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DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS

REGULAR MEETING

Thursday, May 2, 2019

3:00 p.m.

DETROIT PUBLIC SAFETY HEADQUARTERS

1301 Third Street

DETROIT, MICHIGAN 48226

1 COMMISSIONERS:

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3 WILLIE BELL, Commissioner (Dist. 4), Chairperson

4 SHIRLEY A. BURCH, Commissioner (Dist. 3)

5 ANNIE HOLT, Commissioner At-Large

6 DARRYL D. BROWN, Commissioner (Dist. 1)

7 JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner At-Large

8 WILLIAM M. DAVIS, Commissioner (Dist. 7)

9 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner At-Large

10 WILLIE BURTON, Commissioner (Dist. 5)

11 EVA GARZA DEWAELSCHE, Commissioner At-Large

12 LISA CARTER, Commissioner (Dist. 6)

13 GREGORY HICKS, Secretary to the Board

14 ROBERT BROWN, Executive Manager

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16 REPRESENTING OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

17 ASSISTANT CHIEF JAMES WHITE

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1 Detroit, Michigan

2 May 2, 2019

3 3:00 p.m.

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5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Good afternoon. I am
6 Commissioner Willie Bell. I represent District 4. I
7 serve as chair of the board and will be conducting our
8 meeting today. On behalf of the board and for those
9 in attendance, thank you for joining us. For people
10 viewing this meeting on your government cable channel,
11 thank you for viewing our meeting.

12 It is with great pride, balanced with great
13 sadness, that I acknowledge the recent passing of one
14 of the most important jurists of our time, United
15 States Federal District Judge Damon J. Keith. Judge
16 Keith stands in the same light as United States
17 Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall. Nationally
18 and locally, both men helped shape the nation as we
19 moved through some of the most challenging events of
20 our lives. The ramifications of their work touched
21 every walk of life, notwithstanding each person's
22 economic plight, heritage, or choice of lifestyle.

23 Justice Keith placed his stamp on some of
24 the most important legal opinions of our time,
25 including issues related to affirmative action, school

1 desegregation, and employment discrimination. In one
2 case, Baker versus City of Detroit, the opposition
3 claimed that Judge Keith was unfit to hear an
4 affirmative action case because of the friendship with
5 Mayor Coleman A. Young. Opposition used a long-term
6 friendship and a common struggle against racial
7 discrimination shared by Judge Keith and Mayor Young
8 as a method to remove the judge from the case. Their
9 effort failed. We know the rest is history.

10 Additionally, in Bratton versus City of
11 Detroit, another charge to affirmative action in
12 Detroit, the opposition failed to stop affirmative
13 action (inaudible) initiated by the Mayor Young. Both
14 cases are known for the judgment that the Detroit
15 Police Department employed and assisted in an overt
16 policy of intentional discrimination against blacks
17 and all faces of this operation. For Detroiters
18 acquainted with these times, Mayor Young was the most
19 popular mayor to sit in city hall.

20 Judge Crockett was the most popular local
21 judge, and Judge Damon Keith was the most popular
22 federal district judge. It is very likely that each
23 of these men knew of the other's work and (inaudible)
24 friendship. Judge Keith and Mayor Young -- also known
25 to have had the ability to interact with people of

1 common standing and walk among workers, poor people,
2 students, and neighbors.

3 The public visitation for Judge Damon Keith
4 will be on Saturday, May 11, at Charles H. Wright
5 Museum of African American History from 8:00 a.m. to
6 8:00 p.m. A funeral service will be followed on
7 Monday, May 13th, at Hartford Memorial Baptist Church,
8 18700 James Couzens Freeway, at 10:00 a.m. Our next
9 community meeting, May the 9th, at the 8th Police
10 Precinct, will have a resolution, detailing the life
11 of Judge Damon Keith. But, for the moment, I ask that
12 we still our hearts and our minds to honor the life
13 and contribution of Judge Damon J. Keith of the United
14 States District Court of the Eastern District of
15 Michigan. Could we just stand for a moment of
16 silence?

17 (Moment of silence observed at 3:04 p.m.)

18 Thank you. As you know, in 2014, some of
19 the commission had the opportunity to be sworn in by
20 Judge Keith, and also in 2018 we had the same honor
21 with Mayor Duggan, the council, the city clerk, and
22 commissioners. And I want to thank Commissioner
23 Shirley Burch. She pulled out her personal camera and
24 took a historic picture of that occasion. If not, we
25 would not have that type of keepsake. And I really

1 appreciate that because that was an opportunity that
2 we didn't want to miss. We didn't have a professional
3 photographer, but she stepped up to the plate and
4 said, "We need a photo." And we took that photo, and
5 we hope to share that with you in terms of the public,
6 in terms of our publication.

7 Invocation -- we have invited Chaplain Devan
8 Myatt. Thank you.

9 By all means, properly introduce yourself,
10 Chaplain, and church affiliation, too, please.

11 CHAPLAIN MYATT: Thank you. Deputy Chief
12 Chaplain Devan Myatt, senior pastor of the Christ of
13 the Baptist Church and state bishop for the Full
14 Gospel Baptist Church Fellowship.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

16 (Invocation given at 3:06 p.m.)

17 Chaplain, you might want to take this
18 opportunity to mention that great service, memorial
19 service, that we're going to have -- when?

20 CHAPLAIN MYATT: Yes, sir. That's
21 tomorrow, May the 3rd, and, of course, we're going to
22 kick it off at -- well, we'll be there at 7:30 a.m.,
23 and we're really excited about the opportunity to
24 serve our officers as well as the commission board.
25 So we're looking forward to it, after which there's a

1 great breakfast that's going to take place right above
2 the -- Fishbone's restaurant. So thank you for that
3 opportunity.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: And we appreciate the
5 chaplain hosting that in conjunction with DPD. You do
6 an outstanding job.

7 CHAPLAIN MYATT: Bless you.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: My first one was in the
9 '70s, District 47.

10 CHAPLAIN MYATT: Yes, it is.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: So very historic that we
12 memorialize and appreciate the families and all of
13 that. I just really want to thank you on behalf of
14 the board and personally. That has sustained me for
15 each year, and that's a blessing.

16 CHAPLAIN MYATT: Bless you. Gives us an
17 opportunity to salute those who have served and given
18 their lives in service as well.

19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Mr. Chair, could
20 you mention the location?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

22 CHAPLAIN MYATT: That's going to be
23 Downtown Detroit, St. Mary's Church, and it's right
24 there in the heart of Detroit, so in Greektown. Yes.
25 I believe it's open parking, too, as well. And so you

1 can come down and feel free -- park and not get a
2 ticket, hopefully. Thank you so much.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.

4 Commissioners, I'm going to ask you to
5 introduce yourself starting to my far right, please.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Good afternoon. Annie
7 Holt, at-large.

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon.

9 William Davis, District 7.

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Good afternoon.

11 Shirley Burch, District 3.

12 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Good afternoon.

13 Elizabeth Brooks, at-large.

14 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon. Darryl

15 Brown, vice chair, District 1.

16 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Lisa

17 Carter, District 6.

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Jim Holley, at-large.

19 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Good afternoon.

20 Eva Garza Dewaelsche, at-large.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Good afternoon.

22 Commissioner Willie Burton, District 5.

23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Good afternoon.

24 Commissioner Evette Griffie, District 2.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you,

1 commissioners.

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

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

4 The next item of business would be to
5 approve the agenda for this afternoon meeting.

6 (Simultaneous speakers.)

7 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: So moved.

8 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Support.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly moved
10 and supported. Discussion? Those in favor, aye.

11 BOARD: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
13 carried.

14 The next item would be the approval of the
15 minutes for April 25, 2019.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

17 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Second.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Properly moved and
19 supported. Discussion?

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For the minutes for --
23 for -- I don't see the minutes for -- to approve today
24 for last week's meeting, nor have those minutes been
25 available to the public. The minutes that I see

1 that's on the table are the -- today is the first day
2 I've seen minutes at the board meeting for --
3 personally, but it's from -- it's from April 18th
4 instead of the 25th.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: That would be proper,
6 sir. As we stipulated in terms of what motion was
7 passed last week, it would be the week -- these
8 minutes would be forthcoming. So we are consistent
9 with the whole process.

10 Those in favor, aye.

11 BOARD: Aye.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Oppose.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Motion carried. Thank
15 you.

16 Mr. Hicks, would you introduce the board
17 staff, please?

18 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

19 Just prior to those introductions, I do want
20 to indicate that Sergeant Quinn is taping the meeting
21 today, Media Services is providing the audiovisual
22 work, and Susanne Gorman is the court reporter today.
23 And immediately next to me is Robert Brown. And if I
24 can ask -- starting with Mr. Wyrick.

25 If you can stand and introduce yourself.

1 MR. WYRICK: Jermaine Wyrick, board
2 attorney.

3 MS. BLOSSOM: Teresa Blossom, community
4 relations.

5 MS. WHITE: Melanie White, executive manager
6 of policy.

7 MS. JOHNSON: Faye Johnson, board
8 accountant.

9 MR. HICKS: And, of course, Dr. Polly
10 McCalister, with the OCI.

11 DR. MCCALISTER: Good afternoon, board.

12 BOARD: Good afternoon.

13 DR. MCCALISTER: I'm Dr. Polly McCalister,
14 and attending today's meeting with me today is
15 Supervising Investigator Cromwell, Senior Investigator
16 Jones, Senior Investigator Rivera, Investigator Banks,
17 and Investigator Callaway.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

19 The next item of business would be Assistant
20 Chief James White to -- sitting in for Chief Craig to
21 introduce DPD staff.

22 AC WHITE: Good afternoon, honorable board.

23 BOARD: Good afternoon.

24 AC WHITE: James White, assistant chief,
25 support operations on behalf of Chief James Craig, who

1 had a conflict today.

2 Deputy Chief Barren?

3 DC BARREN: Deputy Chief Barren,
4 neighborhood policing east.

5 AC WHITE: I'm going to let everyone else
6 introduce themselves.

7 (Inaudible introductions given from the
8 audience.)

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir. Thank
10 you, sir.

11 Do we have any elected officials or
12 representatives of elected officials in attendance?

13 Yes, sir.

14 MR. CORBETT: Good afternoon. Paul Corbett
15 here on behalf of Council Member Roy McCalister's
16 office.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

18 Any other civic leaders or -- if not, all
19 you VIPs, thank you for your attendance.

20 As we move on, the next item would be the
21 chairman's report. On behalf of the board, I want to
22 express our concern and support for fallen and injured
23 officers. Our concern for officers' safety and
24 citizen protection rank as two of the most important
25 priorities of the board. Our board receives a weekly

1 report from the department listing injured officers.

2 I would ask Assistant Chief during his remarks to
3 provide us with any additional injured or fallen
4 officers.

5 The board of police commissioners meet every
6 week except for the Thanksgiving and Christmas
7 holiday. We meet at police headquarters three weeks
8 of the month on Thursday at 3:00 p.m. We also meet in
9 the community every second Thursday of the month at
10 6:30 p.m.

11 Under the Detroit City Charter, Article 7,
12 Chapter 8, the board of police commissioners is
13 empowered to provide civilian oversight and
14 supervisory control of the police department. Our
15 citizens are justified in asking how the civilian
16 oversight on law enforcement help you as a citizen
17 within our community. Our answer is we protect the
18 civil rights of citizens. Oversight organizations
19 like the BOPC are at the forefront of investigating,
20 reviewing, and auditing individual cases of citizen
21 complaint (inaudible) operations of police agencies to
22 eliminate misconduct, (inaudible) police practice, and
23 unnecessary use of force by police.

24 Our work is based on developing and
25 supporting effective policing. Mutual trust and

1 respect between the police and the community is
2 critical towards increasing the quality of life for
3 residents and visitors to Detroit. The board of
4 police commissioners exists to provide civilian
5 oversight for the work of DPD. As a board, we
6 investigate noncitizen -- noncriminal citizen
7 complaints, monitor (inaudible) work with the mayor
8 and the chief of police to make, modify police policy.

9 I want the (inaudible) of Judge Keith with
10 other important events in African-American history.
11 On this date in 1994, Nelson Mandela claimed victory
12 as president of South Africa resulting from South
13 Africa's first democratic election.

14 In addition, on this day in 2011, the 44th
15 president of the United States, Barack Obama,
16 organized, implemented a military strike resulting in
17 the death of Osama bin Laden, a known international
18 terrorist responsible for the death of thousands of
19 Americans. And, finally, in 1945, Russia announced
20 the fall of Berlin in the capture of 70,000 Nazi
21 Germans who had surrendered. This announcement ended
22 hostility in the western military (inaudible) World
23 War II, (inaudible) date in history.

24 I want to point to several important items
25 for your consideration and information. Again, I

1 remind the board we are -- continue to work with
2 NACOLE, the National Association For Civilian
3 Oversight of Law Enforcement, to host the national
4 conference on September the 22nd through the 26th,
5 2019, in Detroit. During the same time, Detroit will
6 be celebrating our 45th year as a civilian oversight
7 organization on July 22, 2019. We are inviting law
8 enforcement and other civic-minded individuals to join
9 us at the conference. The planning process is well
10 underway, and, again, we invite participation.

11 I want to acknowledge that the chief of
12 police has transmitted a proposal directly relating to
13 towing/impoundment procedure, Directive No. 204.4. As
14 many of you already know, the board of police
15 commissioners (inaudible) a set of towing rules that
16 govern police-authorized towing, better known as
17 private police-authorized towing. Back in
18 September 2018, the board authorized the Detroit
19 Police Department to operate a motor vehicle storage
20 facility and towing operation. The chief proposed
21 Towing and Impoundment Procedure Directive 204.4
22 appeared to take the same standards of private towing
23 operation and drafted them to the department towing
24 operation. This directive has been referred to the
25 policy sub committee and posted on the website for

1 public comments.

2 In related matters, I have included in your
3 package a resolution to allow people who have
4 committed a crime and paid their debt to society to
5 rejoin the work -- the world of work. These citizens
6 who are returning to the community should be given a
7 fair chance at rehabilitation and employment
8 opportunity. Fair employment opportunities are
9 central to family and community stability. In this
10 case, a resolution proposed to extend possible
11 employment with private towing company.

12 These returning citizens must meet all
13 employment requirement in the same way as any other
14 job seekers. A plan to (inaudible) vote on the
15 resolution at our next meeting scheduled for May 9,
16 2019. Please review the draft resolution and plan to
17 vote for the members to our towing rule. Also, I want
18 to report to the board that we are seeking to schedule
19 Mr. Hakim Berry to report on the labor negotiation
20 with our investigator, members of Local 212. Hope to
21 have a written report from Mr. Berry on the changes
22 and proposed contract of Local 212 or have him make a
23 presentation of the same before our body. The
24 contract, as I understand, will soon be placed on the
25 agenda of the Detroit City Council.

1 Today we have one resolution and one
2 presentation to the board. The resolution honors the
3 service and contribution of Police Officer Juan
4 Windham, a 26-year veteran of the Detroit Police
5 Department.

6 Presentation on the disciplinary
7 administration, Lieutenant Robert Torres, the board
8 transmitted ten questions to the (inaudible) to help
9 guide this presentation. A list of ten (inaudible) of
10 the (inaudible) package is the same list included in
11 your board package today. Our hope is that the
12 department will incorporate these questions into the
13 presentation as many of them were answers that were
14 our concerns of the board.

15 Under the DPD chief report, I requested an
16 update on our crime stats and any critical issues we
17 face in the police department. I would ask the
18 assistant chief to spend a little time in briefing the
19 public on the status of Corporal Jones insomuch he has
20 been placed on probation for the beating of a female
21 citizen who appeared to be undergoing a mental crisis.

22 At the end of the meeting we will have a --
23 public comments from the audience. Please make sure
24 you print your name on a speaker card. Cards are
25 located in the back on the table, can be obtained by

1 seeing Mr. Robert Brown raising his hand to my far
2 right. He will need your card before beginning of
3 public comments. He will hold each speaker to the
4 allotted two minutes.

5 Finally, I ask that everyone turn off your
6 phone or other electronic device. This request does
7 not include the DPD personnel. As many of you are
8 aware, they are on emergency standby. I ask DPD to
9 put their phones on vibration so their ringing phones
10 will not interrupt our meeting. And thank you.

11 As we move forward, the next item of
12 business would be resolution. Someone to volunteer
13 for the resolution.

14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: No problem.

15 Whereas Juan Windham was appointed to the
16 Detroit Police Department on May 24, 1993. Upon
17 graduating from the Detroit Metropolitan Police
18 Academy, Police Officer Windham began his career at
19 the 2nd Precinct; and

20 Whereas he dutifully served the Southwestern
21 District and the Gang Enforcement-Crews. He was a
22 member of the Bikes on Bricks representing the City of
23 Detroit. They received first place in the novice
24 division and third place in the motorcycle skills
25 event. He served as a motor escort for Police Week

1 2017-2018 with families of lost officers, and as a
2 presidential escort. On April 3, 2013, Officer
3 Windham was assigned to the Traffic Enforcement until
4 his retirement; and

5 Whereas during his law enforcement career,
6 Officer Windham was the deserving recipient of six
7 Chief's Citation Awards, one Chief's Unit Award, one
8 Chief's Merit Award, one Perfect Attendance Award, the
9 Major League Baseball All-Star Recognition Award, the
10 Rosa Parks Funeral Recognition Award, the Super Bowl
11 XL Recognition Award, the Department of Justice
12 Consent Decree, and the Harvey Relief, as well as
13 commendations from supervisors and numerous letters of
14 appreciation for citizenry; and

15 Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
16 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners, speaking for
17 the citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police
18 Department, awards this resolution in recognition of
19 Police Officer Juan Windham, 26 years of dedication
20 and diligent public service. His professionalism,
21 integrity, and lifelong commitment to the City of
22 Detroit and its citizens merits our highest regards.
23 Congratulations.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you. The chair
25 will entertain a motion.

1 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: So move.

2 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Support.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved and
4 supported. Discussion? Those in favor, aye?

5 BOARD: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
7 carried.

8 The next item would be Assistant Chief White
9 on behalf of Chief Craig.

10 AC WHITE: Good afternoon once again,
11 board.

12 BOARD: Good afternoon.

13 AC WHITE: I will start with the crime
14 report. 21 percent reduction in homicides. And to
15 provide some context to that, in 19-- or 2017 we had
16 89 homicides; 2018, 71; and 2019, 56. We measure from
17 year to year, so our year to date is a 21 percent
18 reduction. But if you go back to 2017, 33 less
19 homicides, so that's very encouraging.

20 Criminal sexual conduct is up 12 percent;
21 however, it is a 14 percent reduction over the past
22 28 days. We continue to monitor and investigate that
23 area, but we also recognize that we have a new
24 advanced reporting process, which may be impacting
25 those numbers. Robbery, down 12 percent. Carjacking,

1 44 percent. Aggravated assault is even. Nonfatal
2 shootings, down 14 percent, and a total, overall
3 violent crime reduction of 2 percent.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Just for the record,
5 Chief, you had carjackings as 44 percent. You didn't
6 say minus 44 percent but. . .

7 AC WHITE: I'm sorry?

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I --

9 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I think he's saying
10 he wants to make sure it's a reduction.

11 AC WHITE: Yes. Thank you.

12 Through the chair, it's a 44 percent
13 reduction over this time last year.

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: (Inaudible) see that.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Absolutely. Thank
16 you, young man.

17 AC WHITE: With regards to upcoming events
18 and other issues with the department, I'll start with
19 that. With the injured officers, Officer Waldis
20 Johnson continues to recover in a long-term care
21 facility. Officer James Kisselburg is waiting on an
22 approval date for his duty disability. Unfortunately,
23 it looks like he will not be returning to the
24 department. We wish him well.

25 Christopher Thurston is recuperating at --

1 having home occupational therapy. So we will continue
2 to monitor his progress and ask that you keep all
3 those officers in your prayers.

4 Today many members of the board attended an
5 event that we do annually for our wall outside of this
6 facility, where we added, sadly, Fadi Shukur to our
7 wall, our memorial wall outside this room. His family
8 was in attendance. And thank you, board, for taking
9 time out of your schedule to attend.

10 Tomorrow we have the annual Interfaith
11 Memorial at Old St. Mary's Church located at 644
12 Monroe. It starts at 8:00 a.m. That's an annual
13 event as well. May 7th we have an event at the 100
14 Club event at the Detroit Golf Club, 17911 Hamilton.
15 That's also a memorial event for officers, an annual
16 event. Also, May 8th at the training center, we're
17 doing an open house and a luncheon at 6050 Linwood.
18 We've done a lot of restoration to the training
19 facility. A lot of in-kind donations, a lot of
20 grassroots donations, to be quite candid, and some
21 work through the Police Foundation as well as Planet
22 Fitness has donated a fully functional Planet Fitness
23 facility to the training center. That will be open
24 not only to the recruits but to all officers in the
25 police department. We ask that the board mark their

1 calendars and attend that event. And, again, that's
2 May 8th at 2:00 p.m.

3 And I did miss an event. May 3rd, which is
4 tomorrow, DPOA District Officers of the Year banquet,
5 which is at the MotorCity Casino at Sound Board, 2901
6 Grand River, and it starts at 6:00 p.m.

7 I also believe there was a question about
8 Corporal Jones.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

10 AC WHITE: Corporal Jones, as the board is
11 aware, was sentenced yesterday. He continues on an
12 administrative status with the department pending the
13 outcome of his administrative disciplinary process,
14 and I'll update the board once that occurs.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

16 AC WHITE: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioners, any
18 questions or concerns for the assistant chief?

19 Thank you for reporting out, and hopefully
20 we will see you tomorrow.

21 AC WHITE: Yes, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair, I
23 do have a question for Assistant Chief White. I know
24 that, you know, the police department responded to
25 the, you know -- the flood and emergency and stuff

1 that just occurred, you know. So I would like to know
2 as far as the flood and emergency, how does the
3 flood and, you know -- I know that it doesn't flood
4 often to this level that we experienced as far as with
5 this flooding. What can we do better to respond
6 better to prepare for these type of diasters, and what
7 did DPD do?

8 AC WHITE: Through the chair, DPD did a
9 number of things with regards to this emergency and --
10 specifically, are you asking how did we respond?

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Correct.

12 AC WHITE: We responded to any emergency
13 that came through 911. There were a number of
14 different issues that happened departmentally to
15 citizenry. One run in particular had to do with some
16 issues that happened on the freeway. The officers
17 responded professionally, utilized their training. We
18 haven't been notified of any deficiencies in our
19 reaction to any of the emergencies. I think the
20 citizens did a good job when the circumstances
21 happened. They called us. We responded. The fire
22 department responded. A very unusual circumstance
23 occurred on Jefferson and the Lodge, where a couple of
24 cars were submerged, but, thankfully, no one was
25 injured. We had a facility that took on about four

1 feet of water. We closed the facility down. We used
2 sandbags. So I think that from the response
3 standpoint, everything worked. The protocols worked.
4 Certainly, if you don't know how the deep water is,
5 don't drive forward. Just pull over and try another
6 direction. But beyond that, there really hasn't been
7 much.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair.
9 Question for the chief.

10 I mean, you know -- thank you, Chief, for
11 that -- the update, because, you know, I got a lot of
12 calls from, like, folks that live in Texas. Say they
13 saw it on the news and, you know, they was kind of,
14 like, concerned, and the one person said, "Well, maybe
15 it's time for the National Guards to come on in." And
16 I said, "No. I don't think it's a National Guard
17 issue just yet. I think, you know -- I think, you
18 know, let local, you know -- you know, local law
19 enforcement and emergency, you know, do what they do
20 and -- but, you know, it's good that you gave an
21 update far as with the road that DPD did, you know --
22 far as, you know, helping, you know -- those type of
23 situations. Because we normally don't get those level
24 of floods. I mean, I saw pictures where cars -- where
25 the water was up to, like, the -- the -- the window of

1 the car, and I saw another picture where somebody had
2 a little paddle boat out there. I'm, like, you know,
3 this is. . .

4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair, I
5 just wanted to take a moment to say that the mayor has
6 asked -- and I saw an e-mail today and a news
7 article -- that citizens can volunteer to help pass
8 out sand to residents. I implore colleagues who might
9 be concerned, or anyone else, to do that because, as
10 we all know, it's all of our responsibility to take
11 care of the citizens of Detroit, not just the police
12 department. So if anybody has any questions about
13 what anybody's doing to fix the issue, I would ask
14 them to ask themselves if they want to volunteer.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

16 Yes, the mayor's put out a public appeal for
17 the next two days if you want to volunteer in terms of
18 that time -- put sandbags out -- able bodies.

19 Commissioner Burton?

20 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you
21 know, I got my sleeves rolled up, and I'm doing some
22 stuff right now with the (inaudible).

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Anyone else, you
24 know, that (inaudible) cry for Jefferson Chalmers --
25 so you need to respond. That's the way you can help.

1 This is not the first time. It's been ongoing,
2 dealing with that particular area. But the mayor was
3 there and Gary Brown, Brenda Jones, Councilman Spivey.
4 All the people were there are concerned, and they know
5 the issue. There's also the issue that the homeowners
6 that live on the canal -- they have to do certain
7 things. I'm familiar with that area. That is part of
8 District 4. And hopefully they can address that. But
9 the weather and the wind and all that played a part.
10 So thank you for raising that to our attention. I
11 know DPD always responds.

12 Yes, sir.

13 AC WHITE: Just -- through the chair. I
14 just want to be clear, though, that it has not risen
15 to the level of a National Guard emergency. The first
16 responders are keeping in constant contact. We have a
17 homeland security presence that monitors the situation
18 and keeps us informed. We have our EOC, which is
19 located on Lyndon. If there were a significant crisis
20 for the city, we would send out the EOC and move
21 resources over to the EOC to provide the community
22 with the necessary information that they needed.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER CARTER: For those that don't
25 know -- excuse me. Through the chair -- EOC?

1 AC WHITE: Oh, Emergency Operations Center.
2 Sorry about that.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes. Thank you.

4 We're going to move on to the disciplinary
5 administration, who will be the next item on the
6 agenda.

7 MR. GRAVELINE: Good afternoon, board.

8 BOARD: Good afternoon.

9 MR. GRAVELINE: This will be a tag-team
10 presentation. So my name -- I think we took out the
11 slide with my name, but my name is Director Chris
12 Graveline. I'm in charge of administrative
13 disciplinary section along with Commander Elaine
14 Bryant, and the Lieutenant Robert Torres is the
15 lieutenant in charge of that section. As the board
16 sees, this is -- our mission is we're committed to
17 addressing unprofessional conduct by our sworn members
18 and to prevent furtherance of such conduct. There's
19 that slide right there. All right.

20 These are our primary duties, and it's
21 usually -- there's four different investigative
22 entities that will do a disciplinary investigation.
23 You have your command level entity, you have your
24 office of the chief investigator, you have internal
25 affairs, and force investigations. When those

1 entities do their investigations, they're reviewed by
2 the officer in charge of that section and then
3 forwarded on to disciplinary administration.

4 The way that that normally -- that handoff
5 happens is once those reports are finalized within
6 those commands, OCI -- they hand-deliver their reports
7 right across the hallway to us. IA and force
8 investigations are likewise here in the headquarters,
9 and they hand-deliver as well as e-mail those to us.
10 And then commands usually e-mail their reports to us.
11 And once we get those, they're time-stamped into our
12 disciplinary admin section, and then it's up to the
13 lieutenant, who then tracks them along the way.

14 One of the questions was "What's the average
15 time associated with an investigation?" It's tough to
16 kind of answer that. It depends on what the
17 investigation is. Some are far easier to investigate,
18 but what Chief has established for us is from the time
19 of misconduct until the time of adjudication should be
20 approximately one year. Now, there are certain things
21 that sometimes delay that process. For example, if
22 charges get forwarded to the Wayne County Prosecutor's
23 office to be reviewed over there, that can slow up the
24 process sometimes. But one of the things that we've
25 noticed and what we're trying to do is if we can,

1 we're going to decouple that process and -- so let the
2 department take a disciplinary action if we can, if we
3 don't -- if it doesn't affect the criminal
4 investigation. That way there won't be as much time
5 where you might see three years after misconduct
6 happens -- that's how long it would take to get, you
7 know, adjudicated discipline from the disciplinary
8 section. We're going to try to speed up that process,
9 if we can, as long as we're not affecting the criminal
10 process.

11 With that, I'm going to hand it over to
12 Commander Elaine Bryant.

13 COMMANDER BRYANT: Good afternoon.

14 BOARD: Good afternoon.

15 COMMANDER BRYANT: Commander Elaine Bryant.
16 Before we get into the 2018 misconduct investigations,
17 I just wanted to point out 2017, we had 329 members
18 that received a notice of discipline. In 2016, we had
19 243 members that received notice of discipline. So
20 for 2018, we're at 461 members that received notice of
21 discipline for 2018. So, as you can see, we're
22 turning up in regards to the amount of members that
23 are receiving notices of discipline. Year to date,
24 2019, we're at 203. So we're either anticipating that
25 we're going to be where we are now for 2018, we're

1 either going to have the same amount, or we may be a
2 little higher based on looking at the numbers. So for
3 2018 misconduct investigations, at the command level,
4 there were 194 members that received notices of
5 discipline. For the office of the chief investigator,
6 there were 179 members that received notice of
7 discipline. For internal affairs, there were 60
8 members, and for force investigations, there were 28.

9 So when we broke this down and we looked at
10 it, one of your questions was cases that were
11 overturned in regards to discipline. We're assuming
12 that you meant dismissed, cases that were dismissed.
13 So there were 107 total cases dismissed at the appeal
14 (inaudible) for the discipline for 2018. We did a
15 deeper dive into that, and 63 of those members of the
16 discipline came from office of the chief investigator,
17 29 from the command level, 7 from force, and 8 from
18 internal affairs.

19 The trend that we saw in regards to the
20 actual disciplines that we're getting -- neglect of
21 the duty was number one, the second one was demeanor,
22 and the third was traffic accidents. So those are the
23 three highest areas of concern that we see in regards
24 to the discipline that's being forwarded to us.

25 AC WHITE: What was the third one?

1 COMMANDER BRYANT: Traffic accidents. So
2 if there were zero sustained force -- citizen
3 complaint force in the past 90 days that were still
4 open and -- if we don't have any open within the past
5 90 days. When we looked at the arbitration cases for
6 2018 that were overturned, we didn't see any
7 overturned arbitration cases; however, there were
8 discipline decisions that were mitigated by
9 arbitration. So we may have had an officer that
10 received a 10-day suspension, and the arbitrator
11 decided to give him 4 days instead of 10 days. So we
12 had 10 of those cases that fell into that category.
13 None of them were overturned or dismissed by
14 arbitration. They just mitigated the sentences.

15 So that is in regards to what we're seeing
16 right now. As I said, we anticipate -- like the
17 director said, we want to try to speed up the process,
18 but we want to be as efficient as possible. So we're
19 not going to cut any corners in regards to how we
20 handle the cases. We just want to try to make sure
21 that we're being as fair to the officers, as fair to
22 the citizens, to the department -- we don't want the
23 officers waiting forever to get their cases
24 adjudicated, and we don't want the citizens waiting to
25 get a decision, so we're in the process of trying to

1 make sure that we speed that up.

2 With that, I'm going to turn it over to
3 Lieutenant Torres, who will get more into the process.

4 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Lieutenant Robert
5 Torres, disciplinary administration. At this time,
6 through the chair, would it be feasible to introduce
7 my team?

8 So part of the disciplinary administration
9 team is Cheryl -- Sergeant Cheryl McCoy O'Neill.
10 Stand up, please. Sergeant Davis, Officer Tori
11 Martinez, Officer Linda Whitfield, Officer Samantha
12 Vargas, and Police Assistant Janice Daniels.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You got no men?
14 You're the only one you got?

15 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Yes, sir.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You know you would be
17 asking the same thing if it were the other way around.

18 LIEUTENANT TORRES: So at this point, I'll
19 proceed with the disciplinary matrix. The violations
20 and the reports that we receive for violations of --
21 that come directly from the police department's
22 manual, specifically the code of conduct. Each
23 violation is a presumptive penalty that is either
24 mitigated or aggravated depending on the circumstances
25 associated with the report. The misconduct can fall

1 into four different categories, as you can see on the
2 screen.

3 Depending on the egregiousness and the
4 nature of the misconduct, it can be Category A, B, C,
5 or D. Category A: Misconduct that would have a
6 minimal negative impact on the operations or
7 professional image of the department, such as a member
8 forgetting to turn on his camera or forgetting to do
9 an entry in his activity log and the contact that he
10 had with a citizen on the street. Category B would be
11 contact that has a significant negative impact on the
12 operations or professional image of the department,
13 and that could be something like a minor traffic
14 accident, the demeanor of an officer towards a citizen
15 on the street. Category C is conduct that involves
16 abuse or misuse of authority, unethical behavior, an
17 act that seriously and adversely impacts officers or
18 public safety, and that could be something unethical
19 like an officer selling drugs or doing some type of
20 criminal action. And Category D is the most
21 egregious, and that could be an action that results in
22 the death of or injury to a citizen or an officer,
23 cases such as speeding or speeding unnecessarily and
24 being involved in an accident and causing injury or
25 harm to somebody.

1 Now, once an officer receives the notice of
2 discipline with the misconduct on it, they can appeal
3 the process. Members of the Detroit Police Officers
4 Association -- appeal hearings will be heard by and
5 adjudicated by a captain. Members of the LSA would
6 be -- their hearings would be heard by a commander or
7 above. And for egregious misconduct that would result
8 in termination or suspension of 10 days or more, the
9 chief of police would have -- or his designee -- would
10 hold that hearing, and any sustained suspensions of
11 more than three days can be appealed to arbitration by
12 the member.

13 And prior to the summation of this
14 administration, I wanted to address a few of the
15 questions that were submitted by the board for us to
16 answer. One of the questions was "Describe the
17 training requirements for disciplinary administration
18 section members." That training consists of in-house
19 training. When a new member comes to disciplinary
20 administration, he receives a manual containing the
21 policies and procedures of disciplinary administration
22 as well as a disciplinary matrix that he -- that the
23 member would have to learn, look over, and also an
24 orientation by the senior members of the disciplinary
25 administration as to processes and where everything is

1 inside of the office. We're currently in the process
2 of scheduling members to attend labor and arbitration
3 law training. We had a member who has gone in the
4 past, so we're trying to duplicate that with the rest
5 of the members.

6 The next question of the cases that result
7 in disciplinary charges, "How many lead to criminal
8 prosecution?" So litigation -- well, disciplinary
9 administration runs parallel to criminal and civil
10 litigation. At the time that we receive the case,
11 there may be criminal and civil litigation that has
12 already occurred or is in the process, so our section
13 is not -- doesn't really track how many cases there
14 are 'cause that would be difficult for us to do that.
15 Question No. 10: "Is the department identifying
16 members who are habitually parties to civil
17 litigation, criminal prosecutions, et cetera?" We
18 have identified members who were repeat offenders, and
19 we refer our process as to refer those members to
20 civil rights to conduct a risk assessment on those
21 officers and plan corrective actions in cases on a
22 case-by-case basis.

23 So in summation of the disciplinary
24 administration, basically, once we receive a
25 misconduct report, we are ensuring that the process --

1 that it goes through the process in an efficient
2 manner until its conclusion, and then when it's
3 concluded, we make sure that we maintain the history
4 of the disciplinary of those members so that we can
5 refer to them if any other misconduct happens. And,
6 again, that would be another aggravating circumstance,
7 the history of the member with his disciplinary. Are
8 there any questions?

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Davis, and
11 I'll go to --

12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question: Do you keep
13 a record of how many people with different titles --
14 how often those people with titles are being
15 disciplined? And how frequently is it the low
16 seniority people versus the high seniority is getting
17 disciplined?

18 LIEUTENANT TORRES: Well, we have -- every
19 single member in the department who has a disciplinary
20 history -- we have a database. We update that
21 database all the time depending on what misconduct
22 comes in and -- and how their cases are adjudicated,
23 so as far as how many, you know -- what types of or
24 how many officers are new or older are getting
25 disciplined, we really don't have a -- that number

1 offhand.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I would think that
3 you-all would.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir. Assistant
5 Chief White will respond.

6 AC WHITE: Yeah. Through the chair, I
7 think the question is if we look at the data and do
8 any analyzing of the data as it relates to any
9 outliers in a particular group.

10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Right.

11 AC WHITE: We do, in fact, do that. And I
12 thought I saw Lieutenant Lonnie Lowery-Ross here.
13 Lieutenant Lonnie Lowery-Ross was recently promoted
14 and worked in our risk management group, and that's
15 the exact work that operated out of support operation.
16 And now we have Lieutenant Brandon Lewis, who is
17 transitioning into her position.

18 Brandon Lewis, would you stand up?

19 And he is going to be -- part of his
20 assignment at my office is risk management. He has a
21 small team, and we do run those data sets, and we look
22 at outliers and behaviors and trends and patterns, and
23 we tie it back to our management awareness system.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Okay.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Ms. Griffie?

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: My question is in
2 regard to -- so you talked about the number of cases
3 that have been brought or the number of violations
4 that we've had this year. That was in the 400s. I
5 can't remember the specific number. It would be nice
6 to know how -- out of those violations, how many were
7 in each category and the trend of that. So in 2017
8 were there, you know -- are we seeing that cases are
9 getting more egregious in terms of type, or are they
10 getting -- even though we have more, maybe there are
11 more Type A offenses as opposed to Type C offenses.
12 It's really alarming.

13 COMMANDER BRYANT: So what I can tell you,
14 that we aren't seeing the more egregious cases like
15 you're saying. We're seeing a lot of, like I said,
16 demeanor and neglective duty. And when we talk about
17 neglective duty, we're talking about cases where they
18 may have failed to do a supports report; they may have
19 failed to turn on their body-worn camera. So we're
20 seeing a lot of those type of cases that are coming
21 through.

22 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Which would be a
23 Category A; correct?

24 COMMANDER BRYANT: Or it depends on if it's
25 mitigated. If he has a habit -- if he or she has a

1 habit of doing that, we mitigate the charges. So it
2 no longer becomes a situation where we would say, "Oh,
3 this officer should get verbal counseling." If you've
4 done this more than once or twice, then we want to up
5 the penalty because we want to make sure that's being
6 tracked.

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay. And the other
8 thing I want to note is I'm looking at this list of
9 questions -- and this might be more for our staff --
10 that they received these questions -- it looks like it
11 was on Tuesday. So I did notice throughout the
12 presentation there were a number of questions that I
13 was expecting to be answered that were not answered on
14 here. I'm not sure if it's because we didn't give
15 them proper time to prepare, because I know,
16 professionally, 48 hours is a -- for an ad hoc
17 assignment is not enough time. So I would ask that we
18 try to get these questions in sooner so that they can
19 prepare a more in-depth report because while the
20 report was good, touched on highlights, I don't think
21 it went deep enough, and I would like to make sure
22 that we're doing what we need to do to prepare them
23 for what they have to come here to deliver.

24 COMMANDER BRYANT: Can you tell me what
25 questions were not answered?

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So there were
2 questions on process; right? How many cases are
3 assigned to each case and each -- what -- total
4 caseload, total current caseload -- what was the total
5 number of cases that were overturned by arbitration
6 proceedings?

7 COMMANDER BRYANT: I answered that
8 question.

9 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So what is --

10 COMMANDER BRYANT: We said there were none
11 that were overturned in 2018; however, they were
12 mitigated.

13 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay.

14 COMMANDER BRYANT: So the mitigation was
15 that instead of -- if they received 10 days in the
16 disciplinary process, the arbitrator decided 4 days
17 was enough. So we had 10 cases, and I can break it
18 down. I have -- like, the one officer received 10
19 days through the disciplinary process. He was to
20 serve 6. One officer received 5 days. The arbitrator
21 reduced it to 3. One received 8 days. He reduced it
22 to 5.

23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: They're being --

24 COMMANDER BRYANT: They're being mitigated
25 through arbitration. None were dismissed or

1 overturned.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: And then there was
3 another question about the average time associated
4 with investigations and how the cases were assigned
5 and who is responsible for ensuring that process.

6 COMMANDER BRYANT: So we touched on that.
7 So as the cases come in through disciplinary -- so we
8 don't do investigations. We just prepare notice of
9 discipline.

10 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay.

11 COMMANDER BRYANT: So as the cases come in
12 on a rotational basis -- the staff that you saw stand
13 up -- as they come in, they are assigned a case, and
14 they're responsible for looking at the investigation,
15 preparing a notice of discipline, and that notice of
16 discipline is then reviewed by the lieutenant, who
17 makes sure that it is accurate and complete. And then
18 as an added layer, the director or myself -- we make
19 sure that the notice of discipline matches the matrix
20 and it's fair before it's sent out to the command.

21 At that point, when it goes to the command,
22 the officer has the option to either accept the
23 discipline that's on there -- so they may say, "You
24 know what? They're trying to give me a written
25 reprimand for this. I'm going to accept it." If he

1 accepts it, that's where it ends. He gets his written
2 reprimand. If he chooses to appeal it, then we
3 receive that back, and they have X amount of days to
4 get that back to us. If he chooses to appeal that,
5 then we prepare a hearing, which, if it's an officer,
6 the hearing is heard by a captain. If it's a person
7 that's a detective, lieutenant, sergeant, or above,
8 that's heard by a commander. If it's egregious, if
9 we're trying to either terminate or suspend them for
10 10 days or more, the chief or his designee, which
11 would usually be an assistant chief, would hear that.

12 So that's the process. It's done on a
13 rotational basis. Because we have so many cases that
14 come in, as they come in, we don't want to hold up the
15 process 'cause if we assign one particular person to
16 west side -- if the west side is receiving 300 and the
17 east side is receiving 100, that's not fair to that
18 particular person. So we do them on a rotational
19 basis to make sure that not one person or one group is
20 being burned out in preparing these notices.

21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: How long does it take
22 with -- the average length of time.

23 COMMANDER BRYANT: To prepare those
24 disciplines or --

25 (Simultaneous speakers.)

1 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Investigations.

2 COMMANDER BRYANT: So that would be

3 different shots. The command level --

4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay.

5 COMMANDER BRYANT: Like office of the chief
6 investigator, I think, is 90-day turnaround. For
7 command level, depending on what it is, if it's an
8 investigation regarding failing to take a report,
9 they'll get 90 days to do their investigation. If
10 there's an investigation regarding the death of
11 someone in a car accident, it may take a little longer
12 to do to that because you're going to have to do a
13 little more legwork. So, typically, we like to have
14 investigations done within 90 days. Sometimes it
15 takes a little longer, and we're understanding
16 regarding that.

17 Sometimes we have to submit those
18 investigations to the prosecutor's office because if
19 there's criminal intent attached to it, it may take
20 them a little longer for them to get back to us. What
21 we're trying to do is make sure that if there's a way
22 that we can move the administrative process, we're no
23 longer waiting 'cause sometimes those warrants may sit
24 over there for a year.

25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So the investigation

1 goes out. If it's us, then I already know the chief
2 investigator's going to take them. If it's a command
3 level, they have around 90 days, and then it comes
4 back to your department, which then says -- based on
5 what the investigations were, you're proceeding to
6 classify the discipline and then administrate.

7 COMMANDER BRYANT: We look at the matrix,
8 and we say, "Okay. This particular officer was found
9 guilty of failing to turn his body-worn camera on."
10 He's found guilty of failing to do a use of force.
11 And then we look at his history, and if his history
12 dictates that he's done this before, then we can
13 aggravate that penalty. Instead of giving him a
14 verbal counsel or reprimand, we may up it to a one-day
15 suspension.

16 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay. That helps a
17 lot 'cause I was just trying to put all this together.
18 It's a lot of information.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Just pause for one
20 second. Have we responded to all the questions now?
21 You think so.

22 COMMANDER BRYANT: I think so, but if not, I
23 would like the opportunity to.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. We're going to
25 move on to Reverend Holley. I'm just trying to --

1 Reverend Holley, then Commissioner Brown.

2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: I guess
3 Commissioner Brown was first.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh, okay. Sorry. Go
5 ahead.

6 COMMISSIONER BROWN: First of all, thank
7 you. Great report. A lot of information that went
8 there, and I was happy to see the breakdown in
9 categories and everything, but what I didn't see is,
10 like -- the office of chief investigator focused on
11 that we see a number one problem with new recruits
12 coming out, which is procedural issues. Are those
13 separate from your neglective duty things? Is that
14 just all entangled in --

15 COMMANDER BRYANT: So that would be
16 inclusive of neglective duty. That -- not all of
17 them, but a lot of that is encompassed in our
18 neglective duty. If they failed to do something, it
19 would be categorized as procedural for you, and their
20 charge may be neglective duty, failing to turn their
21 body-worn camera on, failing to use, you know,
22 (inaudible) force.

23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. All right.
24 Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Dewaelsche.

1 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: So I'm trying to
2 wrap my head around as well -- and I understand that
3 what we do -- and maybe Dr. McCalister can clarify
4 this -- when we refer it to the chief -- because, you
5 know, we review the cases -- this is where it goes.
6 Am I correct.

7 DR. MCCALISTER: If it's disciplinary, yes.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: Do we get any
9 feedback as far as what the outcomes were when they
10 occur? Like, if it's a year later, six months later,
11 three months later, do we get feedback of all those
12 referrals?

13 DR. MCCALISTER: We have not --

14 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: 'Cause I know
15 that question came up a while ago.

16 DR. MCCALISTER: -- however, we -- I've met
17 with the director, and we're trying to work on a
18 matrix for that so that we will get that feedback.
19 We've had about two meetings thus far, and we're just
20 trying to figure out who is going to do it, when it's
21 going to be done, how it's going to look so we --

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHE: I'm sorry.
23 Should she have been saying that on the recorder so
24 that it can be recorded? 'Cause we've been talking
25 about this.

1 Can you please, Dr. McCalister, just so it
2 can be recorded for the record?

3 DR. MCCALISTER: So what we've been doing
4 is -- for the year that I've been here, we've been
5 requesting that information. We have not received it.
6 The new director -- we've sat down twice. What we're
7 trying to do is just figure out how it's going to
8 look, who is going to do it, just the formatting of
9 that process. So we're working on it. It hasn't been
10 done yet, but we are working on it.

11 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: And if I could
12 just clarify because those of us who review the cases,
13 you know, we know that it's being referred to the
14 chief, but then we have the questions. So what
15 happened? Does it get reconciled? Does that come
16 back and, you know, do we get something? That's all.

17 DR. MCCALISTER: That's an issue that even
18 some of the recruits have asked us about. So you show
19 us these videos. We see this. We see this. What
20 happened to the officer? So we have been having those
21 discussions, and they've been trying to work it out.
22 So I think at our next meeting, we'll probably try to
23 sit down and just hammer it out.

24 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

25 COMMANDER BRYANT: Can I respond.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

2 COMMANDER BRYANT: So we're new. You have a
3 new team. The director, myself, Lieutenant Torres --
4 we're all new, and so we are trying, like I said, to
5 find a way to be more efficient. We're also -- the
6 chief is in the process of -- we're going to be
7 posting back on personnel orders, the actual
8 discipline that comes out. So we're going to actually
9 post the personnel orders, so we're going to be -- I
10 know you remember in the past that you put them -- so
11 we're going to go back to that as well. So we are
12 trying to make sure that the members understand what
13 the discipline has -- that's being given out. We want
14 to make sure. We're not trying to hide anything. We
15 want the information to get out.

16 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Thank you.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Before I move to my
18 right, I think Commissioner Holley yielded. Then I'll
19 come to you.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: That's okay. Did you
21 want to say something.

22 SERGEANT DAVIS: Yes. Sergeant Davis,
23 disciplinary administration. For the record, I just
24 wanted to make -- give a little clarification so that
25 it would be noted. As far as the information being

1 relayed back to the office of the chief investigator,
2 I want it to be clear that the officers that are
3 involved, they do get the feedback. It goes to their
4 command, so they do know the outcome of their
5 investigation, and their command knows as well. So
6 they do get that feedback. It just does not go
7 directly back to the office of the chief investigator.
8 So I just wanted to make it clear for the record so
9 that nobody thought that the discipline just occurred
10 and nothing was done and that they weren't aware of
11 it.

12 AC WHITE: Through the chair, I was
13 actually making a note to contact the command because
14 I know for a fact they go back to the command. So
15 maybe we should do a better job of communicating from
16 the command to the officer. But this isn't a heavy
17 lift. I mean, the command has it, so just -- on that
18 same list that's provided to OCI. This isn't hard at
19 all.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: But I thought you were
21 speaking of the -- when we speak to the academy class
22 and we give them a case, they wanted to know what was
23 the outcome, not the officers themselves. So that's
24 the distinction there.

25 AC WHITE: Okay.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: They wanted to know in
2 a particular matter. We showed them what was the
3 outcome. That's what we was trying to clarify.

4 AC WHITE: And we can provide that, too,
5 because we wouldn't release the videos for training
6 unless there's been a disposition on the case. So
7 this is easy. This is not a heavy lift.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you so much,
10 Mr. Chairman.

11 And thank you for the report. My concern
12 has always been the adjudication and, I mean -- and I
13 want to know how are you planning on sorting this -- I
14 mean, we got some cases that's over a year, and -- and
15 it's not fair to the -- to the officer. It's not fair
16 to the community. It's not fair to the whole system.
17 And so I've always tried to -- before you guys got
18 here, I always tried to -- felt like -- that the
19 prosecutors should be in the room, that the chief of
20 police should be in there, and the union should be in
21 there, and somehow we ought to be able, if nothing --
22 but have a judge that really handles this. It makes
23 sense to -- to -- in my opinion, humble opinion, that
24 we're basically adjudicating an officer or several
25 officers for over a year. And so it's -- that, to me,

1 is something that ought to be a priority with this --
2 with the -- with the -- with the -- your area.

3 COMMANDER BRYANT: If I can respond --

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Am I making sense to
5 you?

6 COMMANDER BRYANT: We agree with you. We
7 agree with you. That's why we are in the process of
8 changing the way that -- because prior, they would
9 not -- if the warrant was at the prosecutor's office
10 and they sat on it, that's just what it would be.
11 What we're trying to do now is -- sometimes we have to
12 bifurcate the cases. We have to -- if it's at the
13 prosecutor's office and we have the ability to move
14 the case forward administratively, we do what we can
15 on our end.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Excuse me. But it
17 cannot be moved without the prosecutors being
18 involved. And it seems like to me that we all in this
19 thing together, and so why are we, like -- it ought to
20 be teamwork. So if I go to jail, you -- basically,
21 you got to get me out of there or come to the court in
22 proper time. Am I right? I got to go to court at a
23 proper time, and I got to be adjudicated by a proper
24 time. So what's wrong with a police officer having
25 the same respect that the other citizens have?

1 COMMANDER BRYANT: And we agree with you;
2 however, we don't control the prosecutor's office, so
3 the only thing that we can do is continue to
4 communicate with them and explain how important it is
5 that they review these.

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Who does the
7 prosecutor report to.

8 COMMANDER BRYANT: Kym Worthy.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Who does she report
10 to.

11 COMMANDER BRYANT: It's not us. We don't
12 have any control over how the prosecutor office moves;
13 however, we -- we are extremely -- we think it's
14 extremely important that the relationship between us
15 and the prosecutor's office is strong, and we are
16 working on that.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

18 COMMANDER BRYANT: We have had some
19 tremendous movement in regards to getting them to look
20 at our cases and move --

21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Tell me right now
22 just -- I'll leave you alone, but tell me right now
23 how many cases are over here right now.

24 COMMANDER BRYANT: About 20 cases.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: See what I'm saying?

1 That's not fair.

2 COMMANDER BRYANT: So what I'm trying to say
3 is if we have a situation where we have a case that we
4 know that the administrative process requires this, we
5 can move forward without waiting for them. We can't
6 control that, but what we can control is what we can
7 do on our end.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And then, Mr.
9 Chairman, I mean, like, for the OIC [sic], I mean, how
10 do you -- how do you, I mean -- there's no way in the
11 world that's going to get caught up, and you'll
12 never -- you'll never -- we'll never -- you may need
13 three or four years. We forget this.

14 COMMANDER BRYANT: Through the chair, the
15 majority of the cases that we have at the prosecutor's
16 office are from internal affairs, not from these
17 commands, not from commands, not from OCI. The cases
18 that are at the prosecutor's office are internal
19 affairs complaints, and that's a whole different --

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I was just trying to
21 see if you were on top of your game.

22 COMMANDER BRYANT: So it's not -- those
23 cases -- unfortunately, they're going to sit on some
24 of those.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holt?

2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you. Now,
3 although you identified yourself as new, it's obvious
4 that you tried to respond to the questions that were
5 submitted. May we please ask that your response to
6 these questions are presented to us in writing,
7 specifically, to the question?

8 COMMANDER BRYANT: So we respond to the
9 questions, and we provide them to the chief's office,
10 so I will get back to you on that one. I can't answer
11 that question for you right at this moment.

12 COMMISSIONER HOLT: And, apparently, you
13 were going through that ritual initially, but, again,
14 if you can respond in writing to the disciplinary
15 administration questions each -- 1 through 10 -- is
16 that possible?

17 AC WHITE: I'll take that one. Through the
18 chair, apparently, there is some type of
19 administrative problem because I have the answers in
20 writing, and they were provided to me by the chief's
21 office prior to this meeting. So we will take
22 responsibility in providing this to the board. They
23 did what they were supposed to do. Something
24 happened.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Okay. Thank you a lot

1 for that. And the report was -- it up to snuff. You
2 identified yourself as new, but you did a phenomenal
3 job. Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch, did
5 you --

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I just had a comment,
7 and I hope I'm in the right area. If not, you'll put
8 me back in my place, Mr. Chair. I just wanted to ask
9 this question, and I think it's better for the
10 director.

11 I would like to address it to you. The
12 whole reason of the board of police commissioners is
13 to have that accountability between the citizens and
14 the law enforcement; right?

15 MR. GRAVELINE: Absolutely.

16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So, sir, I would like
17 for you to answer this question: With all of the new
18 technology, why aren't citizens' complaints -- like,
19 if they come in or if they are on the telephone,
20 right, why can't those -- those questions be recorded
21 on a machine at the end of the day? Then you have
22 more proof of what the officer said, what that citizen
23 said. Have you ever thought about putting a recorder
24 on the phones in the precincts?

25 MR. GRAVELINE: I'm going to have to defer

1 to AC White in terms of technology of what's on the
2 telephones, but in terms of the technology, I think
3 that's why you're starting to see the trend going up
4 in terms of members being referred to discipline. We
5 all have body-worn cameras on now, so where a citizen
6 might have felt like their complaint would have fallen
7 on deaf ears before, now they're seeing that the
8 body-worn camera is on there and that, therefore and
9 consequently, that's why they're feeling more
10 comfortable to make the complaint.

11 I will also say this: The body-worn camera
12 is also the police's best friend because there are
13 multiple complaints that occur that the body-worn
14 camera shows that's not the way it happened, and so I
15 think it cuts both ways. It gives citizens the
16 confidence to report what they believe to be
17 misconduct, but it's also ensuring the police that
18 there's an actual recording of this interaction with
19 the citizen. So I think that's why we're seeing the
20 tick up, but it's also why you're seeing some times
21 where it's not sustained by the office of the chief
22 investigator or by internal affairs. And so I think
23 technology is having an effect on the numbers that
24 we're seeing, and so -- because once we had the
25 body-worn cameras -- that's 2017 -- now you're seeing

1 more --

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That's my point, but
3 some officers will say, "It was not working at that
4 time." Now, wait. I'm just saying -- and they always
5 said they've been told that it's supposed to go
6 immediately back to the precinct to get a new one.

7 MR. GRAVELINE: That's correct.

8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So that doesn't happen
9 all the time, and I'm speaking, specifically, if a
10 citizen goes into the station, not on the street where
11 you got the body cam. There's no recording, I'm
12 saying, that it's over the telephone to make a
13 complaint. That's what I'm saying. So if Chief White
14 can address that. We have so much technology. Why
15 not that?

16 AC WHITE: Through the chair, we are, in
17 fact, using technology. We do have recordings on the
18 desk phones at every precinct as well as the 911 phone
19 system. We investigate a number of 911 complaints via
20 the recorded line, so we are, in fact, using
21 technology. And, as the director indicated, the
22 requirement for the officers is to use the body-worn
23 camera. If, in fact, the officer does not use the
24 body-worn camera, doesn't return immediately, we look
25 at that as well as to "Why didn't you return

1 immediately?" And if there is an area that happened
2 or a situation that happened that necessitated them
3 not returning immediately, then that is not viewed
4 positively towards the officer.

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay.

6 MR. GRAVELINE: And just to sharpen that
7 point -- so the office of chief investigator
8 identified one of our members who was becoming a
9 reoccurring person with not having their body-worn
10 camera on. They brought that to our attention. We
11 moved them out of the command they were in to a
12 different command while we're investigating why is it
13 that so many of his cases don't have the body-worn
14 camera. So we're now taking a look at all those
15 previous cases to see -- let's take a look at all the
16 other officers who were on the scene there and doing a
17 deep dive based upon information that was provided to
18 us by the office of the chief investigator.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Carter?

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

22 Thank you, Commander Bryant, for an
23 excellent report.

24 And Director.

25 My question goes to -- it's kind of

1 piggybacking off of what Commissioner Dewaelsche
2 talked about. We've been asking for years for
3 discipline --

4 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Outcomes.

5 COMMISSIONER CARTER: -- outcomes.

6 Exactly.

7 And we have not received those, and just
8 wanted to -- to bring up the fact that, per the
9 charter, it is a responsibility for this board to
10 review discipline that's imposed. We are to act as
11 the final authority in imposing and reviewing
12 discipline of any employee. That's per the charter.
13 So I think that the information that we're requesting
14 and have been requesting is not something that we
15 should not have. It's something that we are required
16 to have per the charter. So moving forward, I hope
17 that we can work this out pretty quickly so that we
18 can perform our duties as a board.

19 COMMANDER BRYANT: Yes, ma'am.

20 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Thank you.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just --

22 Yes, ma'am.

23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm just wondering
24 if, to my colleague's point -- if we should see this
25 information more frequently than we do. I'll be

1 honest, as a newer commissioner, I am not as familiar
2 with this process, and so I was leaning in, trying to
3 find -- trying to glean more information so that I
4 have that in my arsenal, and I -- I would love to be
5 able to have quarterly -- I don't know what that
6 cadence looks like, but for it to be such a big part
7 of what we do -- this 10-minute presentation was
8 great, but I need some other connection to this to
9 understand how I'm performing in that area.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: And I agree that a
11 certain agenda item like this is probably more
12 important than the others. All of them are important,
13 but the area of discipline, as you well know, we hear
14 about quite constantly at every meeting, about outcome
15 and results. So maybe we can perhaps instruct the
16 board secretary to hear this on a quarterly basis and
17 be on top of it in terms of -- just as Commissioner
18 Carter indicated, that we have a mandate by charter
19 that's not being fulfilled. So we can do that.

20 I just want to say that two or three years
21 ago, we had the Wayne County Prosecutor, Kym Worthy,
22 before this body, and she took a whole lot of heat in
23 reference to, I think, Chief Craig and the community,
24 whatever it is. But she indicated she is the Wayne
25 County Prosecutor, and she would do due diligence to

1 handle her caseload in the proper manner that she sees
2 fit. And she came before this body, explained that
3 process. So that's where she stands. She would not
4 take any shortcuts or whatever it is. She was elected
5 by the people, and she will fulfill that duty. So she
6 came before this body and addressed those concerns,
7 and that's where she stands. I don't think she has
8 changed her position on that, and I respect the
9 process.

10 Police officers, as you well know, was in
11 that capsule of a great deal of concern for not being
12 ordinary citizens, so that concern is high profile.
13 We have seen across this country a change of climate
14 in terms of officers being convicted, and not just
15 being convicted, being charged by grand juries.
16 Before that, it was, like, they was immune to that
17 type of scrutiny. So I think we -- I think -- I'm
18 proud of this Wayne County Prosecutor in terms of the
19 role that she played by going back to the assistant
20 prosecutor, the Malice Green case, and being a judge
21 and all that. She believed in due process, and she
22 got a team of people that I respect, as you know. You
23 got to work with them.

24 And I want to commend our LSA, Mark Young,
25 to address the issue, in trying to work with you to do

1 things in a timely manner so you're doing all you can
2 to move the docket. So I think we've come a long way,
3 but as you stated, we need to be more involved and
4 hear more of the consequences because it's before the
5 public eye. Thank you.

6 COMMANDER BRYANT: Yes, sir.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

8 Standing and ad hoc committee reports:
9 Mr. Hicks, board secretary.

10 MR. HICKS: Thank you, Mr. Chair.

11 I do want to indicate just before going to
12 the items that are listed on the agenda, we have --
13 there's another way in which this information can come
14 forward, and we've been attempting to have it moved
15 forward, and that's on the policy side of the
16 organization. If you recall, the rank, structure,
17 directive in which we've -- are at some difference
18 with the department, the directive on the changes that
19 were suggested by the board suggest that X amount of
20 information should be coming to the board on a regular
21 basis. One of those pieces of information had to do
22 with data coming from disciplinary administration, and
23 it not only wanted information from the disciplinary
24 administration in terms of how they may look at OCI
25 items but also the other segments in the department

1 that conducts investigations and so forth.

2 So, again, this is one of those points under
3 rank and structure where you have been attempting to
4 structure a way in which this information would come
5 to you on a regular basis, because that is our intent.
6 As Commissioner Griffie points out, to see this
7 information on a regular basis and so that you-all,
8 one, get used to it and also just have the background
9 on that -- and so we have a specific section in rank
10 and structure that called for that kind of information
11 to move forward.

12 In addition to that, I do want to call your
13 attention to the four items that are listed on the
14 agenda. About three or four meetings ago, there was a
15 notice that was sent around for master sergeant
16 appointments, and staff conducted work in terms of
17 reviewing the appointments. These appointments are a
18 little different from the -- the promotions in which
19 normally come in front of you. These appointments
20 were created as a consequence of a memorandum of
21 understanding with the Lieutenants and Sergeants
22 Association, and in that memorandum of understanding,
23 it did give the chief of police a lot of discretion in
24 determining who would become a master sergeant. So
25 what we did is -- consistent with that -- looked at

1 the histories of all of the individuals who were
2 associated with being appointed to the rank of master
3 sergeant. We sent information to each of you
4 commissioners, and we asked for the commissioners to
5 review that, and a few did review and sent back
6 comments and suggested that we amend the list of our
7 concerns. We did that and then set forward as of, I
8 think, last week a completed response on the part of
9 the board on the master sergeant's item. And, I would
10 say, of the 47 master sergeants who were appointed, we
11 registered concerns as a board of 18 of those
12 individuals, and, again, that information has been
13 distributed to the board.

14 Secondly, on the -- the chair covered in his
15 opening remarks the manual, Proposed Manual 204.4,
16 which is the towing and impoundment procedure. I do
17 want to note and do want to underscore that that has
18 been posted at the website, and that is available for
19 citizens to review. It'll be posted for 30 days.
20 That's our minimal posting. And citizens are able to
21 communicate with us through the website or communicate
22 with you directly. If you're going to a community
23 meeting, if they have something that they want to say
24 in connection with that, if you forward that
25 information, what we would do is include that in the

1 final review that is done, sent to you from the policy
2 subcommittee. Bear in mind, every piece of
3 information and all the discussions from that policy
4 subcommittee is scheduled up for a report and a
5 decision that takes place as the full board. We
6 anticipate that that will take place within probably
7 the next couple of months on this particular item.

8 I also -- the chair also indicated that --
9 and I mention this only because it's listed as one of
10 the four -- is that we're attempting to schedule Hakim
11 Berry to come in and give an update on the -- on Local
12 212 and its negotiations. And then, lastly, the
13 chairman has also pointed out that there is a
14 returning citizens resolution in which you will be
15 voting on next week. If anyone on the board has a
16 change or an adjustment in connection with the -- with
17 that resolution, we'd appreciate if you could get it
18 to us so that it could be included in the Tuesday
19 mailing so that you'll have that at least a couple of
20 days prior to this meeting upon any change. You
21 already have the draft currently, but if you want some
22 changes in it, it's reasonable to try and get that to
23 you by next Tuesday so that you can act on it by
24 Thursday.

25 With that, Mr. Chair, that concludes my

1 report in this. If there are other items that you
2 would like to inquire about, I'm open to questions.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I know I'm not the
6 smartest and the sharpest knife in the drawer, but I
7 thought -- what did I miss here, Mr. Chairman? I
8 thought we were through with the towing. I thought we
9 had nothing -- I thought we turned it over to the law
10 department and that -- so help -- in other words, if
11 you want to come -- let me come back the weekend or
12 Monday, Tuesday, I'll come and learn, but I'm just
13 saying, I just -- I thought we were through with the
14 towing piece.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: No. I think we can
16 respond.

17 Could you, Mr. Hicks, elaborate a little bit
18 more in terms of why we are addressing this particular
19 issue here in terms of -- not the towing itself but in
20 terms of the facilities?

21 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, if you think of the
22 towing piece in four -- there's four points. One is
23 that years ago, the board created towing rules. At
24 that time the department was largely, almost
25 exclusively, using private towers. So those rules

1 related to private towers. Next point is that you
2 made a decision at the encouragement of the chief to
3 create a unit that involved Detroit Police Officers
4 towing. This one piece here is to essentially take
5 those rules that you generally have for the private
6 towers and draft them over to the police department.
7 They were good rules, so draft them over generally
8 toward the police department, and it regulates how
9 they do their work.

10 And then you took another action shortly
11 after, and that was to create some guidelines so that
12 a person who is economically -- needed economic
13 relief, that the department had the ability to grant
14 economic relief from the fees. Now, the last -- the
15 fourth item here that's in front of you that you would
16 be looking at next week is that under the original
17 rules, there was a restriction that said the private
18 towers could not use what we generally think about as
19 returning citizens to tow, you know. It was people
20 with records and so forth. So this fourth item is to
21 essentially say that the police department is
22 employing -- and it's a general approach that the City
23 is taking to better utilize returning citizens.
24 That's not to say that just give returning citizens a
25 break, but it's to not exclude them from the process.

1 So this item would now be taken over to the private
2 towing rules that would allow for private towers to
3 use returning citizens and, again, with the view that
4 they will pass all of the tests, all of the other
5 items that are associated with a -- with a reasonable
6 investigation of their employment and skills. So
7 those would be four items.

8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you. I -- I
9 feel less -- less dull.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. Well, it's --
11 DPD and procurement contracts handled by -- not DPD
12 anymore. It's a separate entity, part of the city,
13 not by us, and it's not police officer towing. It's
14 civilians towing that have been designated by DPD,
15 and --

16 AC WHITE: Yes.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- the private towers
18 want the same opportunity for returning citizens to
19 work for them as they worked for DPD towing. So
20 that's why this resolution is coming forward. But in
21 your sense, we are not totally out of the area of
22 dealing with towing. We do have towing rules, and
23 that's why we have to address it in that matter. So
24 we're still somewhat in the business but not like we
25 have in the past.

1 Commissioner Dewaelsche?

2 COMMISSIONER DEWAELSCHÉ: Yes. I was just
3 going to say if we look at it in terms of if the
4 police department is doing it, then we have to have
5 some say or oversight; so. . .

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: And my understanding
7 that DPD -- I said -- City of Detroit are only doing,
8 like, 20 percent of the towing.

9 AC WHITE: That's correct. 27 percent as
10 of yesterday.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: And talking to some of
12 the towers, they was not getting their fair share when
13 we had all the issues with (inaudible) towers. So
14 they're in a better position. Is that my
15 understanding?

16 AC WHITE: That's correct. It appears that
17 it's more balanced now.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: So it's been a good,
19 healthy process for all concerned parties; however, as
20 we well know, we have issues with private towing, but
21 it's not an issue of DPD, of City of Detroit. It's no
22 regulation. You've seen all the scurry. So that's
23 another area that perhaps -- that's up to the city
24 government to weigh in on.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am. I'm sorry.

2 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Thank you.

3 Also, Commissioner Holley, you probably are
4 aware that Detroit City Council has put a ban on some
5 ten towing companies and, obviously, attached a
6 moratorium on when those various businesses could
7 start up again. So I don't know. Maybe the move that
8 council made might help to put some teeth in this
9 document. And this is brand new for me, so revisiting
10 it from your vantage point, I can understand, and as
11 it has been shared is now online, that citizens can go
12 and peruse the document to see of what value it might
13 have for the individual.

14 And on page 16, it shows you as a, perhaps,
15 victim to illegal towing, you do have a recourse. You
16 know, you can take that situation to court, and
17 perhaps a lot of citizens are not aware of that.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

19 Old business?

20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, it might be
21 old business of -- last week I did mention an event at
22 District 3, but I don't see it in here. It's in the
23 minutes, but I would want the day, which I did give.
24 It's May 11th, the event for the mural for Detroit and
25 Highland Park. I wanted everybody to be aware that is

1 in District 3, Highland Park in Detroit. We're going
2 to paint a mural on their reservoir. So there are
3 flyers in the back. Anybody that knows artists or
4 paint companies, we would appreciate that.

5 Thank you, Mr. Chair.

6 MR. HICKS: What time is that?

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That time is
8 10:00 o'clock on May 11. 10:00 a.m.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I actually had my
11 hand up, and it was actually for new business but --
12 but I had my chair -- but you didn't look in my
13 direction.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: I asked for old
15 business. That's according to the agenda. I asked
16 for old business, and the commissioner responded. Now
17 we can -- if there's no more old business, we can move
18 on to new business.

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have some
20 new business, but I'll yield to Commissioner Burton
21 since he had his hand up.

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Thank you, Mr. Chair.
23 So for -- for new business, you know, I move that --
24 that the minutes be current during each board session.
25 I was pleased to see minutes provided at the board's

1 table -- I mean at the board's table today for the
2 first time for the public since I've been on this
3 commission in six years. So this is the first time
4 I've seen minutes in the back, which is -- which is
5 good, but the minutes must be current minutes; so --

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir --

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- my motion is I
8 move that the minutes be current minutes.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Through the chair.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes. Just one --
11 pause. Commissioner Burton spoke to a motion.

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I would like to move
13 that we postpone that motion indefinitely.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well, we didn't get a
15 second on the motion.

16 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I'm going to second
17 this motion so that we can have some discussion.

18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I would like to move
19 that we postpone the motion indefinitely. Do I have a
20 second?

21 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved.
23 We postpone that motion indefinitely.

24 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair --

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: I just want to pause

1 for one second. I think we need to clarify the motion
2 that was passed last week, that we are in compliance.

3 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Correct.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Mr. Hicks, would you
5 outline that in the minutes?

6 MR. HICKS: Let me -- let me --

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Just on the motion that
8 was passed, please.

9 MR. HICKS: Let me step to it like --
10 today, for example, you are in the May 2nd board
11 meeting. We will prepare minutes. It will come back
12 to you on the 7th -- the 9th. It will come back to
13 you on the 9th at the next meeting. I cannot assume
14 that at that meeting that you might not have changes
15 to the minutes.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: But I'm speaking to the
17 motion that was passed. I'm not -- I'm speaking to
18 the motion that we passed. Could you refer to the
19 minutes from the last meeting.

20 MR. HICKS: The minutes in the last
21 meeting -- they're in the minutes.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes.

23 MR. HICKS: What you agreed to is --
24 essentially was a two-day -- I mean a two-week cycle
25 in order to have the minutes made available, which,

1 again, allows for us to take them in the meetings,
2 record them -- I mean create the minutes, obtain any
3 corrections you-all would have, and then issue an
4 approved set of minutes, and that would be that
5 following week. So that's a two-week cycle. That's
6 what's in the back. It's a two-week cycle. You have
7 the first portion of that cycle from last week in your
8 package, which you have -- would review. So we're
9 consistent with everything that you had ordered us to
10 do last meeting.

11 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, the
12 reason I moved to postpone the motion indefinitely is
13 because I've read that, knowing that we voted on that;
14 so I'm just --

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am, and we have
16 a second on that postponing it indefinitely.

17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: But -- but --

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Any discussion on that?

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I had a
20 motion on the floor, and it was also seconded.

21 (Simultaneous talking.)

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: But could you pause.

23 Those in favor of postponing the motion.

24 BOARD: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Opposed.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Roll call vote.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: We have roll call vote.

4 Commissioner Griffie?

5 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Aye.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton?

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Nay.

8 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Abstain.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Carter?

11 Postpone his motion.

12 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes. Aye.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: He didn't even know

14 vote what, and he just said, "What's the vote?"

15 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I asked her.

16 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Interesting.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brown.

18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Nay.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brooks?

20 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burch?

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Aye.

23 I'm waiting for him to call me.

24 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Nay.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holt?

1 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Bell. Aye.

3 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, the motion passes.

4 The motion to indefinitely postpone passes.

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'll be back next week
6 with it.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay.

8 Yes, sir. Commissioner Brown.

9 COMMISSIONER BROWN: One is -- last week,
10 we -- Dr. McCalister communicated a letter to us with
11 a shortage of manpower in the office of the chief
12 investigator, and you made a decision not to move
13 forward yet because of -- we didn't have a process.
14 And I discovered we have a process, which we just
15 utilized within the last six to seven months. So I
16 move that we allow Dr. McCalister to fill those vacant
17 positions in the absence of the retirement of one of
18 her supervisors and two investigators that are needed
19 in the office of the chief investigator.

20 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Support.

21 UNIDENTIFIED COMMISSIONER: Second.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved and
23 supported. This issue is a personnel matter that we
24 are attempting to address, and we have gone through a
25 process.

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's been seconded
2 already, Mr. Chairman.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: I heard you.

4 Discussion on the motion? It's a personnel
5 matter referred to the personnel committee. We also
6 have some legal issues pending dealing with this
7 situation of promotion, hiring, et cetera that we are
8 dealing with. I don't know if commissioner -- I mean
9 Attorney Wyrick wanted -- might want to respond to how
10 we are addressing these issues.

11 MR. WYRICK: May I please this honorable
12 body. My name is Jermaine Wyrick, board attorney, for
13 the record. The only legal issues is that it may be
14 related to our pending open litigation, and it's not
15 appropriate to comment on that at this time in light
16 of the pending litigation.

17 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Mr. Chair, I would
18 like to move that we refer that motion to the proper
19 committee.

20 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Can we have some
21 discussion with this just so we can clarify the need
22 for hiring these people?

23 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: When you make a
24 motion to (inaudible) that motion has been voted on,
25 and if approved, it's discussed. There's no need --

1 it supersedes the --

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: But we still need to
3 discuss the motion. It doesn't supersede the
4 discussion. We haven't had the discussion on the
5 motion. We're under the discussion.

6 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: So when you make a
7 second motion that supersedes the first motion, it
8 ends discussion on the first motion. You then vote on
9 the second motion. I'd like to reiterate my motion
10 that we refer the original motion to the proper
11 committee, which, I believe, is the personnel
12 committee.

13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Second.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved and
15 supported. Those in favor.

16 BOARD: Aye.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed?

18 BOARD: Nay.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Roll call.

20 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Nay.

22 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Aye.

23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Abstain.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Aye.

25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Nay.

1 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Nay.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Aye.

5 MR. HICKS: The motion set forth by
6 Commissioner Griffie prevails; it wins seven/three.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You know -- through
8 the chair, I want to say something real quick for a
9 moment.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: You don't have the
11 floor, sir.

12 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair, I had two
13 things for new business.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I move that we, the
16 board -- I'll pass these out to you.

17 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: I can't hear. I'm
18 sorry. Can you speak into the --

19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yeah.

20 I move that the board follows the language
21 as written in the charter under Section 7-802, in the
22 second photograph, where it says "All meetings shall
23 be held in accordance with the Open Meetings Act," and
24 we follow this language in the charter.

25 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Chair, I'd like to

1 move that we postpone this indefinitely.

2 COMMISSIONER BROWN: This is a motion. This
3 is a motion pertaining to our following the charter.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Been properly moved and
5 supported.

6 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yes, ma'am.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Those in favor, aye.
8 Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Aye.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: What are we doing?

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Could you restate it?

12 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Yeah. So I believe
13 that colleague just -- Commissioner Brown just made a
14 motion that has been brought before this committee
15 many times before related to the Open Meetings Act,
16 you know, and I just move -- I just motion that we
17 would postpone that motion indefinitely as we have
18 discussed it ad nauseam, and I believe --

19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair --

20 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'm sorry. I'm still
21 speaking. This committee has decided many times
22 before what we -- our pleasure is on that, and so I'd
23 like to reiterate my motion, which is to postpone
24 Commissioner Brown's motion indefinitely.

25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair,

1 real quick --

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, you don't have the
3 floor. You don't have the floor. And, once again,
4 I'm going to call the Attorney Wyrick --

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair --

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, you don't have the
7 floor.

8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: According to --
9 according to the Open Meetings -- according to the
10 Open Meetings Act --

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, you don't have the
12 floor.

13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You can bring this
14 motion back at the closing of each meeting, so this a
15 new meeting. So this could be -- this is appropriate.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: You don't have the
17 floor.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's a good motion.
19 It's an appropriate motion for -- to bring this back
20 up today to be voted on.

21 MR. WYRICK: Respectfully, and this has
22 nothing to do with the pending Open Meetings Act, the
23 charter very specifically states that all meetings
24 must be in accordance with the Open Meetings Act.
25 That, in and of itself, however, does not mean that

1 all meetings have to, quote, unquote, be "open."

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair, I
3 mean -- for --

4 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I would like to call
5 the question. Vote on my motion.

6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: This still is under
7 discussion.

8 But, Mr. Chairman --

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir -- sir, the
10 question's been called for, and I'm going to ask for a
11 roll call vote.

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No. Hold on. Hold
13 on.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir, you are --

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: According to the
16 city -- according to the -- to the charter, all -- in
17 Section 7-802, all meetings should be in accordance to
18 the Open Meetings Act. But, also, you go to the Open
19 Meetings Act -- you can, you know, bring back a motion
20 that was voted down indefinitely. You can bring it
21 back at the next meeting, so therefore I support my
22 colleague, the vice chair Darryl Brown, with this
23 motion because this is a good motion, and we should be
24 standing for transparency. And for the commissioners
25 that vote down transparency and support to suspend

1 motions indefinitely, shame on you because you are a
2 disservice to the citizens of Detroit.

3 (Audience applause.)

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton, you
5 don't have the floor.

6 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: I'd like to say my
7 colleague is correct that he has the right to bring
8 this motion up every time, and every time I have the
9 right to move to postpone it indefinitely. I would
10 like to call the question, and my vote is aye.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: We do not need those
12 that is selling out the citizens of Detroit. We need
13 people that's gonna take a stand and support the
14 citizens and stand for transparency.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton, are
16 you voting? If not --

17 Commissioner Dewalesche?

18 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Aye.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holley?

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: What am I voting on?

21 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: You're voting to
22 postpone this motion indefinitely so we can move
23 along --

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm a nay vote. I'm
25 a nay vote.

1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I abstain.

2 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Aye.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brown?

4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Nay.

5 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Brooks?

6 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Aye.

7 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Holt?

8 COMMISSIONER HOLT: Aye.

9 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I was a nay.

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Oh, sorry.

11 Commissioner Bell, aye.

12 MR. HICKS: Mr. Chair, the vote was seven to
13 three on that item, and therefore the commissioner's
14 motion to indefinitely postpone this vote prevails.

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, may I --
17 a point of procedure.

18 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

19 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I really feel that we
20 need to perhaps have a retreat or a -- we need to have
21 a break to where we basically get an understanding of
22 what we're all about.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And that I don't
25 think this, what we do each day, each Thursday,

1 basically serves this board or this community, and I
2 feel like that indeed we need to perhaps have a --
3 some type of retreat or whatever the word might be --

4 Lisa --

5 -- in terms of --

6 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: -- in terms of trying
8 to pull us together and get an understanding of what
9 can be done, what can't be done, so that all -- all
10 people will be understanding of what our mission is
11 and what we're trying to accomplish here. I don't
12 think this is service. This community -- constituents
13 are at-large -- is serving us well.

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: I agree with you,
15 Commissioner Holley. We have a community meeting next
16 week. Perhaps we can have a closed session the week
17 following. We are working up a retreat. It won't
18 take place in this month, but it will take place soon,
19 this June. We have a couple dates. I think we're
20 locking that in. I think -- very important that we
21 focus in on -- it's a disservice for people to hear,
22 you know, whatever that is in terms of the motions,
23 but it's -- it feels as though there's a majority
24 opinion in terms of how we should move. There's a
25 minority who are taking certain steps, but we're gonna

1 address those concerned to the best of our ability.

2 And if anything I can do, if you could do --

3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the chair --

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- to mediate, then

5 would do the next -- we're gonna move on to

6 announcements.

7 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No. Through the

8 chair, I had another motion --

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: You do not have the
10 floor.

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- and you failed to
12 acknowledge me even when I had my hand up.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: The next meeting --

14 COMMISSIONER BURTON: No. Hold on, Mr.
15 Chairman. You have to acknowledge a colleague on the
16 board of commissioners. I had my hand up, and I still
17 had something else to say. I had another motion that
18 I wanted to put on the table, and you didn't ask --
19 you didn't -- you did not say for one second or any --
20 anything under old business or anything under new
21 business. You just moved straight to announcements.
22 I had my hand up. You failed to acknowledge me.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Announcements --

24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are wrong,
25 Mr. Chairman.

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Announcements --

2 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are wrong,

3 Mr. Chairman.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Announcements --

5 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are wrong,

6 Mr. Chairman.

7 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Can we have a

8 sergeant of arms?

9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move -- I move that
10 all committee meetings be open to the public.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: The next --

12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: According to --

13 COMMISSIONER DEWAELESCHE: Do we have a
14 sergeant of arms, please?

15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Commissioner

16 Burton. . .

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: The next community
18 meeting is gonna be on Thursday, June the 13th, 2019,
19 6:30 p.m., at 2nd Precinct at St. John Lutheran
20 Church.

21 The next item of business --

22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You're wrong,

23 Mr. Chairman.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: -- is public comments.

25 Mr. Brown, would you --

1 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You are a disservice
2 to the citizens of Detroit.

3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, I have six cards --

4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I can speak my -- this
5 chair has not -- this chair -- I want to make the
6 record reflect -- this chair have not acknowledged me
7 each time that I raised my hand -- raised my hand from
8 my seat to be waited on to speak under old business.

9 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chair, your --

10 COMMISSIONER BELL: Sir --

11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: You cannot be a rubber
12 stamp board --

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Burton, you
14 are out of order.

15 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- and think that you
16 are servicing the people.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: You are out of order.

18 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I had my hand up,
19 Mr. Chairman. You failed to acknowledge me under old
20 business. You are wrong, and you shall be called out.
21 You are wrong, Mr. Chairman. You are wrong.

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: We're going to have a
23 recess.

24 (A recess was taken at 4:43 p.m.)

25 (Back on the record at 4:44 p.m.)

1 MR. BROWN: Mr. Chairman, I have six cards.

2 The first speaker will be Mr. Eric Blount,
3 followed by Ms. Ashley Smith, followed by Mr. Scotty
4 Bowman, Brenda Hill, Ms. Mary Lacy, and Ms. Michelle
5 George.

6 MR. BLOUNT: Good afternoon, board and
7 staff.

8 Chief White.

9 BOARD: Good afternoon.

10 MR. BLOUNT: For the record, my name is Eric
11 Blount, lifelong Detroiter. I happened to be an
12 eyewitness to the sentencing yesterday of Officer
13 Jones, and I'm troubled and concerned on many
14 different levels; and I'm trying to make sense of the
15 discipline that happens at the police department, how
16 the board provides discipline, and how it flows into a
17 judge's decision. For those of you who weren't there,
18 the judge made some very disturbing remarks in his
19 decision. One was that the situation just looked bad,
20 that the woman wasn't actually hurt, and that she
21 would have been hurt more if a taser had been used.

22 Now, I don't claim to know everything, but
23 receiving blows in that manner could have mortally
24 wounded that woman, so for the judge to go down that
25 line of reasoning really bothered me.

1 The other thing he said was at his sentence
2 for Officer Jones -- was similar to many other
3 sentences he had given out, and he didn't distinguish
4 between police officers and everyday citizens of this
5 community. And it is my expectation that police
6 officers are held to a higher standard of treatment
7 because you are trained in how to minimize situations.
8 The only thing I do agree with the judge on is that
9 the woman did very similar things to all of the people
10 there, and Officer Jones was the only one that reacted
11 violently. Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

13 MR. BROWN: Ms. Smith, followed by
14 Mr. Bowman.

15 MS. SMITH: Hello. Can you hear me? My
16 name is Ashley Smith. I'm a veteran as well as a
17 Realtor in Texas now. Also, when I saw the video of
18 Corporal Jones attacking the young lady, who was
19 clearly emotionally and mentally disturbed, my first
20 thought was "What type of ruckus and tomfoolery is
21 this?" I'm speaking from experience as a BJJ
22 practitioner as well as an Army veteran. And, as a
23 medical professional, I question the protocol
24 implemented by the officers as well as the hospital.
25 How could this get so out of hand?

1 I've worked in military hospitals, where we
2 work with Delta Forces, special forces, Rangers, and
3 we never allowed it to go that far. It was an unsafe
4 environment. Yesterday, I heard the judge critique
5 the perception of the event as well as the victim's
6 behavior. I personally know the victim, and they were
7 not only physically abused but emotionally,
8 spiritually, and mentally. They're beyond disbelief.

9 That victim's a mother, that victim's a
10 daughter, and she's a sister. She's my sister. I
11 found out about this event through social media. My
12 sister has a guardian. When I was in the military,
13 the guardian was responsible for her and then felt as
14 if my family needed to know about the event. Also, as
15 a veteran, it's super disturbing to see your family
16 member treated that way, when we go overseas, and we
17 treat terrorists better than that. We treat
18 assailants better than that. And so, you know, to
19 sacrifice yourself and your health just to see your
20 family members treated this way is very disturbing.
21 We are here to protect and serve as the police, and
22 that's obvious that that did not happen. The City of
23 Detroit got this wrong. The commissioners got this
24 wrong. The judge got this wrong, and we deserve
25 better as citizens of Detroit, as a Michigander, and

1 as a veteran. Thank you.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

3 MR. BROWN: Mr. Bowman, followed by
4 Ms. Hill.

5 MR. BOWMAN: I yield my time to Ashley
6 Smith.

7 MS. SMITH: Also, another thing I would like
8 to say is that we contacted the police officers,
9 Detective Young. While I was in Texas, I was unable
10 to come up here. I was hung up on. I was told that I
11 didn't have the right to do a BOLO for my sister, and
12 as a result, I believe this has happened as well. So
13 we reached out to the Detroit Department of Police,
14 and we were largely ignored. Again, this is very
15 disappointing. We have a GoFundMe. It's
16 justiceforshelby@gmail.com. or
17 justiceforshelbyGoFundMe. Please share or like.

18 But this isn't the last event that we'll
19 have. I'm sure you'll hear from me. You'll hear from
20 my family. Again, we just found out about this
21 incident, and so we didn't know about the events that
22 transpired because she is a protected class. And so
23 now we'll deal with her health, her well-being, and
24 make sure that we can get her back to as good as
25 possible as we can. But to say that she's physically

1 unharmed is one thing, but the emotional, the PTSD,
2 the distress -- she's so distraught. My sister's not
3 the same person. And so I hope to be able to talk to
4 the chief and other people and maybe get some better
5 insight and maybe make some recommendations so we
6 could -- so no family member has to feel the way that
7 we had to feel. Thank you.

8 AC WHITE: Through the chair, ma'am, thank
9 you for your report out -- or your comments, and thank
10 you for your service as well. Your concerns did not
11 fall on deaf ears. I'm going to communicate much of
12 what you told me to the chief, and that opportunity to
13 speak with the chief would be appropriate, and I'll
14 make sure that he knows that you want to do that.

15 I don't know if you still live in Michigan
16 or if you're in Texas, but I don't know if you know
17 this command staff, or Chief Craig for that matter,
18 but we operate very transparently. We communicate,
19 and it would not be unrealistic for us to sit down and
20 have a conversation about this incident. There's much
21 more to come on this. I just ask that you trust the
22 process as it relates to the Detroit Police
23 Department, and we'll be in contact with you soon.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

25 MR. BROWN: Ms. Hill, followed by Ms. Lacy.

1 MS. HILL: Hi. My name is Brenda Hill, and
2 I was at the charter commission meeting on April 27th
3 when 15 to 20 officers were called on the public. I
4 would like you-all to open an investigation to that.
5 We also had a police commissioner -- I mean -- there,
6 William Davis. Yes. And I don't know whether he did
7 anything wrong or did anything right. I just felt
8 like he should have stepped in. And so I need a
9 specific investigation on that conduct, for the
10 record, so that we know when we're in situations like
11 that what is the conduct or responsibilities for
12 police commissioners that are there.

13 Also --

14 COMMISSIONER BELL: I can just -- I'm still
15 going to give you your time.

16 MS. HILL: Okay.

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Police commissioners
18 have no police authority, period. We are civilians.

19 Ms. Hill: Okay.

20 COMMISSIONER BELL: We do not control any
21 situation. That is strictly, as AC White will
22 respond, to the issue you are complaining about,
23 police officers being there. I'll let you finish your
24 statement. Okay?

25 MS. HILL: You want me to finish?

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

2 MS. HILL: So I don't know if he should
3 have called the chief himself or not, you know, if he
4 felt something was wrong. I just want that for the
5 record so that when I go out into the community, those
6 of us who discussed what happened and were looking to
7 William Davis to do something, then we know, you know,
8 that, whether he's supposed to or not.

9 Also, the police officers' conduct was so
10 disturbing to me that -- first of all, I also want to
11 know who called the police -- because there was never
12 a threat -- and what they said, and how did they issue
13 that information, whether it went through dispatch,
14 911, whether it went to a specific commander or
15 specific officer. We were in the 3rd District, which
16 is the most violent district in this city, (inaudible)
17 .205 in that district, and we had 15 to 20 police
18 officers that were not out protecting the public. It
19 was disgraceful.

20 I was spoken to in such a manner, and I saw
21 other people spoken to in such a manner and laid hands
22 on. I saw white officers with their hands on their
23 guns in a room full of black people. We have gone to
24 a place -- and then they -- they gave out false
25 information. They also decided that we were the

1 aggressors, with no evidence, and then allowed what
2 they were telling us to do, to sit down, with allowing
3 people to come around the table and speak to
4 commissioners. We also had commissioners that were
5 smiling at that conduct. What I want to do is that we
6 get some clarity and some transparency on what goes on
7 going forward. I do have a meeting with the chief
8 next week, but I want you-all.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: So you want to respond.

10 MS. HILL: Yes.

11 COMMISSIONER BELL: You want to speak to our
12 chief investigator -- your complaint -- and perhaps
13 AC White, which you already started the process -- you
14 can talk to him or the staff. Would that satisfy you?
15 But a police commissioner -- if we attend any
16 function, we're just like you. We are John Doe
17 citizens.

18 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: And I did talk to both
19 of the sergeants there a couple times.

20 MS. HILL: Okay. Yes.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: I felt like calling the
22 police this afternoon; so. . .

23 Thank you. We will do diligence.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, could I just
25 address this lady?

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, ma'am.

2 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Ma'am, I just want to
3 say to you the statement that you made -- I don't
4 think it's fair.

5 MS. HILL: Which one?

6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: You said District 3 is
7 one of the most violent districts.

8 MS. HILL: It is.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: It is not. No, ma'am.
10 I'm sorry.

11 MS. HILL: All right.

12 COMMISSIONER BURCH: So I just wanted to say
13 that. I'm Commissioner Shirley Burch.

14 MS. HILL: But it is. Look at the
15 statistics from the FBI.

16 MR. BROWN: Ms. Lacy, followed by
17 Ms. George.

18 MS. LACY: Hello. My name is Mary Lacy.
19 I'm a senior retiree and 11th Precinct delegate, but
20 I'm new to the 6th Precinct. I was, like, at the 9th
21 Precinct for about 30 years, and I have served on the
22 board and -- actually, meeting with all the people
23 there. But what amazes me here is that I had a home
24 invasion, and that was back in 2016. So I filed a
25 police report, and every time I filed a police report,

1 I kept track of it, and I thought they would follow up
2 on it. So then in 2017, I had another problem because
3 I would be away from the home quite a bit.

4 So I'm trying to find out, what are the
5 procedures in the 6th Precinct when citizens have
6 police complaints? They had a police report. There
7 is no follow-up. So then I called, and the last thing
8 I did -- they sent a Detective B-o-g-u-s-k-i out --
9 and this was, like, in the last week or so. So do
10 they have -- in the 6th Precinct -- like I said, I
11 served on the board in the 9th Precinct. I have an
12 idea. So maybe things have changed. So in the 6th
13 Precinct, do they have any follow-up when citizens
14 make complaints?

15 AC WHITE: Through the chair -- I'm sorry.

16 (Simultaneous speakers.)

17 COMMISSIONER BELL: Just one second,

18 AC White.

19 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Ms. Lacy was here last
20 week, and I spoke to her at length. I got her phone
21 number. I gave it to Commander Arnold Williams, and
22 he texted me back that he had contacted you, called
23 and left a message, and he relayed your information to
24 the detectives last week. Last Thursday -- last
25 Friday is when he called you. And then I followed up

1 with a phone call, but I didn't get a phone call back.

2 MS. LACY: That's why I requested something
3 in writing because it's too much of a go-around. And,
4 like I say, back in the old days, the 9th Precinct was
5 the largest precinct in Detroit, so I have an idea.
6 That's why I have so much patience. But I just can't
7 believe in this day and age with modern
8 technology. . .

9 COMMISSIONER CARTER: But the commander of
10 the precinct did follow up with you.

11 MS. LACY: Okay. I asked for a letter in
12 writing from the commander.

13 AC WHITE: So what I'll do -- through the
14 chair is --

15 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

16 AC WHITE: Commander Hayes will get your
17 information, ma'am.

18 MS. LACY: I believe I talked to a Commander
19 Williams.

20 AC WHITE: Yes, but if it's a letter you
21 want --

22 MS. LACY: Well, I want a letter that's
23 saying -- stating -- indicating that I have contacted
24 you guys. And you should have on record these police
25 reports, 1616 and -17 and -18. So I want a letter in

1 writing that I did contact you guys in regards to
2 these break-ins I've had and to the police reports
3 I've made so if I have to go anywhere further, there's
4 no hearsay. I have it in writing. Is that hard to
5 understand.

6 AC WHITE: It's not hard to understand, but
7 I want to make sure I can help you. I don't want to
8 just say I'm gonna help you if I can't.

9 MS. LACY: It should be on record somewhere.

10 AC WHITE: Well, that's why I'm trying to
11 get you to get with the commander. We can take a look
12 at it, but I'm not going to guarantee that I can do it
13 because I don't know. I have to see if the records
14 exist. I have to see the details of your case, and if
15 it's possible, we'll provide it.

16 MS. LACY: You think I made up those
17 numbers?

18 AC WHITE: Ma'am, I'm got going to debate
19 that with you.

20 (Simultaneous speakers.)

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commander Hayes is going
22 to speak to you. He's directly behind you.

23 MS. LACY: Thank you.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

25 MR. BROWN: Ms. Michelle George.

1 And, Mr. Chair, that should be your last
2 speaker.

3 COMMISSIONER BELL: Thank you.

4 MS. GEORGE: Good afternoon to Deputy Chief
5 White and to this board.

6 Mr. Chair, I wanted to also comment on the
7 case with Corporal Jones. I had called the attorney.
8 Well, I was trying to leave a message at her office,
9 but she hasn't answered her phone, for Corporal
10 Jones's attorney, Pamela. I commented on her
11 statement that police officers -- he was acting in his
12 training, and I just told her -- I said, "Why would
13 Chief Craig recommend his firing if he was acting in
14 his training, with 10 to 13 blows to her face?" I did
15 tell her -- I said, "If it was a white officer and a
16 black woman, the earth would have opened up." I told
17 her, "If it was a black officer and a white woman, the
18 black officer would have been fired," and by it being
19 a black officer and a black woman, that's just an
20 issue. But I had to challenge that attorney that
21 represented him.

22 Also, I wanted to comment on the charter, as
23 well as Ms. Hill, that the discord -- I'm concerned
24 about -- I know it's not this governing body, but the
25 charter is the governing body of the city about the

1 police. That is, citizens have a right to respond. I
2 will be reaching out to Councilman Benson about this
3 because it had to be either Councilman Benson or
4 Chairman Weaver to call the police to have that many
5 police respond. The emergency manager has destroyed
6 our city, so the citizens are acting on behalf of that
7 with that issue, with what's happening with the city.

8 I have -- I'm reaching out to the Attorney
9 General Nessel with what's happening with hiring
10 people with (inaudible). I know I don't have anything
11 to do with this governing body, but in the event an
12 incident occurs, you probably will get it to your
13 office. So I am also concerned -- we were talking
14 about it on the radio, and I did hear citizens call in
15 on 9:10 a.m. about some officers, you know -- I wasn't
16 there -- about touching near their gun. So hopefully,
17 that is not the case, but it's going to be an issue if
18 the police respond to the citizens and we're doing it
19 right.

20 And I also, too --

21 Commissioner Burch, it is true -- it is in
22 the statistics that 48205 -- it's not saying anything
23 bad, Commissioner, but it's just one of the 7th
24 dangerous neighborhoods. But 48205 is listed among
25 the FBI statistics.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I don't agree. That's
2 okay what you said. I don't agree.

3 MS. GEORGE: Okay. Thank you. I'm just
4 stating it is.

5 MR. BROWN: That's your last speaker.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: Before I request a
7 motion for adjournment, I just want to apologize to
8 our viewing audience, and I want to apologize to you
9 for what we have witnessed. And this is not the first
10 time; it's not the second time but, like, the third or
11 fourth time in my experience since 2014, and
12 unfortunate. There's a lot of deeper issues here
13 dealing with the situation and -- but I think our body
14 as a whole -- we try to serve this community. We are
15 volunteers, and we're trying to function in a certain
16 manner.

17 And the majority rule in terms of how you
18 operate, but we do hear from all the commissioners.
19 They got a right to speak in the process, how we try
20 to conduct business, but certain things is -- it's
21 just totally -- weekly that we have been bombarded
22 with. And, as Commissioner Holley said last week,
23 it's very frustrating to come to this table, to try to
24 construct business when we have these shenanigans
25 going on. So I think that we have tried to be very

1 liberal in terms of how we handle this matter, but as
2 you well know, it is not good for the community to
3 witness the City of -- especially the elected
4 officials acting in a certain manner. I thought we
5 was past that, but it's gotten worse. So I just want
6 to share that with you. I apologize. I wish I had
7 control of the situation, but I can't control
8 individuals to some degree, as you well know, as being
9 chairman in terms of trying to manage the meeting,
10 dealing with the whole process; so --

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I would like to say
12 something before you adjourn.

13 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

14 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: As it relates to the
15 charter commission meeting --

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

17 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: When I got there, it
18 was already going on, and there was already police
19 officers there. And I did know at one point a lot of
20 additional police officers came, and the way they got
21 in front of the charter commission and was looking at
22 the audience, I think, had some people -- almost
23 looked like it was about to be a riot.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: Well --

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: So I don't know why --

1 COMMISSIONER BELL: Why don't we give
2 Assistant Chief White opportunity to respond to us
3 next week to that situation. We don't know all the
4 details, and I'm pretty sure he's going to look into
5 it and report back to us next week in terms of what
6 transpired.

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, I would like a
8 report.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: Okay. So the chair
10 would entertain a motion for adjournment.

11 AC WHITE: Sir?

12 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

13 AC WHITE: Very quickly, I wanted to respond
14 to the public comment and bring clarification to one
15 issue.

16 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

17 AC WHITE: During the public comment, it was
18 mentioned -- and I respect everyone's opinion with
19 regards to their perception, but I don't want my
20 silence to be characterized as acceptance or approval
21 of what was stated as it relates to the
22 decision-making being based on the race of the
23 perpetrator. That is not the case in the Detroit
24 Police Department, and I just wanted to put that on
25 the record. But I do respect the citizen's opinion,

1 and she's entitled to that.

2 And with respect to the question that the
3 chair asked earlier regarding towing, and specifically
4 as it relates to the number of towers getting more
5 business now since it's more balanced, I just want to
6 make sure that I frame that correctly. That is, in
7 fact, what I was told as well; however, we have not
8 statistically validated that information.

9 COMMISSIONER BELL: And I was told by the
10 mayor and also the chief of the police in reference
11 to, you know -- maybe not officially but unofficially.
12 And I have talked to some towers, too. They have
13 undergone business they did not have, like, you know,
14 because another tower is out of the process; so -- but
15 as we move forward, we receive more information on it.

16 And thank you for clarifying those issues.
17 We don't make decisions based on race. We try to
18 respond, and I can endorse what you're indicating
19 there.

20 AC WHITE: Thank you, sir.

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, sir.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman, I
23 respectfully ask for adjournment.

24 COMMISSIONER BELL: It's been properly moved
25 and second, second, second. Those in favor, aye.

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BOARD: Aye.
COMMISSIONER BELL: Those opposed? Motion
carries. We stand adjourned. Thank you.
(The meeting was concluded at 5:06 p.m.)

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17 party, nor interested in the event of this cause.

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