave
22 our facility they're going to go back to their home in
23 the community.

24 And so to have that relationship with law
25 enforcement is very important. So I talked about us

1 having a relationship and doing that work with the
2 Seventh Precinct, because that's where we physically
3 are, but we want to be the unmet need for the entire
4 city.

5 So we welcome all of our citizens, law
6 enforcement, our precincts, if you ever need us call
7 us. I came in and started chatting with people I know
8 so I do apologize. I forgot to put the brochures out,
9 but I do have brochures. I will make sure they're on
10 the table. Please take our brochure. We're open 24
11 hours a day. So, if you need us, call us. We're
12 always here to help.

13 (Applause.)

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At this time
15 we're going to open up to about six or seven questions
16 due to the time frame, and we don't -- we're not
17 seeking a statement, a comment. If you have a specific
18 question in terms of the panel, then the mike is open.
19 But keep in mind -- you can come to the mike now. If
20 you have a question in reference to the panel, they can
21 address it. But we don't need a drawn out statement
22 from you. That's why the panel is here.

23 You can line up, please. We're going to take
24 about six or seven.

25 Yes, ma'am.

1 MS. FAITH: Okay. For the record, my name is
2 Ms. Faith. I actually was speaking -- and the young
3 man speaking also. I started to thinking about
4 self-sufficiency. What do you teach on those things
5 and encourage people with mental illness in that way?
6 Because they're a lot of homeless people that have lost
7 hope and so their self-sufficiency has gone to the
8 ground. They can't help themselves out at all.

9 MR. AKINS: So we provide services through --
10 as a part of the Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority
11 network, so the entire network. And one of the things
12 that the network is looking at is again those social
13 determinants of health, making sure there's holistic
14 care there. So it's not just -- you hear us use a term
15 called "case management." And case management is not
16 just about managing the mental illness or the mental
17 health. It looks at all those things.

18 So, yes, what we do is we look at housing and
19 employment, because it's one thing to give a person a
20 place to stay, but they need to be able to maintain it.
21 And they need to be able to establish a quality of life
22 and maintain that quality of life for themselves. So
23 that's why we take employment very seriously, but we
24 also -- we have ongoing groups so that people are
25 constantly doing things for self-development.

1 We work with different agencies throughout
2 the city of Detroit like Friend of the Court. So just
3 as an example if it's a man or a woman who may have
4 some custody issues Friend of the Court is on-site once
5 a month. We have WIC on-site at our location. We have
6 a number of different organizations, legal aid. I
7 mean, we look at all those things to make sure that the
8 person is able to go on with their life, because, as it
9 was said earlier, it's not just about managing the
10 mental care. It is about managing your entire life.
11 So we look at all those aspects.

12 MS. FAITH: Okay. And I also have one more
13 question. I was thinking about --

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to have to
15 restrict you to one question, please, due to the time,
16 but you can speak to one of the panelists afterwards.
17 Would that be fair?

18 MS. FAITH: Yes.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm going to interrupt the
20 question format and allow Assistant Chief White --
21 because you need to know about DPD's role in all of
22 this, and he's going to elaborate a little bit more.

23 A.C. WHITE: Thank you, Chairman. I just
24 wanted to make sure that the audience was aware of some
25 of the training that the officers have. As I was

1 listening, I thought it was important that the audience
2 knew that the police officers attend a number of
3 different trainings to deal with the mentally ill. One
4 in particular is mental health first aid, and that's
5 the one that we're most proud of. Every member of the
6 Detroit Police Department attends this course. And
7 there's maintenance training associated with it as
8 well, but one of the key components is identifying
9 those people who are in trauma or needing assistance in
10 an attempt to at least advise the officer of what
11 they're potentially dealing with.

12 And we've had significant success with that.
13 Most recently a gentleman who was attempting suicide
14 and the officers were able to engage their training and
15 limit their danger as well as the citizen's danger and
16 get him the treatment that he needed.

17 The training also is given to the new
18 recruits while they're in the academy. And then as far
19 as the training for our own officers the Chief has
20 implemented peer support, which has been very valuable
21 to the officers. When you look at the volume of runs
22 that the officers deal with and some of the things that
23 they see on a day in and day out basis, it's important
24 that they take care of their mental fitness as well.

25 And at the very basic level, each one of our

1 police officers are receiving psychological
2 examinations prior to hire with the Detroit Police
3 Department to make sure that they have the appropriate
4 mental fitness upon hiring. I just wanted to make sure
5 that the audience knew that. Thank you.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. And we'll come
7 back for closing comments from each panel member.

8 Next question, please.

9 MS. NEWELL: Good evening. My name is Susan
10 Newell. I've lived in the Fifth Precinct for the last
11 35 years. And I would like to know a little bit more
12 detail about how officers are trained to subdue a
13 person who's obviously in a mental health crisis,
14 experiencing perhaps excited delirium, delusional,
15 frightened and very aggressive, how to -- what role
16 mental health professionals play in the actual training
17 of these officers and what role people with say
18 experience with karate or judo or, you know, other
19 techniques that are -- can disarm, or subdue I should
20 say, subdue a person who's clearly having a mental
21 health emergency? And are any of these training
22 sessions open to the citizens for observation?

23 A.C. WHITE: Through the Chair. Very good
24 questions. We have a number of different training
25 programs. One is actually verbal judo, and the other

1 is, as I indicated, mental health first aid. They are
2 not open to the community, but we do have a citizens
3 police academy where we have a scaled down version of
4 those courses available.

5 But with regards to what the officers do,
6 it's a very big challenge for the officers. I mean, we
7 can give them the training, but most times when you
8 have someone that's in a mental health crisis they're
9 exhibiting irrational behavior. The officers, you
10 know, oftentimes don't know the people. So they don't
11 know what level of disorder they're in at that point.

12 So, you know, with no familiarity you really
13 don't know how far away from baseline the person is.
14 You don't know, you know, if their phraseology off.
15 You don't know exactly what you're looking at. So you
16 really put the officers in a unique challenging
17 situation. You attempt to deploy your deescalation
18 techniques, to talk the citizen down and try to
19 stabilize them verbally.

20 But the challenge for an officer is we are
21 the police, and generally when we're called it's not,
22 you know, to say hello. We're called because something
23 has happened. And when we get there, you know, the
24 officer's got to deal with is this person armed, is
25 this person violent.

1 So there's a number of things that you have
2 to take into account. We are working with a lot of
3 agencies, Wayne County Mental Health, and we're talking
4 about mobile mental health programs where people in
5 crisis can get some assistance from the professionals
6 to stabilize. But none of that has materialized at a
7 level that we can say that we're moving to that right
8 now.

9 So generally speaking, as I open my comments,
10 the unfortunate thing is when we get there we are the
11 police and we don't get to just, you know, engage you
12 and release you. We have to make a decision. So
13 that's either if we can identify what we're looking at
14 is a mental health crisis take you in for treatment,
15 and that's generally a 48-hour hold.

16 But unfortunately, most times it's a violent
17 mental where the assault takes place or some assault to
18 someone has taken place, and our only option at that
19 point is to take you to our DDC or our jail and hope
20 that the courts engage you in mental health support,
21 but as a police officer we're limited.

22 MR. AKINS: If I may just add, because you
23 did ask about training for the community, Deputy Chief
24 White mentioned mental health first aid. Now, the
25 component that his officers take is more geared for law

1 enforcement, but there is a general civilian component.
2 So you can give us a call at Team Wellness Center or
3 you can call Detroit Mental Wayne Health Authority and
4 ask about mental health first aid. There's a number of
5 organizations that provide that training ongoing. It
6 is a free training. We do it. Team Wellness Center
7 does it about six times a year. We're looking at
8 increasing that to once a month, because we always get
9 such a good turnout for it.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

11 The next question, please.

12 MR. BREWER: Yes. I have more or less a
13 comment or --

14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Brief comment, sir. We
15 want questions for the panel, please.

16 MR. BREWER: Yes. In terms of the mental
17 health of community and training, what about high
18 schools? We are -- I pastor King David Missionary
19 Baptist Church. My name is Sterling Brewer. And I'm
20 in District 3 under the protection of the Eleventh
21 Precinct, which does an awesome job. And I know for a
22 fact that in our schools there's this thing called From
23 School to Prison Pipeline. Our ministry we're in
24 Pershing High School on a daily basis, and we know that
25 -- my experience I've seen mental health illness. I've

1 seen PSD, posttraumatic syndrome. I've seen all those
2 issues.

3 Is there some type of reach-out to maybe --
4 I'm particularly partial with Pershing, because this is
5 a community that I pastor and it's a number of people
6 here. Is there a outreach to maybe some of the social
7 workers?

8 I know that the police officers are doing a
9 fine job from Commander Slappy, the Sisterhood. And
10 Chief Craig also has the Brotherhood that meets in
11 there on a Thursday. But, of course, the mental health
12 community is there something -- because sometimes
13 that's where the problem begins. It begins in high
14 school when they're pushed out of the system into the
15 prison and then now they're in the streets. Is there
16 anything that you're doing to address that issue?

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brooks wants to
18 respond to your question.

19 MR. BROOKS: Yes. At the Authority we just
20 approved six million dollars last month to be used
21 directly in the school system to the reduced trauma and
22 to add education.

23 Yesterday when I was at the jail center
24 talking to some of the prisoners there with mental
25 illness, one of the things that they told me is that if

1 they had help at age ten and 11, that's when the trauma
2 started, that they believe that's the number one thing
3 that would have kept them from being at the point that
4 they are now.

5 So we're putting a massive effort for all
6 Wayne County to reach our schools. It's a mixture that
7 our children receive help.

8 MR. BREWER: Is there anything I can do to go
9 back to my principal and say this is on the table? He
10 may or may not be aware. I don't know.

11 MR. BROOKS: You can have him contact the
12 Authority directly, and we can make sure -- we're in
13 partnership. We're scheduled to enter into 72
14 different schools. So you can make sure that he's part
15 of one of those schools or he can be added by simply
16 calling the Authority.

17 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: Commissioner Bell --

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.

19 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: -- also I'd like to
20 address the pastor as well as -- you know, that's what
21 the mental health workshop is also, to put out
22 information. So if you will grab one of those fliers,
23 Pastor, I'd love to see you there on the 4th, because I
24 think you're going to get a wealth of information.
25 Because, as I stated, it's no age limit, there's no

1 culture, there's no color. It's a holistic approach.
2 So I would encourage you to please come out on May 4th.
3 Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

5 Yes, ma'am.

6 MS. GORDON: My name is Karen Gordon and I
7 have PTSD. I was arrested in 2017, and I informed the
8 police officer at that time and he called me a loose
9 screw, loose wire. He said it twice. He informed me I
10 was on video, that everything that was being recorded,
11 and said it again, that she has a loose wire.

12 I want -- I want people to know I am not
13 crazy. I never have been crazy, and I didn't
14 appreciate that he insinuate. All of this is on video,
15 and I can't get any of the people in the Seventh
16 Precinct to watch the video what was said to me.

17 And then I came down two, three weeks ago and
18 you was standing there. If you remember, I had her
19 with me. They called head of security on me. I
20 informed him she is a service animal and I was put out.
21 I asked him at that time. I'm saying to educate the
22 police everybody need to be educated. I was put out
23 that day. I asked him. I begged him just call ADA.
24 And they informed him of the law when it comes to a
25 service animal. And he told me, no, I needed papers.

1 I informed him it's no such thing as papers. It's a
2 paper if I choose to carry a paper, and I don't choose
3 to carry a paper because it takes me back to slavery.
4 Since the law say I don't have to have that paper, why
5 should I have to show you something I don't have to
6 have?

7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

8 Could you have one of the team members speak
9 to her?

10 Okay. Dr. Woods is going to speak to you
11 now. Thank you.

12 We have two more questions.

13 MS. SIMS: Good evening. My name is Kim Sims
14 (ph), and my question is for Mr. Brooks. I'm wondering
15 if there's anything being done, of which I've seen the
16 commercials regarding mental health and the services
17 that are available, but I don't see anything about
18 clubhouse services?

19 I'm from a clubhouse, and it's one of the
20 most underutilized programs within the mental health
21 system. And the community needs to know more about
22 that as a service and how we can benefit people within
23 the community.

24 MR. BROOKS: That's a very good question. I
25 believe that peer service and clubhouse services are

1 some of the most effective services out there. We
2 recently just approved Harvest Ministries on Woodward
3 right off Six Mile to be a clubhouse for 2019, and
4 we're looking at another location.

5 So one of the problems we have with
6 clubhouses when I came to Detroit Wayne was I noticed
7 that we did not have enough within the city itself.
8 Most of them were outside of the city. So now we're
9 making a concerted effort to actually have those
10 clubhouses moved directly in the city. And again, we
11 just passed our first contract. The board approved it
12 this week. And it will be effective this month in
13 which they will serve our community. And we're looking
14 at other locations.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: How y'all doin'? I
17 have a question for Mr. Brooks.

18 Just two years ago I was working with
19 Commissioner Grant Culliver in Alabama, and we had a
20 federal case against a Alabama correctional facility,
21 suicide, mental health.

22 And so what I wanted to know what is y'all
23 doing to effectively prevent a federal case for coming
24 to Detroit on a Wayne County prison and what are we
25 doing to prevent for that to happen?

1 MR. BROOKS: One of the things that we're
2 doing is that the deputies -- I don't know if you know
3 Chief Dunlap who's over the Wayne County Jails.
4 They're very interested in making changes to the
5 correction system. As I mentioned, we just went to
6 Miami a couple weeks ago to make changes. We met this
7 week as a follow-up.

8 And the two factors that are driving change
9 is -- one of the factors, the cost of incarcerating
10 someone, and then the second thing are the lawsuits.
11 That is what pushed Miami to change their system.

12 And what I would like to do is not to make
13 the change just because of the financial reasons, but
14 we should be making the changes because it's the right
15 thing to do for people. When you care about people,
16 that should be the motivating factor to trigger your
17 change. And, if you don't care about people,
18 regardless of what you do, it is not effective. You
19 have to treat people as though it's your relative in
20 jail, it's your neighbor, it is your friend so that you
21 can make sure that they receive the best service, not
22 just because of a lawsuit, but because it is the right
23 thing to do. And that's what we're trying to do now.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You didn't answer my
25 question. You gave me a synopsis, like it's the right

1 thing to do, but what programs are y'all putting in
2 place to prevent suicides inside of correctional
3 facilities?

4 MR. BROOKS: Here's the first thing that
5 we're doing. One, our goal is no one with mental
6 illness should be in the correction system, period.
7 Right now when people move out of institutions and put
8 in community mental health there was a gap there.

9 One of the problems that we have with mental
10 illness is there's not a one class that fits all.
11 There's some individuals who can work in the community,
12 hold jobs and just receive treatment. There's other
13 individuals who have to be in a residential setting.
14 And then there's yet some who need more of a higher
15 level of treatment and care to the point that they
16 can't actually be on their own.

17 Recognizing that there's different levels and
18 making sure that you can fill every gap is the key to
19 making sure that the correction system are not dealing
20 with individuals who they're not equipped to handle.

21 You have to remember that our correction
22 system was not designed to be a mental health center,
23 period. And now they're given this task in which they
24 have to deal with so many individuals with mental
25 illness, and they're not prepared to do that. Out of

1 the 1,800 individuals in our Wayne County prisons, 80
2 percent of them have been diagnosed with mental
3 illness. And so that tells us that the system itself
4 is not designed for that need.

5 So the number one way of making sure those
6 individuals who are suicidal, who have different types
7 of mental illness are taken care of is getting them out
8 of the correction system and getting them into
9 treatment, and that is the push that we're doing now.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Councilman is going to
11 respond to your question, please.

12 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: The other thing that
13 we're also doing is working towards mental health
14 courts, because a lot of times when the person comes to
15 the court the judge, the prosecutor as well as the
16 defense attorney, we need to have someone in there to
17 explain to them what's going on. So, therefore, as
18 opposed to a lesser severe and very serious, as opposed
19 to them being incarcerated let's refer them to some
20 type of help for them. So that's also what we're also
21 working towards as far as the mental health court.

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Well, the federal
23 government --

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Sir, sir, sir. Thank you.
25 Thank you.

1 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: We'll talk
2 afterwards.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: One final question.

4 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I've got two points.
5 One, I feel like that Green Light is unconstitutional.
6 And I know the ACLU has a case -- I hate to see the
7 city participate in the budget with 1.2 million dollars
8 for something that really may be a constitutional
9 violation.

10 And the second thing is the -- I've got a
11 friend who was in the Navy, and he told me that the
12 guns that the people in the military use they can't
13 have a loaded chamber. If they try to fire it with a
14 loaded chamber, it will jam. But the guns that we buy
15 for our police are such that we can leave the bullet in
16 the loaded chamber. And they don't have to cock it
17 like they do in the military before they shoot
18 somebody.

19 We had friends that were in the police
20 department back in the '70s. So we didn't even want
21 them to come to our parties because they wore a gun all
22 the time. But I think that you've got to look at the
23 system.

24 I have a psychology background, environment.
25 The environmental component of mental illness, how many

1 of those 80 percent that you tested were mentally ill
2 when they went into the prison system. Just being
3 incarcerated would be enough to drive most people
4 crazy.

5 And carrying a loaded gun is not good for --

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ma'am, ma'am. We --

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: That is a dangerous --

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- police when it's
10 mental health. They need to get a gun that would jam
11 if they tried to leave it in the chamber for it to go
12 off.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: You should replace
15 those guns and get rid of them where you can.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to -- any
17 board member who can entertain one or two questions,
18 but we want to wrap this up in order to give them a
19 closing opportunity.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Through the Chair.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: I do have a
23 question. Earlier I believe it was Ms. Holloway (ph)
24 -- I don't know if I pronounced that right. I'm sorry.
25 You indicated in your introduction that there were 30

1 percent of police encounters were with people that had
2 mental issues or were immensely ill. I've never heard
3 that. That to me is just so high. And I was wondering
4 is that national, is that state, or is that city data?

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: She's not here.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Oh. Dr. Woods stepped
7 out, the young lady.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: I didn't see
9 anybody.

10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry. Okay.

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Okay. I guess no
12 one can answer that.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Perhaps she might come
14 back and we can get it answered for you.

15 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: This is for anyone on
18 the panel. What do you think we can do? Because we
19 have some tragic incidents going on in the city of
20 Detroit with mental -- you know, people with mental
21 deficiencies or mental issues are being harmed. And,
22 you know, it looks tragic and we need to be doing more
23 to help make sure that this is a friendly, welcoming
24 city. Any recommendations or ideas?

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Assistant Chief White.

1 A.C. WHITE: Through the Chair. First and
2 foremost, you know, we have to destigmatize mental
3 illness. It's the one illness that we know a lot of
4 people in our own families are dealing with. And
5 generally speaking, there's not a lot of effort to help
6 until something bad happens.

7 You know, the other issue is, you know, if
8 you know that a person is dealing with a matter before
9 they get in a crisis, you know, check on the people
10 that we love. And then certainly self care is an
11 important aspect of this.

12 When you look at the real mental illness
13 numbers and because the term is so shocking when you
14 hear the term "mental illness," the numbers that I've
15 read and looked at myself are somewhere around 60
16 percent. That's a lot of people that's suffering with
17 something. But unfortunately when you talk about
18 mental illness, people want to associate it with being
19 crazy or something, you know, being wrong with you. So
20 no one really wants to talk about it. But when you
21 talk about depression, anxiety, when you look at adults
22 with ADHD, all they say things can compound issues.

23 So to your point what can we do is to do the
24 things necessary to keep them from that encounter first
25 and foremost, and I think that it starts with

1 understanding mental illness, educating yourself, self
2 care and also destigmatizing those loved ones that we
3 have that are suffering from the illness.

4 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Do you think it would
5 help to get some facilities? I know like the
6 (Inaudible) clinic a lot more health facilities that's
7 closed off in the '90s.

8 A.C. WHITE: I think that's a start, but I
9 don't know if that's the long-term answer. A number of
10 people that we engage with mental crisis are people who
11 started their medication protocols, but did not
12 complete them. They go off their medicine, they engage
13 the police, they have an incident. We get them into a
14 facility, they're stabilized again, two or three days
15 later, you know, they're back out or they're back on to
16 whatever caused the problem.

17 Another issue that you see is people
18 self-medicate. The medication itself causes
19 side-effects, tiredness, sometimes anxiety and other
20 problems. And so people try to self-medicate with
21 alcohol, gambling and other things to make them feel
22 better.

23 Those suffering from bipolar disorder have a
24 number of episodes that they deal with differently.
25 You may look at it and think a person is a life of a

1 party where, in fact, they're actually in crisis. You
2 just don't know it.

3 So they're a lot of things that we have to do
4 as a community. Number one, we have to accept it, that
5 it's a problem, it's here, it's not going to go away.
6 You can't put people in mental health facilities and
7 think that someone's going to magically fix them. They
8 may be able to stabilize them, but it's the medicine
9 protocols, it's exercise, it's diet, it's talking, it's
10 counseling, it's family love and support. There's a
11 number of issues.

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

13 MR. AKINS: One thing -- I'm sorry. Just
14 really briefly.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'll come back to you.
16 He's going to speak and then I'll come back to you.

17 MR. BROOKS: People don't understand the
18 significance of the stigma. Stigma is the bullying of
19 individuals who have any type of mental illness to a
20 point that they do not want to be associated with it.
21 They will not take their medicine. They will not take
22 their treatments, because they want to be disassociated
23 with the illness. If you have cancer, you want to get
24 help. You don't mind talking about it. But when you
25 have a mental illness, because society looks at that as

1 a lower classification of person, people refuse to take
2 their medicine which adds to the problem.

3 Also, people don't realize that people with
4 mental illness are four times as likely to be a victim
5 of a crime than to commit a crime. And one of the main
6 forces of any type of mental illness is the trauma.
7 When you look at the trauma that our children are
8 experiencing in schools. We have eight-year-old kids
9 who can tell you about their friends who were shot
10 down, who have been abused sexually. All of this
11 trauma leads to many of the mental illness that we're
12 dealing with.

13 If you were to visit some of our prisons with
14 some of the individuals with mental illness and just
15 look at their history, anyone who went through what
16 some of these individuals went through would also be
17 suffering with mental illness. And until we end the
18 bullying, the stigma that's associated with mental
19 illness, then we can begin to make a dent to the point
20 that people will better understand it and people will
21 begin to treat it properly.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: That was Mr. Brooks.

23 Mr. Akins.

24 MR. AKINS: Yeah. I just -- actually,
25 Mr. Brooks brought up my point. I just want to bring

1 up the point that a person with mental illness is more
2 likely to be the victim of a crime. And a lot of times
3 when we know that our neighbor has a mental illness we
4 look for them to have an issue where they are the
5 problem, but a lot of times they need that protection.

6 I still consider myself young. I'm not that
7 young, but I was born and raised here in Detroit. So,
8 you know, I remember a time where neighbors looked out
9 for each other. And still to this day in my
10 neighborhood if we know somebody is not eating we offer
11 them a ride to the grocery store, or we check on them.
12 And I think one of the things that we have to do is
13 create a practice of checking on our neighbor to make
14 sure -- just as we would check on them to make sure
15 that they're not going to become a danger to us, we
16 need to make sure that nobody else is becoming a danger
17 to them as well.

18 (Applause.)

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Dewaelsche.

20 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Yes. I just
21 wondered on the statistics that you gave, Ms.
22 Hollowell, Holloway --

23 DR. WOODS: Dr. Woods Hollier, yes.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAEELSCHÉ: Hollier, okay. The
25 statistics that you gave on the 30 percent and I think

1 you said 31 percent --

2 DR. WOODS: 38, yes.

3 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: 38 or whatever.

4 I'm sorry. Were those state, local or national
5 statistics that you provided?

6 DR. WOODS: Those are state statistics from
7 an article done by M Live. Let's see.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: I just found the
9 percentages really high and valuable information for us
10 to have. So I just wondered. Thank you.

11 DR. WOODS: Yeah. I have a copy of the
12 article here --

13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: That would be
14 great.

15 DR. WOODS: -- if you'd like to see it
16 afterwards.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. We're going to give
19 each panelist starting from the bottom of the list.

20 Atkins -- would you. Closing remarks is what
21 I meant. I'm sorry.

22 MR. AKINS: Okay. I just want to again thank
23 the Board of Police Commissioners for allowing us to be
24 here. And, you know, I want to challenge everyone
25 tonight to become familiar with the resources that are

1 available in the community. The biggest misconception
2 is -- and I say this as not only a provider, but also
3 as a citizen in the city of Detroit. The biggest
4 misconception is there are no resources in the city of
5 Detroit when it comes to mental health or addiction.
6 And there are a lot of resources, but a lot of times we
7 lack the funding to promote or advertise those
8 resources.

9 So, you know, I would like you to go to our
10 website. It's www.teamwellnesscenter.com.
11 www.teamwellnesscenter.com and look at our services.
12 You can also go to Detroit or DWMHA.org. That's the
13 Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority, or Google
14 Detroit Mental Health Authority and look at -- they
15 list all of their providers. So you can find the one
16 that's in your neighborhood. They list them by service
17 type. Know where the help is in your community so that
18 when you need it or your neighbor needs it you know
19 where to go.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

21 Dr. Woods.

22 (Applause.)

23 DR. WOODS: I, too, would like to thank the
24 Detroit Police Board of Commissioners for allowing us
25 to take time out of your valuable meeting to discuss an

1 issue that's near and dear to my heart, mental health
2 and mental health treatment.

3 I also want to thank everyone here in
4 attendance for taking time out of your evening to want
5 to learn more about issues confronting the safety of
6 Detroit and mental health in this community.

7 Again, my name is Dr. Krystle Woods. I'm
8 with the Wellness Plan Medical Center. You can Google
9 us and go to our website, and feel free to reach out to
10 us for services. Thank you.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Assistant Chief White.

14 A.C. WHITE: Again, like everyone else, I
15 want to echo thank you to the board for picking up this
16 very important topic. And I would just like to leave
17 everyone with self care is very important. If your
18 physical fitness is important, your mental fitness is
19 equally important. Listen to your bodies. If you know
20 people that are struggling, get them the help that they
21 need.

22 Unfortunately, the stigma of mental illness
23 still exists. It crosses all demographics. This is
24 everyone's problem. It's not just one segment of
25 society's problem. And unfortunately, it's the one

1 crisis that we get into where we have to be in crisis
2 before we seek treatment. If you've got a cold, you
3 get a sniffle, you start to take medication. If you
4 cough, you take cough syrup before you get a cold. But
5 when you have a mental breakdown it's the breakdown
6 that happens before you get the treatment.

7 Listen to yourselves. You've got loved ones
8 that you know they can't sleep, they're struggling,
9 they're oftentimes crying or they're too excited when
10 the moment doesn't call for it. Those are people that
11 are struggling. Talk to them. Get them the help that
12 they need. And thank you again, board.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

14 Dr. Roy McCalister.

15 COUNCILMAN McCALISTER: Thank you so much.

16 Again, I'd like to echo as well. Thank the Board of
17 Police Commissioners for having this. It made me thank
18 each and every one of you, because there's an interest
19 that you had to be out here.

20 The main thing that I want to say is, ladies
21 and gentlemen, mental health is a holistic approach
22 and, therefore, it is a holistic issue so, therefore,
23 we have to approach it on a holistic basis.

24 I ask each and every one of you please
25 consider coming out on May 4th, because there's a lot

1 of information out there. Thank you so very much, and
2 God bless you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And Mr. Brooks.

5 MR. BROOKS: Thank you again for inviting us.
6 I want to applaud our police force. It does a
7 tremendous job in securing our lives and those with
8 mental illness.

9 (Applause.)

10 MR. BROOKS: I've been involved with
11 assisting some of those vulnerable people in our
12 country for the last 39 years. My entire career has
13 been dealing with individuals with mental illness who
14 need assistance.

15 And, if you ask me what is the number one
16 thing that you can do to effect change, that is simply
17 to care. When people know that they are cared for,
18 when they know that they're not stigmatized, when they
19 know they're not isolated, people will open up and
20 actually allow you to help them.

21 Every time you see someone with mental
22 illness who might be acting out or doing something that
23 is abnormal, it is a cry for help. And we have to have
24 the ability to look beyond some of the things that we
25 see them doing and actually see that the needs that

1 they have in their lives. Thank you so much.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

3 (Applause.)

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At this time, I just want
5 thank this panel for a very critical ongoing issue just
6 to enlighten you. I would hope that you take advantage
7 of the different programs that's going to be
8 forthcoming on this issue, because this issue is not
9 going to go away, as we well know. And we all are
10 impacted by that.

11 So let's give this panel a round of applause.

12 (Applause.)

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It was outstanding. And
14 hopefully we can do something like this. And you've
15 been very attentive to coming out on this evening. And
16 thank you, the audience.

17 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: Thank you.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ladies and gents, the
19 panel is just over with. We're going to continue our
20 meeting at this particular time. So if you could move
21 quietly. If not, take your seat. We're going to move
22 on with the agenda for this evening.

23 And I want to acknowledge Commissioner Lisa
24 Carter has joined us from District 6. And I also see
25 in the audience State Rep Tyrone Carter joining us.

1 Thank you for coming out.

2 (Applause.)

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The next item will be
4 standing ad hoc committee. And I'm going to ask
5 Commissioner Brooks to speak.

6 Could you please hold it down, please. Could
7 you please hold it down.

8 Excuse me. Would you -- if you're engaging
9 in food, this is not the time for that. This is not
10 the time for that, please.

11 Caterers, thank you.

12 Please give your attention to Commissioner
13 Brooks is going to speak to recruiting efforts in terms
14 of the Board of Police Commissioners DPD. Thank you.

15 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Chairman, I don't have
16 to speak.

17 I just want to -- good evening, everyone. I
18 know every time you look at me I'm talking about
19 recruiting. And now is the time I need to talk about
20 it more than any other time, and I'm going to leave out
21 some of the things.

22 I had the opportunity to speak before the
23 Department of Neighborhood Services. And to me with
24 all the response I got back it was very successful.
25 And I'm going to leave out some of the things that I

1 talked to them about. I just thank them for giving me
2 the opportunity to speak during their meeting.

3 I want to talk about the importance of
4 recruiting police officers in the neighborhood. And I
5 think we all know the neighborhood districts, they're
6 seven, and all representatives were there. So I wanted
7 to talk to them about their neighborhood.

8 There's so many things going on in Detroit,
9 people moving into the great city, which helps our tax
10 base, capital park, district shops, a lot of things
11 from starting. And I wanted to talk to them about the
12 fact that being a police officer is not just staying on
13 the corner, and you probably heard me saying this
14 before, giving out tickets. It has different avenues.
15 Law enforcement is a profession that includes
16 opportunities and aviation, drive team, harbormaster,
17 labor relations, communications, graphic art, homicide
18 and bomb squad to name a few. The opportunity to move
19 to different departments and get promoted along the way
20 are many. Secondary employment programs gives officers
21 work in law enforcement capacity for quality private
22 employers.

23 We have some great police officers. We
24 currently have one of our former police officers, a
25 female who is Chief of Police in Dallas. Now, I don't

1 know of any other city could say they have one of their
2 police officers is Police Chief in Dallas, an
3 African-American woman.

4 So they're a lot of things about being a
5 police officer. And at our community meetings citizens
6 ask why we don't recruit in neighborhoods. Well, I'm
7 reaching out to you to help us in field recruiting.
8 Sergeant Gonzalez, our lead recruiter, would love to
9 partner with all of you. Let us know about your events
10 that are happening so that we can set up recruiting
11 tables, let the community know about the career of an
12 officer. We need more police officers in our
13 communities to help eradicate guns, drugs and
14 unnecessary violence.

15 We went to Wayne County Community College --
16 I'm skipping a lot of this so that's why I'm -- you
17 know, because time is getting a little short. But we
18 went to Wayne County Community College and other places
19 where potential field recruiters went. We want to do
20 more per month than we were asked so we're doing our
21 best. With the city growing by leaps and bounds, we
22 need your help, and so I asked them for their help.
23 And I'm just going to touch base --

24 Oh. And before I touch base on that, they
25 were very excited. I gave out all the fliers that I

1 had, I gave out all the cards that I had, and I'm now
2 working with a couple communities because of this. We
3 have set up recruiting tables in the past in Wayne
4 County Community College and campus. We have the BYI,
5 the Bing group of young men who come in and toured.
6 And that group pays for their own bus and their own
7 lunch. And they toured the police headquarters. And
8 Bob Warfield, who is the director, would like to do
9 this at least once a year.

10 I have just received an E-mail for May 2nd.
11 NAACP is hosting a career expo at Fellowship Chapel.
12 Thank you, our attorney, for giving me all this
13 information. The NAACP dinner is May the 5th. We're
14 hoping to have a recruiting table there. I'm speaking
15 at Detroit Leadership Academy on May the 3rd.

16 And I'd just like to talk a little bit about
17 Cody High. We started the Cody High Assembly Drive to
18 Thrive. We raise money to pay for young people's
19 driver's license, and that was a good thing. And the
20 chaplains help a lot. In fact, the chaplains are
21 always calling on me and giving me a place where we can
22 set a recruiting table in their neighborhood, where the
23 churches are or where their schools are. And I spoke
24 at the Department of Neighborhood Services and that's
25 going well.

1 The thing of it is, we have a lot going on.
2 Some people think that we're not out here working to
3 recruit. We have a lot going on between churches,
4 schools, colleges. We're doing a lot of things.

5 And let me see what is the last thing on
6 here. University Prep has a curriculum geared to law
7 enforcement, and hopefully Cody and Western will have
8 the same thing. This was just given to me this evening
9 by Lieutenant Cole who is a recruiting person.

10 I don't want to take up too much of you all's
11 time, but I just want you to know that every time
12 someone gives me a card or an E-mail I try my best to
13 get the recruiting team to have a table there. And I'm
14 going to suggest to the recruiting team that if they
15 can't -- they have working hours. So if we have a
16 recruit going on someplace and it's at six o'clock a
17 lot of those people are going home for the day. So I'm
18 hoping that they will let us work together and I can
19 get some volunteers to help man those tables.

20 So again, I left out a lot of things, but I
21 do want you to know and I want the public to know we've
22 been out here recruiting. And I'm thankful for our
23 human resource person that's brought you up to date on
24 all the latest that's going to go on in recruiting. So
25 thank you.

1 (Applause.)

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
3 Brooks.

4 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Through the Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: We had a the
7 citizen's complaint committee met also. And on behalf
8 of Commissioner Brooks I just wanted to report out we
9 have two ongoing situations of complaints by two
10 individuals that we need to meet in closed session to
11 take up at a later date. And also Dr. McCalister and
12 Office of the Chief Investigator did a wonderful job of
13 training and informing herself and Commissioner Burch
14 on how the breakdown is on citizens' complaints, what
15 each portion of those complaints mean and the consent
16 agreement that you had.

17 I also would recommend that they make that a
18 presentation at the next monthly OCI presentation that
19 we go so all the commissioners have an understanding of
20 what goes into those citizen complaints and those
21 investigations.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

23 Yes, ma'am.

24 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Chairman, I would like
25 to ask Eva to just say a couple words about SER, about

1 the recruiting there.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

3 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Commissioner.

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Oh. I'm sorry.

5 Yes. You wanted me to talk about --

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Just say a few words.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Just very quickly,
8 we have been assisting the police department at SER
9 Metro. We operate the one-stop for the city of
10 Detroit, and we've had -- actually, they were about
11 quarterly we were doing job fairs just for police. And
12 we held them at Samaritan Center on the east side,
13 Northwest Activity Center and then SER Metro on
14 Michigan and Wyoming. And we have advised the
15 department that -- or Sergeant Gonzalez that we are --
16 want to do this monthly so that we can increase the
17 number. They're getting a lot of applications, but it
18 takes a lot of applicants to make the numbers of the
19 class. You know, we're talking about 30 a month that
20 we're trying to get. But we have to interview or
21 recruit hundreds for that 30. So anyways, that's just
22 adding to that.

23 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Forty a month.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Yes, 40 a month.

25 I'm sorry. Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: That's what the Mayor
2 wants.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

4 Mr. Hicks, board secretary.

5 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair. I simply
6 want to draw your attention to the ten items listed
7 under the secretary's report. These are incoming items
8 into the organization. They're not on the agenda
9 necessarily for action today, but just to quickly
10 summarize them in the interest of time four of the
11 items that are listed here relates to a challenge that
12 has been made to the board in connection with the Open
13 Meetings Act. Two of the items that are listed here
14 are responses in which the board has made to budgetary
15 questions from the Detroit City Council. And then
16 another item that I want to highlight is the request
17 for the use of the of our subpoena in connection with
18 an internal investigation conducted by the police
19 department. I would encourage each one of the
20 commissioners to review the list. These items have
21 been transmitted to them in advance. They should have
22 all of them.

23 And unless there's any particular question
24 that the board would have from me, that will represent
25 my report for this evening.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

2 Any old business?

3 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Yes, Mr. Chair.

4 Through the Chair, two weeks ago I asked for some
5 information on when this board met to adopt the
6 resolution for the new fiscal budget for '19 and '20.
7 You said you would get that information to me. I have
8 not received it. And I would like to put a deadline on
9 it. I would like to receive it by the close of
10 business day on Monday evening if that's possible.

11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think we can probably
12 obtain that, yes.

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON BROWN: Thank you.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.

15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Under old business, you
17 know, I brought before the board before, you know, a
18 motion on Brady transparency, you know. I've been shut
19 down here at the table numerous times by Chairman Bell.
20 And I just want you to know, Mr. Chairman, it must stop
21 here today, because we have to take on a fiduciary
22 responsibility that we were elected to serve in and to
23 be -- and to push for greater transparency.

24 The motion that I put out there was to allow
25 -- and I'm going to put the motion back on the table

1 today, on the floor, is to allow all community meetings
2 to be open to the public under -- in the city of
3 Detroit's charter, Section 7-802 it says that -- it
4 says that "all meetings shall be in accordance to the
5 Open Meetings Act. So today I put the motion back out
6 there to allow all committee meetings to be open to the
7 public.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: My response to that is
9 that the corporation counsel is reviewing the legal
10 issue of the Open Meetings Act concerning the Board of
11 Police Commissioners. At this particular time there is
12 no other discussion that we can engage in reference to
13 that particular matter at this time.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I'm
15 going to say this again. According to the Detroit City
16 Charter it reads in Section 7-802, "The Detroit Board
17 of Police Commissioners all meetings shall be held
18 according with the Michigan Open Meetings Act." And so
19 the motion that I put out here to allow all committee
20 meetings to be open to the public do I have a second
21 from any of my colleagues?

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any new business? Any new
23 business at this time?

24 Announcements. The next meeting will be on
25 Thursday, April the 18th, 2019 at 3 p.m. at the Public

1 Safety Headquarters, 1301 Third Street. The next
2 community meeting will be on Thursday, May the 9th,
3 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Eighth Precinct, Macedonia Baptist
4 Church, 14221 Southfield.

5 At this time we're going to entertain oral
6 communication from the audience.

7 And, Mr. Brown, do we have any cards?

8 MR. BROWN: Yeah, Mr. Chair. I have --
9 currently I have 11 cards. Your first speaker will be
10 Ms. Ruby Riley, followed by Ms. Faith, followed by Ms.
11 Cindy Darrah.

12 MS. RILEY: Good evening.

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good evening.

14 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good evening.

15 MS. RILEY: I live on Fenelon in-between
16 Davison and Six Mile. And I have had a shooting in a
17 house next door from me, which I've called the police.
18 They came out. I also called the Land Bank Authority,
19 because I told them I shouldn't have to duck in my
20 house when there's a vacant house that's supposed to be
21 due to be tore down. And they did come out to board
22 the house, but the wood is off again. So the shooting
23 is continuing.

24 I talked to my neighbor. I was on the phone
25 with her last night. And she live like three blocks

1 over. And she said, "Do you hear that shooting?" I
2 said, "Yes."

3 So the shooting over there needs to stop.
4 The house needs to come down, because there's no one
5 that's there and it's due for demolition. I would like
6 to have it demoed. Address 13527 Fenelon is the house.

7 Now, I also had a suggestion. I had brought
8 it up to City Council a few weeks ago. But you know
9 how y'all have the list of the pedophiles on the
10 website. It should be one for people that are habitual
11 thieves that break in people's houses where the police
12 can go and see if anybody's property is there. Because
13 that let's you know that it's someone in that area
14 that's constantly stealing, because the police have
15 taken and towed this person's truck and took it from
16 them and they done been caught several times stealing.
17 And they should have a live website for anybody that's
18 a habitual thief, because my house was broke into.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am. Someone
20 from the Eleventh Precinct --

21 You live in Eleventh Precinct?

22 MS. RILEY: Yes.

23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: They will speak to you.
24 Commander will speak to you now.

25 COMMANDER SLAPPY: Give us the information

1 and we'll take it and I'll have someone take of that.

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown, could you call
3 a couple names so we can get moving.

4 MR. BROWN: Ms. Cindy Darrah followed by Ms.
5 Karen Gordon.

6 MS. DARRAH: Yesterday there was a case in
7 Circuit Court with Daniel Hathaway. The people are
8 suing the Police Commission for having these private
9 meetings, that it is a violation of the Open Meetings
10 Act. I always said that I thought that the police
11 department should have to study the police -- the
12 personnel should study the Constitution of the United
13 States, the Michigan constitution and the City Charter
14 maybe once a week so they have some kind of respect and
15 knowledge of what our constitutional rights are. It
16 seems like even the people on the commission don't know
17 what our constitutional rights are, because obviously
18 the Open Meetings Act that's what it means, open to the
19 public, and it's not very difficult to understand,
20 so ...

21 And I think that we've got a problem when
22 we've got -- really, how much does a police say it cost
23 or how much would it cost or how much does it cost.
24 And it just seems like more and more -- now, I was a
25 city worker back in '74 and we had a big layoff because

1 we had a recession, and everybody got cut but the
2 police.

3 Now, we're increasing the police. I don't
4 think that's the answer to make us thrive. And
5 certainly I don't like the idea of you're going to
6 create a community when you're just fining them all of
7 the time and making them pay 1.2 million dollars to
8 have somebody spy on them. It's already caused
9 problems in my own neighborhood today where people
10 thought I was letting the police put cameras in my
11 house. And they broke a big bottle right in front to
12 let me know that they're not pleased with that. I
13 said, no, I don't want cameras, I don't like them, and
14 I don't -- I think that our liberties and our
15 constitutional rights are more important than
16 constantly --

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am. Thank
18 you.

19 MS. DARRAH: -- worrying about safety,
20 safety, safety.

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

22 MS. DARRAH: We've got a -- we want a system
23 that will increase mental illness, just keep doing
24 things like shut off the water, kick people out of
25 their houses, make them homeless.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am. Your
2 time is up.

3 MS. DARRAH: The longer people are
4 homeless --

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

6 MS. DARRAH: -- the more likely you can't get
7 them out of homelessness. It's been proven in Boston.

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Next speaker,
9 please.

10 MS. DARRAH: The way we treat people here is
11 take their license, give them \$45 tickets, turn off the
12 water, increase their --

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Would you call the next
14 speaker, please.

15 MS. DARRAH: -- taxes, keep the people brakes
16 of people coming in and make the people pay for it that
17 are already here.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

19 MS. DARRAH: That's what's happening. So of
20 course it's --

21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

22 MS. DARRAH: And I think you ought to think
23 about trying in one area where you have the police take
24 their guns off and leave them off and leave them in the
25 trunk of their car and buy some new guns that have a

1 safety on them, a safety on the gun, and don't let them
2 load the final chamber. They've got to cock it.
3 That's why that guy got shot in the head. I want to --
4 I will come back with a name.

5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

6 MS. DARRAH: A guy who got shot in the back
7 of the head. When they went to court, the guy
8 admitted, well, I hate to tell you this, but that guy
9 was unarmed and he was shot in the back of the head by
10 the police. And that -- who's crazy, or who's crazy
11 when they start beating up a naked woman in the
12 hospital.

13 MR. BROWN: Ms. Gordon followed by Mr. Russ
14 Allen followed by Mr. Willie Faison.

15 MS. GORDON: I was out of over ten -- a
16 little over \$10,000, because a cop lied on me. I had
17 to hire a lawyer to prove he lied. I went to court.
18 It came out that the little boy lied. He lied. And I
19 wanted to press charges because I was assaulted. I
20 went down to the Seventh Precinct on Martin Luther King
21 birthday. I talked to a Sergeant Craig. Before then I
22 talked to a lot of people before then, but I don't have
23 enough time to go through everything. Sergeant Craig
24 told me to drop my -- that I need to let this go, that
25 they feel that I'm doing tit for tat, which I don't

1 know what that meant that I'm doing tit for tat. I was
2 assaulted. The boy told you he assaulted me in court.
3 He -- I told him on the tape, it shows that the cop
4 lied and said I said I hit the boy. It was a lie and
5 it's on video that he lied. He lied and said a woman
6 down the street said she seen me hit him. It happened
7 another lie, and that's on his body cam.

8 Yet, I'm out of money. I can't get justice
9 because the police will not do a report the right way.
10 And I talked to the prosecutor. She said, well, on
11 your police report it states that you touched him. I
12 said, no, I didn't. I said they had a tape and the
13 police have a tape. So they forged a police report
14 once again to make me look bad, and I was the one
15 that's assaulted.

16 And I don't understand. I've been assaulted
17 -- I'll be 59 years old. I have never put my hands on
18 anybody. That boy came down to my house and attacked
19 me. What he did to me a cop would have shot him.

20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, ma'am. Thank
21 you, ma'am. Thank you.

22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Ballard followed by
23 Mr. Willie Faison.

24 Mr. Faison?

25 MR. FAISON: Good evening, honorable

1 commissioners.

2 COMMISSIONERS: Good evening.

3 MR. FAISON: My name is Willie Faison. I am
4 the appointed director of Department of Public Works,
5 and I'm here to thank you on behalf of Mayor Hubert
6 Yott and Police Chief Chester Logan. And I'm thanking
7 you because of the work that you're doing to help us
8 with the restore -- what's that, the restoration of the
9 reserver transformation.

10 So there's a water reserve that belongs to
11 Highland Park on Dequindre. And through Commissioner
12 Shirley Burch, who is basically a Eveready bunny, she
13 can't be stopped. She's working really hard. We're
14 putting together a program to help assist find
15 information, history, to make that reserve look
16 beautiful so it won't be a bad site with vegetation
17 overgrown when you drive down Dequindre between Davison
18 and Modern Street.

19 Thank you, Commissioner Burch, for all that
20 you're doing, all that the commissioners are doing to
21 help the city trying to beautify itself.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. BROWN: Ms. D. Etta Wilcoxon followed by
25 Ms. Crystal Beverly, followed by Mr. Andre Sanford.

1 MS. WILCOXON: To this honorable board and to
2 the residents of the city of Detroit, I came here
3 specifically to ask one question, and that has to do
4 with the Open Meetings lawsuit.

5 According to news reports, this board is
6 being sued currently for alleged violations of the Open
7 Meetings Act. And I'm not here to ask you for
8 specificity, and I'm not here to ask you anything that
9 would in any way impinge upon an attorney/client
10 privilege, but I would like to know and the residents
11 that I represent would like to know procedurally where
12 are we in this lawsuit?

13 One of the things that we try to avoid at all
14 costs is being sued, period. So we try to follow the
15 rules, abide by the law so that we don't find ourselves
16 here. But in light of the fact that we are here, we'd
17 like to know where you are in that case? Thank you so
18 much.

19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The only thing I can say
20 as Chairman of the board is involved that based on the
21 corporation counsel and our attorney we cannot speak to
22 that particular subject matter. It's still under
23 litigation. Thank you.

24 MR. BROWN: Ms. Beverly --

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

1 MS. WILCOXON: Have I got time on the clock?

2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I responded to your
3 question, ma'am.

4 MS. WILCOXON: And I would like to respond to
5 you, sir.

6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't need a response.

7 MS. WILCOXON: Have I got time on the clock?

8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't need to respond,
9 ma'am. You asked a question and I responded. Your
10 time is up. Thank you.

11 MS. WILCOXON: I'd like to address the other
12 members of the board since you don't want to respond --

13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I am the Chairman of the
14 board --

15 MS. WILCOXON: And that's fine, Mr. Bell. I
16 can appreciate that.

17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.

18 MS. WILCOXON: I asked a specific question.
19 Have I got time on the clock? I didn't hear a
20 response. I'm allowed two minutes. Have I got time on
21 the clock? I'm waiting.

22 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair?

23 AUDIENCE MEMBER: She got time. Yes, she
24 has.

25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The time is up. I

1 responded to your question. We've got to move on to
2 the next speaker. Thank you.

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We're going to respond to
5 the next speaker. Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you know,
7 we don't see anyone else in line, but we do have her at
8 the podium.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Mr. Brown, is there
10 another speaker?

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: The lady --

12 MR. BROWN: We have Ms. Crystal Beverly
13 followed by Mr. Andre Sandford.

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- to get her questions
15 out there. She still has another question or two. I
16 think --

17 MS. WILCOXON: Chairman Bell, I would just
18 like to say for the record that we expect more from
19 you. We expect you to respect us. We voted for you to
20 do a job professionally, and I'm not seeing that. So
21 I'm bothered by it, and I want the record to reflect
22 that I'm bothered by it. You can have your own
23 idiosyncratic tendencies as they relate to you
24 personally, but I addressed you as a member of the
25 board, not as your personal self.

1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Next speaker.

2 MR. BROWN: Ms. Beverly followed by
3 Mr. Sandford.

4 Ms. Newell. Yes.

5 MR. SANDFORD: Thank you, board. My name is
6 Andre Sandford. I've been living in District 3 my
7 entire life. And so I just want to address the
8 citizens, too, that I believe that we need some real
9 change. The CompStat and the data that Assistant Chief
10 you had provided we still are a top ten murder capital
11 of the world, and we have been consistently on that
12 track for a long time.

13 And I do data analysis as well and I've been
14 seeing how Detroit have been screwing with the data
15 analysis to project positive impact on the data, but I
16 believe by doing my research that in order for that
17 change to happen and for the community police that
18 y'all so-called say is working which is broken, but
19 downtown you see community police and you see officers
20 walking the beat. You see officers walking around, on
21 horses, but not inside the city. Y'all need to have
22 that same energy here in Detroit. Y'all need to have
23 the same energy on the east side of Detroit.

24 In order for us to do that, we need officers
25 that live inside the city, and I need this board to

1 make sure that they live inside the city.

2 (Applause.)

3 MR. SANDFORD: I know that the Mayor had -- I
4 know that the Mayor had once. I believe Dennis Archer
5 had stopped it, but we need that to come back. In
6 order for us to do that we need to raise the salary for
7 these officers. These officers are laying their lives
8 down every day. Other cities that's competing with
9 gaining officers have a salary of \$55,000 and up, and
10 they have officers with masters. Detroit have the
11 lowest masters rate of officers in the country. That
12 is pathetic. That is pathetic.

13 What else do I want to say? In order for us
14 to do that we need to ask these companies that is
15 giving these officers money to be in the downtown area
16 to tax them. Y'all accepting this money from Dan
17 Gilbert for y'all to be downtown. Y'all need to tax
18 these big companies so they can be able to go into the
19 city and have more officers. And y'all can stop my
20 time, but we all know that the board need to advocate
21 for the people.

22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

23 (Applause.)

24 MR. BROWN: Ms. Newell followed by Mr. Scotty
25 Boman.

1 Ms. Newell? Scotty Boman?

2 A.C. WHITE: Through the Chair, as they
3 approach, I would ask Commander Slappy make contact
4 with the gentleman. I'd like to expose him to our data
5 analytics and take a look at his. Also, I'd like to
6 give him an opportunity to tour realtime crime and talk
7 to him about some of the issues he just brought to the
8 board.

9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Assistant Chief
10 White.

11 Yes, sir.

12 MR. BOMAN: I stand for transparency. I'm
13 here to say that we again -- now, back on the 24th
14 Commissioner Burton made a motion to make the meetings
15 open to the public, as it is sensible for a public body
16 as is the case with the City Council. I remember it
17 was seconded by Derrick Brown (sic). And it was -- and
18 when it was voted on I believe Bill Davis voted along
19 with Willie Burton and Mr. Brown on that.

20 However -- and it failed because the majority
21 here is for violating the Open Meetings Act and having
22 secret meetings. Well, this time apparently Willie
23 Burton is the only commissioner on this board who
24 believes in transparency. This is pathetic. Everyone
25 except him should resign, because you have no business

1 having secret meetings in violation of the Open
2 Meetings Act.

3 And the claim, Mr. Bell, that somehow because
4 there's this lawsuit that you can't have a motion and
5 vote on whether or not to have a open meeting is
6 appalling. That is not an excuse. It is not giving
7 away anything on the case. It is simply a motion on
8 what you should do moving forward and obeying the
9 charter that you swore to -- okay, well, actually they
10 should put it in. The charter that makes your office
11 exist. That is shameful.

12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.

13 (Applause.)

14 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, that was your last
15 speaker.

16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Last speaker?

17 MR. BROWN: Yes, sir.

18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there's -- thank you
19 for coming out this evening. And, if there's no other
20 business, the Chair would entertain a motion for
21 adjournment.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Support.

24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
25 and seconded.

1 Those in favor, aye?

2 COMMISSIONERS: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed?

4 Motion carries. We stand adjourned. Thank
5 you.

6 (The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.)

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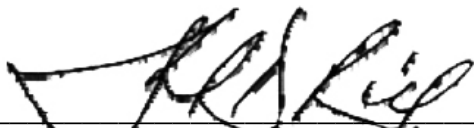
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