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DETROIT POLICE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS MEETING
HELD VIRTUALLY AT RESPECTIVE LOCATIONS
APRIL 16, 2020 at 3:00 p.m.

1 COMMISSIONERS:

2 LISA CARTER, Chairperson, Commissioner (District 6)

3 ANNIE HOLT, Vice Chairperson, Commissioner At-Large

4 SHIRLEY BURCH, Commissioner (District 3)

5 WILLIE BELL, Commissioner (District 4)

6 WILLIAM DAVIS, Commissioner (District 7)

7 JIM HOLLEY, Commissioner, At-Large

8 ELIZABETH BROOKS, Commissioner, At-Large

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REPRESENTING THE CHIEF OF POLICE

DEPUTY CHIEF TODD BETTISON

1 Held virtually

2 April 16, 2020

3 About 3:00 p.m.

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5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Good afternoon

6 everyone.

7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon.

8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Welcome. My name is
9 Lisa Carter and I represent District 6. I will be
10 conducting today's meeting. On behalf of the board --
11 this afternoon's virtual meeting on behalf of the board
12 those of you in attendance and viewing this meeting on
13 your government cable channel, thank you for joining our
14 meeting. At this time I am going to ask that Chaplain
15 Demetrius Davenport give the invocation.

16 CHAPLAIN DAVENPORT: Thank you.

17 (Invocation given.)

18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Chaplain.
19 Amen, thank you. At this time, Commissioners, if you
20 would introduce yourselves beginning with Commissioner
21 Brown. Is Commissioner Brown here? Well, just
22 introduce yourselves. Thank you.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Commissioner Willie
24 Bell, District 4.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Good afternoon.

1 Annie Holt, at-large.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon.

3 William Davis, District 7.

4 SECRETARY WHITE: Commissioner Brooks?

5 MR. BROWN: We know she's there. Okay.

6 SECRETARY WHITE: Commissioner Brooks?

7 Okay. We can come back. Commissioner Burch?

8 Commissioner Burton? Commissioner Griffie?

9 Commissioner Holley?

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Here.

11 SECRETARY WHITE: And Commissioner Davis I

12 believe indicated as well. Commissioner Brooks?

13 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: Commissioner Brooks is

14 here. I'm on the phone.

15 SECRETARY WHITE: Thank you. Madam

16 Chairperson, you ever a quorum at this time.

17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Ms. White.

18 Thank you, Commissioners, for joining us. At this time,

19 Commissions, you have before you the agenda for

20 Thursday, April 16th, 2020. Is there a motion to

21 approve the agenda?

22 COMMISSIONER BELL: So moved.

23 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Second.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and

25 seconded that we approve the agenda for Thursday, April

1 16th, 2020. Is there any discussion? Those in favor?

2 ALL: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? Motion
4 carries. Commissioners, you have before you the minutes
5 from Thursday, April 9th, 2020. Is there a motion to
6 approve the minutes from April 9th?

7 COMMISSIONER BROOKS: So moved.

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
10 supported that we approve the minutes from April 9th,
11 2020. Is there any discussion?

12 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam Chairperson, I
13 was present. I just couldn't get in.

14 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay, so that has to be
15 a correction. Commissioner Holley was present but he
16 could not -- his phone was muted so he could not provide
17 any audio. He did call and inform me of that, so we'll
18 have to make those corrections and with the corrections
19 is there any other discussion? Those in favor --

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam Chair?

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

22 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Commissioner Burton
23 said he's on the line.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay, can he text you a
25 number so that you can provide that to the staff so that

1 they can let him in or un-mute his microphone?

2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay, I will text him
3 that.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: The last four digits.

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Okay.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Any other
7 discussion about the minutes, regarding the minutes.
8 Those in favor of approving the minutes from April 9th
9 with the correction?

10 ALL: Aye.

11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? The
12 motion carries. Thank you, Commissioners. At this time
13 Ms. White, would you introduce any staff that are here
14 in attendance.

15 SECRETARY WHITE: Thank you, Madam
16 Chairperson Carter. Before introducing the board staff,
17 the Department of Innovation and Technology is
18 monitoring the board's meeting today and they are
19 present during the meeting and also our court reporter
20 this afternoon is Mrs. Caitlyn Hartley. For the board
21 staff introductions the following staff members are in
22 attendance today: Attorney Jermaine Wyrick; Mr. Robert
23 Brown; Ms. Teresa Blossom, community relations
24 coordinator; Mrs. Jonya Underwood, administrative
25 assistant; Ms. D'Layne Richards, legal assistant, and

1 interim chief investigator Lawrence Akbar and
2 supervising investigator Lasonya Sloan and that
3 concludes the introductions at this time.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Ms. White.
5 Who is here on behalf of the chief?

6 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Deputy Chief
7 Bettison (inaudible).

8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I'm sorry, I missed the
9 last part. Who's the second?

10 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Deputy Chief
11 Bettison on behalf of Chief Craig.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: And we also have
14 D.C. Grant Ha on the line and also Director Chris
15 Graveline.

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: All right, thank you.
17 Are there any elected officials, VPs, civic leaders or
18 their representatives? Again, thank you for joining us
19 this afternoon for our virtual board meeting. Given the
20 critical stage of the Coronavirus the board will
21 continue to utilize this platform for our weekly
22 business meetings until further notice. Please note a
23 few housekeeping rules before we move on. We have
24 distributed instructions on how to access the virtual
25 meeting and how to participate during the public

1 comments on the agenda. Upon joining the meeting,
2 please note that you will join the meeting muted.
3 Please do not start the video unless invited by the
4 host. Video or images deemed inappropriate by the chair
5 will result in dismissal from the meeting. To make a
6 public comment, please complete the Smart Sheet form
7 referenced on the board's agenda or you may raise your
8 hand by clicking the participants in the attendee
9 controls at the bottom of your computer screen. You
10 will then see raised hand at the bottom of the
11 participant's list. Or you may dial star 9 if you are
12 participating by mobile device. You may also use one of
13 the options by 4 p.m. to be acknowledged for public
14 comment. I'm sorry, you may use any of those options
15 before 4:00. If you are experiencing technical
16 difficulties, please dial any of the call-in numbers
17 listed on the agenda to attend the meeting. Again we
18 thank you in advance for your patience. As a reminder,
19 Commissioners, if you would like to make a comment
20 please acknowledge the chair and wait until I
21 acknowledge your request.

22 Coronavirus impacts we are -- we continue to
23 encourage everyone to adhere to all public health
24 mandates and safety precautions. Please stay healthy --
25 stay safe and stay healthy. The board continues to send

1 its support and prayers to Chief Craig and the entire
2 DPD family and all first responders. We thank the
3 department and all first responders for their continued
4 efforts to keep us safe. As we do every week on behalf
5 of the board I want to express the board's concern and
6 support for fallen and injured officers and their
7 families. Officer safety and citizen protection are
8 ranked as two of the most important priorities of the
9 board. Our board receives a weekly report from the
10 department listing injured officers and I would ask that
11 Deputy Chief Bettison please provide us with any updates
12 during your report. The Board of Police Commissioners
13 meets every week except for Thanksgiving and Christmas
14 holiday periods. Typically, we meet at public police
15 headquarters every Thursday at 3 p.m. except every
16 second Thursday of the month when we meet in the
17 community at 6:30 p.m. However, as indicated before we
18 will hold virtual meetings every Thursday at 3 p.m.
19 until further notice.

20 Under the Detroit city charter Article 7
21 Chapter 8, the Board of Police Commissioners is provided
22 to -- is in power to provide civilian oversight and
23 supervisory control of the police department. Our board
24 investigates noncriminal citizen's complaints, monitors
25 department operations, works with the mayor and the

1 chief of police to establish police policies, rules, and
2 regulations, and acts as a final authority on all
3 disciplinary matters. As an oversight agency the board
4 has the broad responsibility to protect the citizens and
5 create policies to enforce strict adherence to
6 department policies.

7 Additionally, the board works to eliminate
8 police misconduct, discriminatory police practices and
9 unnecessary use of force by police. Of special
10 importance the board strongly disagrees with the recent
11 arbitration ruling on the promotion of Corporal DeWayne
12 Jones to the rank of sergeant. We hope the department
13 will take the necessary steps -- actions to refrain from
14 promoting Corporal Jones based on no official ruling
15 provided by the arbitrator as a matter of strong public
16 policy.

17 The board believes in transparency,
18 community input and accountability. And as a civilian
19 oversight agency we must protect the rights of citizens
20 and victims. Our objective is to ensure the safety and
21 protection of everyone. Commissioners, there are
22 several important items for your consideration and
23 information in your packet e-mailed to you on Tuesday
24 and in your packet today. Today we have one resolution
25 honoring emergency services dispatch operator Shawn

1 Pride posthumously. At the appropriate time I will ask
2 that Vice Chair Holt please read the resolution. From
3 the chief's office I'm requesting updates on the city
4 wide crime statistics and other critical issues facing
5 the police department. I am also requesting the
6 following updates: The progress of Chief Craig, any
7 critical incidents on the department given the
8 widespread COVID-19 and any other critical incidents
9 impacting the department and the community.

10 Today we have two presentations, the DPD
11 training academy presentation by Captain Brian Harris
12 and the board's policy division updates by Ms. White.
13 Ms. White's update will be brief because we do have a
14 full agenda so she will just give you some reminders
15 today. Our interim board secretary will also provide us
16 with various updates regarding incoming correspondence.
17 Also, I want to announce a few reminders. Again, if you
18 would like to make a public comment, please complete the
19 spreadsheet form referenced on the board's agenda or you
20 may raise your hand by clicking the participants in the
21 -- click on participants in the attendee controls at the
22 bottom of your computer screen. You will then see
23 raised hand at the bottom of your participant's list.
24 Or you may dial star 9 if you are participating by
25 mobile device. You may utilize any of those options by

1 4 p.m. to be acknowledged for public comment. Please
2 also know that video or images deemed inappropriate by
3 the chair will result in your dismissal from the
4 meeting. During public comments, the public comments
5 section of the agenda each speaker will have the
6 allotted two minutes to speak. Mr. Brown will
7 acknowledge each speaker. We ask that you remain
8 respectful and professional. Please also note the board
9 continues to accept citizens' feedback by telephone,
10 e-mail, fax and mailing and will respond accordingly.
11 The telephone number to the board's office is
12 313-596-1830. Again, that's 313-596-1830. And the
13 office of the chief investigator that number is
14 313-596-2499. Again, that number is 313-596-2499 should
15 you like to file a citizens complaint regarding alleged
16 police misconduct.

17 At this time please silence your cell phones
18 or electronic devices and other background sounds to
19 prevent interrupting the meeting, and finally, in the
20 spirit of effective communication please treat each
21 other respectfully and professionally. My objective
22 today is to run an orderly meeting and conclude at a
23 reasonable time. Thank you. And at this time we will
24 have the resolution honoring emergency service
25 deployment operator Shawn Pride posthumously by

1 Commissioner Holt.

2 SECRETARY WHITE: Excuse me, Madam
3 Chairperson through the chair, Commissioner Griffie has
4 also joined the line so I wanted to note that for the
5 record.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay is Commissioner
7 Burton on the line? No? Okay. Commissioner Holt.
8 Thank you, Commissioner Griffie for joining us.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you, Chair
10 Carter. Resolution honoring emergency service
11 deployment operator Shawn DeWayne Pride posthumously.
12 Whereas emergency service deployment operator, ESDO,
13 Shawn D. Pride was appointed to the Detroit Police
14 Department on January 17, 2012 where he was assigned to
15 the communication section. Whereas, Mr. Pride was a
16 graduate of Martin Luther King High School. He later
17 went on to further his education at Ferris State
18 University majoring in biology; and whereas Mr. Pride
19 was recognized for his valuable service to the
20 department. He was a recipient of a certificate for
21 most improved EMD performance and perfect attendance
22 award. His dedication to the city of Detroit Police
23 Department, the communication section and the community
24 showed constantly through his actions on day -- on duty
25 and off duty; and whereas Mr. Pride served the Detroit

1 Police Department with great commitment and dedication
2 for over eight years. His professionalism, commitment
3 and integrity were great assets to the Detroit Police
4 Department. He was highly respected as a consummate
5 professional. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the
6 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the
7 citizens of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department
8 award this resolution posthumously to emergency service
9 deployment operator Shawn Pride for his eight plus years
10 of dedication and diligent public service. His
11 professionalism, integrity and standard of commitment to
12 the city of Detroit and its citizens merit our highest
13 regards. We salute you emergency service deployment
14 operator Shawn DeWayne Pride for a job well done. Madam
15 Chair, I move that we approve this resolution
16 posthumously.

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
19 supported that we approve the resolution honoring
20 emergency service deployment operator Shawn Pride
21 posthumously. Is there any discussion? Those in favor?

22 ALL: Aye.

23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? The
24 motion carries. Thank you, Commissioner Holt.

25 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: You're welcome.

1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioners, there
2 are a couple of other things that I have to go back to
3 as far as the agenda that we will be conducting today.
4 Under new business we have a closed session regarding
5 duty status without pay but with medical benefits for
6 police officer Stanley Saunders. And also we have moved
7 up the comments, the public comments section before the
8 closed session so that we can accommodate the public so
9 that they can if they choose not to return to the
10 meeting, they can go about their business; so I just
11 wanted to note those two things before we moved any
12 further. At this time, Commissioners, we will have the
13 chief's report from Deputy Chief Bettison.

14 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thank you. Thank
15 you. So I'll first start off by giving an update on
16 Chief Craig. Yesterday he took the rapid COVID test and
17 he test negative. So Chief Craig no longer has the
18 COVID virus in his system and he is back in active duty.
19 That right there is phenomenal news and thanks everyone
20 for the prayers and well wishes and he is very, very
21 humbled by the fact that it was relatively mild and in
22 regard to many of our members we have nine members
23 currently hospitalized. Is everybody else hearing this
24 bad echo?

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yeah.

1 SECRETARY WHITE: Madam Chair, we're working
2 on removing that extra feedback. We apologize and
3 appreciate your patience. Thank you.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

5 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I'll continue. It's
6 gone. With our members that are in the hospital some of
7 them, a couple of them are on ventilators. I don't want
8 to give their names for privacy but we ask for your
9 continued prayers for those members as well and we're
10 definitely checking on them and providing support to
11 their family members. Also I bring sad news that we
12 lost two reserve officers last week to the COVID-19
13 virus. Captain Ernest Robinson from the Second Precinct
14 did over 30 years with serving the DPD as a volunteer
15 reserve, and also reserve officer Gus Hews of the
16 Seventh Precinct who also did over 30 years serving DPD
17 as a reserve officer. So our thoughts and prayers are
18 with those families and I will definitely submit their
19 bios to the board so that we can get them, you know,
20 request resolutions for them, and also we definitely
21 will celebrate their memorial along with the many other
22 fallen heroes as soon as we can.

23 It was back on March 12th that the DPD got
24 their first COVID-19 case and the next day was March
25 16th when we had 7 of our members quarantined and then

1 we hit a peak at March 26th, 37 members quarantined and
2 that was a peak for us. As of right now the department
3 currently has 345 members in quarantine. We have 185
4 members that have tested positive for COVID-19. The
5 good news is that DPD has returned 611 members to full
6 duty status. The rapid testing has assisted
7 tremendously and we also have other members that tested
8 positive for COVID-19 and who have now tested negative
9 for COVID and who have returned to work and I just say
10 that because we hear so much despair that you can almost
11 lose hope but it has truly lifted my morale with the
12 chief coming back, and back to duty and then also seeing
13 many of my peers now who are back on the job and who
14 beat COVID. That's not a sign for us to let our guards
15 down but it does give us some hope. I'll give a
16 breakdown also in regards to when you hear the numbers
17 of members that are out. So it's 8 SPOs that are
18 quarantined, 3 PAs, 84 civilians, 144 police officers,
19 20 detectives, 31 corporals, 42 sergeants, 1 lieutenant,
20 1 Captain, 1 commander. And that's where we stand. So
21 with that being said with the DPD on the mend and we
22 flatten the curve on the DPD side just as of yesterday
23 we had 3 members that got quarantined but we're bringing
24 many, many more back to work now and we do have
25 screening procedures at all of our precincts where I

1 know it came up last week where at that point it was
2 raised whether it was a mandate that DPD officers donned
3 the mask. Chief Craig made the decision that we shall
4 don the mask. So we're wearing surgical masks and when
5 appropriate we'll put on the N95 mask.

6 In regards to enforcement efforts to keep
7 the community safe and ourselves safe and many of our
8 community concerns were complaints came regarding people
9 not adhering to the governor's executive order. As of
10 Monday the 13th we did 864 spot checks; we gave 45
11 warnings; issued 26 citations which are thousand dollar
12 tickets and since the inception of enforcing it with the
13 thousand the dollar tickets, which was April 4th, we've
14 done 608 -- we've done 6,894 spot checks; 1,364
15 warnings, issued 379 citations, shut down 22 parties and
16 closed 19 businesses. I did get a couple calls
17 regarding the particular business and various folks, and
18 you may have received some of these calls as well, about
19 a particular car wash that was continuously operating.
20 We did go do enforcement at that car wash. We issued
21 tickets and we actually reached out to the attorney
22 general's office and advised her and the Wayne County
23 prosecutor, so the attorney general actually issued a
24 cease and desist letter for that business and that was
25 the Fast Splash car wash and we did serve that upon that

1 business owner. He has since complied and we don't
2 think we'll have any other issues regarding that.

3 Also since we started the rapid testing
4 we've had 866 members get rapid tested. And like I said
5 that's been going very, very well and I just want to
6 give a special thanks too to state rep Tyrone Carter.
7 He reached out to us yesterday and I guess with his
8 contacts with UPS they donated 4,000 N95 masks to DPD
9 and I know the state rep took care of other first
10 responders in his district as well. He donated masks to
11 Wayne State University police, Ecorse police, the
12 Detroit Public Schools police and also Wayne County
13 sheriff, so that not only could the sheriff have masks
14 for themselves but that masks could be given to
15 detainees in their jails and we're also giving our
16 detainees at the DDC masks as well because this is about
17 all of our protection.

18 I'll jump into crime real fast. I think
19 we're reading from the same sheet today when it comes to
20 our weekly comparison we're looking at crime as of
21 Monday, April 13th, 2020. I want to really focus on
22 since we've been in this pandemic for the past basically
23 30 days now. If you look at what's happened to crime
24 since the pandemic; if you look at the previous 28 days,
25 you'll see that at homicides we're flat, 1,717 compared

1 to previous 28 days. When it comes to sexual assaults
2 we're down 42 percent. Aggravated assaults we're up 1.8
3 percent and an aggravated assault is when a weapon is
4 used but when we do the breakout category of our
5 nonfatal shootings we are up in nonfatal shootings 79.1
6 percent over 28 day period. Robberies down 14 percent.
7 If I round up, 15 percent. Carjackings are down 13
8 percent. Our burglaries, which are no surprise, are
9 down 23 percent. We got folks at home. I mean, it's
10 very difficult to break in, you know, most of the folks
11 adhere to the stay-at-home order, so they're there so
12 burglaries down 23 percent. Larceny is down 42 percent.
13 Auto theft is down 24 percent and our total property
14 crime at this point is down 27 percent. Total part one
15 crime down 18.9 percent. If we look at year to year
16 comparisons, it's a different picture because we were
17 trending up prior to the pandemic and I know the board
18 can see those numbers for themselves as well. And at
19 this time this concludes my report. I'll take on any
20 questions the board may have.

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you Deputy Chief
22 Bettison and our condolences goes out to the families of
23 the reserve officers Robinson and Hews, and the officers
24 who are in the hospital. I did not know that there were
25 officers on ventilators in the hospital, so thank you

1 for that. We continue to support the police department
2 as much as we can with anything that we can do and
3 please give the chief our regards and we look forward to
4 him coming back to work and to the meetings. So thank
5 you Deputy Chief. Commissioners, any questions or
6 comments?

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair.

8 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burch.

9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, that's
10 Commissioner Burch thank you. D.C. Bettison I just
11 wanted to say to you personally that you're doing a
12 fantastic job; Assistant Chief White has been available
13 for different questions or concerns. I believe that you
14 have done a terrific job in handling this pandemic
15 crisis. I wanted to say to you briefly and before I get
16 to my other question about when you said about the rapid
17 testing what exactly is that and how long when you said
18 it's called rapid or rabid?

19 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: So Commissioner
20 Burch thank you. Well, first of all, I took both tests.
21 I took the not so rapid test and I took the rapid test.
22 And the not so rapid test is definitely strange because
23 anybody that took that first test they'll know that they
24 really, really stick that thing real far up your nose,
25 your nostril, and it a very, very strange feeling. The

1 rapid test is not as painful. The rapid test your
2 results come back within 15 minutes.

3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh.

4 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: If it comes back
5 fast, and you want it to take about 10 minutes to 15
6 minutes because what I've been told is if you're
7 positive, it's going to come back within the first five
8 minutes; if you're negative, it typically takes a little
9 bit longer but.

10 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Okay.

11 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: I did talk to the
12 chief today and one of the things he said was he was so
13 grateful that when he took his test yesterday that it
14 came back negative but it was two of our members there
15 and their test came back positive while the chief was
16 there and I want to give a -- just accolades to first
17 Assistant Chief Stair. She was so thoughtful and the
18 team were very thoughtful in the fact that they have a
19 psychologist there for our officers as well because when
20 you get that, you know, it's a lot of anxiety but if you
21 test positive, you know, you're going through a lot of
22 emotional -- you're having a lot of thoughts at that
23 point and it can be emotionally draining, so we have a
24 psychologist there on hand to be able to help our
25 members cope with it.

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you. And Madam
2 Chair, indulge me. I would like to ask regarding when
3 you said you had the extra mask that someone donated and
4 you like divided them amongst other emergency supporters
5 that need these masks, do you know if that includes a
6 juvenile system; would they receive those masks?

7 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: So Commissioner
8 Burch that was state rep Tyrone Carter and he was -- he
9 secured those masks and he was kind enough to give DPD
10 some and he spread the love amongst various folks, so
11 I'm pretty sure that if it was a need for the juvenile
12 courts to need masks as well, all they got to do is make
13 the request and it's folks stepping up donating N95
14 masks and surgical masks to first responders and
15 hospitals. The community has been phenomenal. I'm just
16 humbled by the fact of how people are coming together as
17 one, you know, regardless of race. It's a human thing
18 so they're really supporting first responders and I'm
19 pretty sure that if they need, some we can make some
20 arrangements to help them out as well.

21 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, D.C. Thank
22 you so much, Madam Chair. Thank you.

23 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other commissioners
24 have questions or comments?

25 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Madam Chair.

1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Davis.

2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. My question to
3 assistant chief is has the department took any action to
4 promote Corporal Jones to sergeant?

5 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Commissioner Davis,
6 thank you for asking that question and I have our legal
7 advisor Grant Ha on the line and I'll let him respond
8 but I will say this that the arbitrator's ruling from
9 what I understand is binding and the department doesn't
10 have a choice that when the arbitrator tells us that an
11 individual is promoted and that's his decision because
12 of binding arbitration at that point it happens, so.
13 I'll ask Attorney Grant Ha to weigh in on that.

14 ATTORNEY HA: So in regards to the promotion
15 of DeWayne Jones the decision of the arbitrator stands,
16 that is the award. The reasoning is not in writing
17 because of the current circumstances. He could not have
18 anyone type it up under the current situation because of
19 the social distancing. But in regards to the award that
20 was administered or sent out on April 2nd that stands.

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Grant, does he get
22 backpay as well? Was that one of the things that the
23 arbitrator wrote in the agreement or the ruling?

24 ATTORNEY HA: That's correct. He gets
25 backpay from the time in which the other members who

1 were in his class would have received the backpay. Or
2 would have received the promotional pay.

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioners, any
4 other questions?

5 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burch.

7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: If no one has anymore
8 questions, I did have a very I think a concern to share
9 with D.C. Bettison. D.C., regarding the safety of our
10 officers obeying the distance, you know, what do you
11 call it?

12 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Social distancing.

13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Social distancing,
14 thank you. We observed on the street day before
15 yesterday when everything there was a call from the
16 9-1-1 to a home but it was five patrol cars that came to
17 this incident. Now with me saying that I'd like to ask
18 you the question: How's does the dispatcher, the 9-1-1
19 operator, how does he or she receive the message from
20 the person that called in and then that person the 9-1-1
21 operator directs either the precinct closest to the
22 incident or do they go directly to an officer that's in
23 the area?

24 Part two of the question are the commanders
25 in the precincts aware of what's going on in each

1 precinct like something that happens because what we
2 observed were the five cars that weren't in a hurry but
3 five patrol cars that went to this one residence and
4 this has been a repeat, D.C. Bettison of going to this
5 home. Who takes into situations where if an officer has
6 been to a certain location over and over, just like
7 domestic violence or maybe a mental issue, if we keep
8 putting our officers in harm's way; and I know that
9 officers can only arrest and do what they do but then it
10 goes down the pipeline of all these departments and then
11 that situation goes right back on the street and you're
12 putting the officers back in the same situation. I just
13 want to say all of this because it's been on my heart
14 regarding the mental health. This is dealing with our
15 officers and everybody else that I remember in April of
16 last year that the former Commissioner Conrad Mallett
17 said Detroit needs a trauma center and I'm going to try
18 to contact him after this is he still working on that
19 because why should our officers keep going to the same
20 situation when they have no control, they have to go
21 back and back, D.C. Bettison. So I know it's quite
22 long. I hope you grasped all of that but who knows
23 what's going on when they dispatch from 9-1-1 to the
24 situation and then who gets it and does the commanders
25 are they aware what's going on in their precinct? Thank

1 you.

2 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: So I'll unpack that.
3 The dispatchers it depends on the nature of the run.
4 Without the address and what the particular call is,
5 it's very difficult to answer that so for that many
6 officers I can only assume that it was element of danger
7 and that you have units that were dispatched and if it's
8 a person with a weapon or the caller, the caller calls
9 into 9-1-1 and depending on what they tell the
10 dispatcher and what's relayed that depends on how many
11 units are going to respond. You will have officers that
12 will back each other up. So if you could get with me
13 off line, get me the location and the date then I can
14 definitely, you know, completely unpack it and give you
15 the appropriate response as to what happened.

16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: That would be fine.
17 That's why I knew not to mention streets.

18 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yep.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm just telling you
20 and to the other commissioners are commanders aware of
21 what goes on in each precinct or given like a list at
22 the end of the day, at the end of the week that's what
23 I'm asking? Can you answer that?

24 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Yeah, so the
25 commanders are aware but each particular run in real

1 time, no, they're not -- that's the reason that we have
2 sergeants and lieutenants and supervisors. With the
3 situation that you just described that's the sergeant's
4 work, that's the supervisor's, the shift commander's job
5 and the shift commander is that lieutenant, is that
6 sergeant; so that's their work right there but the
7 precinct commanders and captains they definitely are
8 aware and they have a different job function and they're
9 looking at crime trends and they are aware what's
10 happening. And when a level is brought to their
11 attention, which is a system problem, then they
12 definitely will address it. So with this run right here
13 when you give me the address and I unpack it, I will
14 definitely report back to you and also assure that that
15 deputy chief of the west side or either east side or
16 that the commander as well is apprised of it so that we
17 can see if it was handled appropriately.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Davis.

20 Commissioner Davis? Any other commissioners?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Bell.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: Yes, Madam Chair. I
24 would (inaudible) need to know that it's the
25 responsibility --

1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Your audio is --

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: There's a basic
3 fundamental tendency to back one another up. Something
4 might be minor in your sight but they want to check out
5 situations so we just (inaudible). That is the nature
6 of policing is to a back one other up and make sure on
7 initial run that the policing patrol is aware to support
8 your fellow officers. It might be something minor but
9 you never know but the initial contact is -- might
10 determine later on in that run process.

11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. Thank you,
12 Commissioner Bell. Is Commissioner Davis on the line
13 yet? Commissioner Holley?

14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes, I am.

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay, did you want to
16 say a comment or a question?

17 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No, no. Not at all.
18 You know, Madam Chairperson.

19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Assistant chief?

21 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Thanks to the
22 promotion it's Deputy Chief Bettison but I definitely
23 appropriate that.

24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Deputy Chief Bettison,
25 my concern is there was a funeral with a bishop last

1 week. Seven bishops attended that funeral and all seven
2 died. Are we aware 'cause I'm really concerned that
3 somehow that the mayor and the police department got to
4 somehow let people know this stuff is serious. And so I
5 mean, all seven of them, seven attended this funeral and
6 all seven died and probably others. I got seven on my
7 report. So I'm just asking are we doing -- even though
8 it's a church and state differentiation but somehow some
9 kind of way we got to let people know this stuff is
10 serious. Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

11 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
12 Holley.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: If I could respond
14 to that. You know, what I would say is Chief Craig I
15 think he did a phenomenal job when, you know, after he
16 tested positive of course with COVID as soon as he got
17 his test results he came out and let the community know,
18 listen, I have it. As the chief of police, you know,
19 regardless of who you are, you can get this. So he
20 didn't want to keep it to himself. And for our members
21 it hit us hard. We had a police and pancakes breakfast
22 that was held on March the 6th. And from that breakfast
23 many of our members and community members and officers
24 who attended that event we got it. And, you know, it's
25 been a month in and it hit the police department hard

1 because we're so sure we like to hug, we like to embrace
2 and just like Detroiters we're all embracing and it is
3 so hard not to shake somebody hand or give a hug but
4 this disease the closer you are the more you're
5 infecting people. So we were trying to get a grip on it
6 and we have been pushing it out as a city, as a
7 community and as you can see, Commissioner Holley, we as
8 a police department have lost officers, our civilians.
9 We just had a resolution for one of our chaplains. Some
10 of our chaplains actually are battling COVID right now.
11 So we're taking it very, very serious and what we're
12 doing for the community is ensuring that we're out there
13 now and doing our spot checks and, initially, we were
14 warning the community but we bust out parties at Rouge
15 Range and -- I mean, not Rouge Range but Rouge Park and
16 we're out there and the community is working with us to
17 let us know where they are but we've done over almost
18 7,000 spot checks. We've issued many, many warnings.
19 It is not our desire to issue thousand dollar tickets
20 but when people don't get the message, we're issuing
21 these tickets. I reported out we did 379 tickets and
22 we've closed down 19 nonessential businesses. So you
23 know, we're pushing it out and, you know, we're going to
24 continue to do it, Commissioner Holley. Thank you.

25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Any other

1 comments?

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Bell.

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think that the public
5 -- I'm sorry, I think the public is aware and if you
6 don't get the message now, the churches are closed, the
7 schools are closed, business are closed. Everything is
8 shut down. And on TV and radio they running this
9 promotion on what we dealing with all constantly. So I
10 don't understand we just got people defiance. So you
11 cannot attend funerals. I am aware of several there but
12 don't think I don't notice; I'm not attending. It's a
13 limit to family members of ten or less. I mean, if you
14 don't get the message now, I don't know where you are.
15 Even if you on Belle Isle you should understand what's
16 happening in this nation, in this world now. It is
17 quite serious. The death tolls they give that
18 information out constantly.

19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
20 Bell. At this time we're going to move on to the
21 presentation and thank you Deputy Chief Bettison. We're
22 going to move on to the presentation from the training
23 division from let's see...

24 SECRETARY WHITE: Brian Davis.

25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Captain Brian Harris or

1 Davis?

2 SECRETARY WHITE: Davis.

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay.

4 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: It's actually
5 Harris.

6 SECRETARY WHITE: Excuse me. Thank you.

7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Captain Harris.

8 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: Real quick before
9 Captain Harris go, I wanted to put this out for
10 Commissioner Holley. I did get a report as of today's
11 date this morning 469 deaths inside the city of Detroit
12 from COVID-19. 469 deaths.

13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: In 24 hours?

14 DEPUTY CHIEF BETTISON: No, it's total.

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Total okay. Okay.

16 Thank you. Captain Harris.

17 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Good afternoon, Madam
18 Chair, how are you today?

19 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Fine. How are you,
20 sir?

21 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Doing well.

22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

23 CAPTAIN HARRIS: It's an honor and privilege
24 and I'd like that acknowledge the rest of the board and
25 say hello. Okay. I'd like to start my presentation as

1 you start off and state I'm Captain Brian Harris, of
2 professional education and training. On behalf of Chief
3 James Craig I'm here to present to the board. We are
4 organized under the Office of Support Operations that's
5 headed by Assistant Chief James White and under the
6 command here we're divided into a few areas as it
7 relates to conducting training for the sworn members and
8 recruit training here. It's broken down to in-service
9 training, which is headed by Lieutenant Mary Baritche.
10 Firearms training and firearms inventory that is headed
11 by Lieutenant Whitmeer (sic) and recruit training that
12 is led by Lieutenant Sims. Also carrying on as an
13 extension of the training, the recruit training, is the
14 field training program that's headed by Sergeant
15 Shanelle Williams.

16 As we look at recruit training, basic
17 recruit training, for a student police officer is 594
18 hours of MCOLES mandated curriculum. We also build upon
19 that curriculum with providing 120 hours of Detroit
20 specific curriculum training. And the training covers
21 legal, diversity, ethics, fitness, defensive tactics,
22 emergency vehicle operation and firearms training. For
23 our graduation numbers for going back to 2017 we
24 graduated 305 student police officers. In 2018 we
25 graduated 207. And in 2019 it was 162 student police

1 officers graduate. As of right now year-to-date in 2020
2 we have graduated 97 student police officers and
3 currently we have 113 student police officers in the
4 academy. It's very important to us that as members of
5 this department as well as members of this community
6 that the young men and women that are joining our ranks
7 see our community as a whole. They get to see every
8 aspect of the social economic background of this city.
9 So we have a program here called serve then protect in
10 which the student police officers interact with our
11 citizens in a non-law enforcement capacity so they can
12 see the vibrant community that we have as well as the
13 hard working individuals that make up this great city of
14 ours.

15 So each class participates in two to three
16 community service events during their tenure here at the
17 training center. Some of the programs our community
18 service programs we have partnered in is Glenn's Food
19 and Baking Distribution. Also Food and Sundries
20 Distribution at some of the area homeless shelters.
21 Also we have a bridging the gap initiative where we go
22 and assist with back to school distribution of school
23 supplies to students of DPS -- or Detroit community
24 schools, I stand corrected, and also we've done coat
25 drives and we adopt families during the Christmas

1 holiday and in the springtime before the pandemic
2 started we were in the process of gearing up to assist
3 our local communities around the training center and
4 cleaning up, and clean up as well as community --
5 assisting with planting community gardens. As we move
6 on to in-service training for sworn members we have a 40
7 hour in-service training that's mandatory. It's also
8 this mandatory course that we have here exceeds the
9 MCOLES recommendation standard for annual training. But
10 for us the training covers use of force, legal updates
11 as well as mental health, tactical deescalation and
12 techniques as well as implicit bias, ethics, social
13 media and health and wellness and peer support. Those
14 are some of the courses that are delivered during the 40
15 hour block of training. We also have specialized
16 training to assist officers in developing skills to make
17 them more proficient and also -- and better to serve our
18 community and it deals more with officer survivals and
19 officer defenses. So they work on inter -- excuse me
20 interpersonal skills as well as how to respond to active
21 assailants or active crimes, as well as preventing
22 ambushes of those natures. And as well as in training
23 we train civilians for the department as well and those
24 are our desk operation officers, 9-1-1 emergency
25 officers, telecommunication operators and office

1 managers. It gives them an overview training of the
2 department, how we fit in within city structure, our
3 policies and procedures as well as our professional and
4 discipline standards that we have and it gives them a
5 quick view point of how -- what it means to be an
6 officer and how we can better serve our community here
7 and some of the unique circumstances in which we are
8 called to perform our function. So at this point in
9 time that's concludes my presentation and I'd like to
10 open it up for any questions that's available.

11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a question.

12 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes.

13 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Captain
14 Harris. Commissioner Davis.

15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Question, have anyone
16 at the academy came down with the virus and how are you
17 all doing (inaudible)?

18 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, sir. Through the
19 chair there has been members of the department as well
20 as student police officers that have come down with the
21 COVID virus. Just for clarity we have suspended recruit
22 training for on March the 24th and we started exercising
23 social distancing where we broke the classes down to ten
24 individual, ten member squads and placed them in
25 different classrooms. By doing that it allow us to do

1 social distancing while we moved a class to the
2 afternoon shift to assure that we had enough area to
3 have social distancing for members who have tested
4 positive. They have gone through the COVID hotline,
5 identified and received, they were quarantined and gone
6 through the process and brought back to work, so we have
7 been practicing social distancing. And in the mean --

8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.

9 CAPTAIN HARRIS: And to further clarify that
10 in the meanwhile to assist with numerous members of our
11 department that have COVID are out quarantine and they
12 have been reassigned to administrative functions to the
13 work load as well as our unit was collapsed and sworn
14 members are reassigned to patrol the (inaudible
15 clanging).

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Any other questions,
17 Commissioners?

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam --

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: I heard Commissioner
21 Burch.

22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you. I
23 wanted to ask your name is Mr. Harris, right?

24 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, ma'am. Can you hear
25 me?

1 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I wanted -- I can hear
2 you. Can you hear me?

3 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, ma'am, I can.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: When you mentioned you
5 volunteered I'd like to know the extent of your
6 volunteering because right now we're looking for anybody
7 that would like to volunteer and join our group to make
8 the masks, homemade mask. Is that something you'd be
9 interested in?

10 CAPTAIN BURCH: We may be able to assist
11 with that. I don't know the specific skill set we may
12 have to accommodate but we're perfectly willing to
13 assist when it's needed.

14 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Why don't you get my
15 number from D.C. Bettison and then we can discuss it off
16 the air.

17 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, ma'am.

18 COMMISSIONER BURCH: We supply all
19 materials. Commissioner Darryl has volunteered to be
20 our driver to drive to different locations so we're
21 putting it out to the universe, you can help by making
22 homemade masks. Thank you, Mr. Harris.

23 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, ma'am.

24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you, Madam Chair.

25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: You're welcome. Any

1 other questions, comments, Commissioners? Captain
2 Harris, I'd like to speak a little bit about the
3 curriculum and whether or not the Board of Police
4 Commissioners we usually come out, and it's not
5 necessarily me per se but the staff, the chief
6 investigator and it's usually Commissioner Bell comes
7 out to speak with the recruit classes. And in the past
8 we've tried to secure a certain week, hour, day hour in
9 the academy for us to speak. So has that been done
10 number one, and number two, can it be incorporated to be
11 a permanent because this is something that needs to
12 happen in every recruit class and we've been asking for
13 it and I don't know Commissioner Bell if that has
14 happened but we need that to happen.

15 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, Madam Chairman (sic),
16 it has been done. The board meets the class the first
17 Monday and I believe it's at 10 as well as they meet
18 them again prior to graduation, so that has already been
19 instituted into the curriculum and it's a fixture of the
20 curriculum, ma'am.

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Wonderful. Okay, thank
22 you for that and thank you for the report. If there are
23 no other questions or comments, thank you, sir, and have
24 a great day and stay safe.

25 CAPTAIN HARRIS: Yes, ma'am, thank you. And

1 to the board thank you very much.

2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. At this
3 time we're going to go to Ms. White, Interim board
4 Secretary White for the policy updates.

5 SECRETARY WHITE: Thank you Madam
6 Chairperson. Honorable board, please refer to section
7 ten of your agenda that lists a few of the policies that
8 I will briefly discuss this afternoon. For your
9 information and reference this week you received the
10 policy directives or the policy divisions report, which
11 includes the status of the pending policies under the
12 board's purview for final board approval and those
13 policies are as follows: Manual directive 304.7 Taser
14 X2 Conducted Energy Weapons. Manual directive 301.5
15 Mobile Communication Devices. Manual directive 202.7
16 Foot Pursuits. Manual directive 301.3 Telephone Crime
17 Reporting Nonemergency Calls for Service, and manual
18 directive 306.3 Property Control. Please note that four
19 of those policy directives are revised proposed policy
20 directives for the board's approval and they include the
21 board's previous recommendations and so the department
22 has transmitted those items back for the board's final
23 approval; and then the fifth policy directive includes
24 the mobile communication devices, which is a brand new
25 policy directive generated based on the board's

1 recommendation to develop -- or the board's
2 recommendation for the department to develop a policy
3 directive specifically discussing the use of personal
4 cell phones, mobile communication devices, whether it's
5 personal or official, officially assigned from the
6 department and so that directive deals with that entire
7 subject matter. And so and a later date I will present
8 those details and highlights in further detail but I
9 wanted to at least give a brief update of what is
10 pending under the board's policy division at this point.
11 Thank you, Madam Chairperson.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Ms. White
13 and you can go on to the communications at this time.

14 SECRETARY WHITE: Yes. Okay, the honorable
15 board received the following incoming correspondence for
16 this week and they are as follows on item number 11 of
17 the agenda. Number one, the board received the DPD
18 facial recognition report item number 23. Number two,
19 the board received information from the city council as
20 requested last week regarding Corporal DeWayne Jones'
21 lack of representation by the city. And then the last
22 item that the board received was a citizen complaint or
23 citizen correspondence regarding alleged drug activity
24 and that item is being forwarded to the office of the
25 chief investigator for further resolution. And that

1 concludes my report at this time, Madam Chair.

2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Ms. White.

3 Commissioners, do you have any questions for Ms. White?

4 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.

5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Bell.

6 COMMISSIONER BELL: We just heard from
7 Captain Harris an excellent report; they doing an
8 excellent job and we have a good rapport; we established
9 that as sharing (inaudible). As indicated we had some
10 problems in the past but I'd like to, the 40 hours of
11 the academy how do we address customer service? One of
12 the areas we have is demeanor and we need to take a look
13 at it in terms of is that covered in the training or the
14 40 hours this customer service? And I think we need to
15 once a year we need to see how can we impact 40 hours
16 training of officers coming back in annually. In some
17 fashion I think the board office of the chief
18 investigator needs some form of interaction. I think
19 it's something that we need to look at in the future.

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
21 Bell. At this time we will go into unfinished business.
22 Is there any unfinished business?

23 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Madam Chair.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Burch.

25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, ma'am. I guess

1 this is unfinished business regarding everything that's
2 going on with the COVID-19 I just wanted to say what
3 we've been doing in our neighborhood since it's social
4 distancing that we call each neighbor and we actually
5 dress, put our mask on and go outside and wave from a
6 distance. That way you're getting to see your old
7 neighbors without, you know, getting in their face.
8 That's something we've been doing and I wanted to remind
9 the people about the census. We have that available on
10 video. I can send it to all of the commissioners so
11 they can share with their community to make sure we get
12 that count in and the last thing is that there's a
13 nonemergency number for anybody to call when they don't
14 have to call 9-1-1 and that's 313-267-4600. And I want
15 to say hi to Eva Dewaelsche. I miss you Mrs. Eva, if
16 you're listening. Thank you.

17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Burch. Commissioners, Ms. White earlier under
19 unfinished business the -- she sent the salary for
20 Interim Chief Investigator Akbar. The salary range I
21 think is something like -- let me pull it up.

22 SECRETARY WHITE: Madam Chairperson, the
23 range is 77 to 129.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. And Mr. Akbar is
25 currently at 82?

1 SECRETARY WHITE: Yes, Madam Chairperson.

2 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: So Commissioners, we
3 need to decide an interim salary for Mr. Akbar. I know
4 that there are budget cuts going on but he is performing
5 two jobs; he's still the supervisor of all of the
6 investigators and he is also acting as the chief
7 investigator. So I think it's appropriate for us to
8 determine an interim salary for Mr. Akbar during this
9 time, so.

10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Madam Chairperson.
11 Reverend Holley.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Holley.

13 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: What's your
14 recommendation?

15 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: My recommendation is
16 that we go in between 82 and one -- what's the salary
17 range 149? In between so approximately 105?

18 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I move. I so move.

19 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I second.

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
21 supported that we approve the interim salary for Acting
22 Chief Investigator Akbar to \$105,000 beginning with the
23 date he was first appointed. Is there any discussion?

24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Through the chair
25 Commissioner Griffie.

1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Griffie.

2 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Hi, I just had a
3 question before we -- have we already implemented a
4 change of pay for the interim executive director?

5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We have not entered a
6 pay. No. Have we already issued pay, I'm sorry?

7 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Have we adjusted the
8 pay of the interim director?

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's in the process.
10 Ms. White has it happened yet?

11 SECRETARY WHITE: It's still in its process
12 but for the most part it has the out of class is in the
13 system but it's still processing if that...

14 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay. Did they come
15 before the body in the same way?

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes. We did. We voted
17 on it.

18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay. Okay, I'm
19 sorry. So I just wanted to make sure that before --
20 that we moved on that before we moved on this. That was
21 my only question, so thank you.

22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay yeah, we did move
23 on that already.

24 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Okay, thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Repeat the question.

1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those in favor?

2 ALL: Aye.

3 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed.

4 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Nay.

5 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: One nay?

6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.

7 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Motion carries. Thank
8 you, Commissioners. At this time we will move on to the
9 announcements. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April
10 23rd at 3 p.m. It will be a virtual meeting. Our next
11 community meeting will be Thursday May 14th, 3 p.m.
12 virtual meeting. At this time we will have oral
13 communications from the audience. Please give your name
14 for the record. And Mr. Brown will be conducting I mean
15 will be -- how many?

16 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, I currently have
17 seven speakers.

18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Seven.

19 MR. BROWN: Yes, ma'am, seven.

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay.

21 MR. BROWN: Mrs. Michelle George followed by
22 Mr. Scotty Boman. And I'll try to call them two at a
23 time.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you.

25 MR. BROWN: Mrs. George? Mr. Boman?

1 MR. BOMAN: Okay I hope you can hear me. I
2 don't know, Mrs. George may not know to push star 6 to
3 un-mute, so maybe she'll do that and then you can get
4 her on next time. Okay let me just state this quite
5 clearly here. As an act of final authority in impos --
6 I'm sorry, you the board act as final authority in
7 imposing or reviewing discipline of any employee and
8 that's in section 7-803 of the charter item four. Let
9 me remind the commissioners that we have people in place
10 ready to initiate the recall process if commissioners
11 permit the promotion of DeWayne Jones. You voted once
12 against the promotion, it is now your job to make it
13 stick. The board has a right to appeal. Failure to
14 move for an appeal while paying lip service to a
15 condemnation of the promotion is defacto approval of the
16 promotion. We must make it clear that we don't
17 recognize any effort by anyone to usurp the board's
18 final authority on promotions. It is their duty to
19 instruct the DPD to refrain from this promotion and
20 instead dismiss this bad apple from the company of
21 Detroit's finest. This may be challenged in court
22 insubordinate elements in the DPD may try to defy the
23 board. It is their duty to take on court challenges and
24 dismiss insubordinates. There are a variety of ways to
25 enforce policy including reallocating funds in the city

1 budget. Sorry I should have said the DPD budget. Grant
2 Ha is siding with brutal Corporal DeWayne Jones and
3 saying that the arbitrator must be obeyed. He is
4 collaborating with usurper George Roumell to violate the
5 Detroit city charter. The Board of Police Commissioners
6 must hire a different attorney to fight this in court if
7 there is a court challenge to the disapproval of this
8 promotion. I notice these Zoom meetings haven't been
9 posted online and please do that.

10 On one final word on another issue I
11 understand they are still fining people a thousand
12 dollars for exercising their right protected under
13 Article 1 of the Michigan Constitution to peaceably
14 assemble. If they keep doing that, a reminder that is
15 violation of a civil rights; under color of law it is a
16 crime.

17 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you for your
18 comments.

19 MR. BROWN: Go ahead, Madam Chair.

20 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Go ahead.

21 MR. BROWN: Ms. Joanne Warwick.

22 Ms. Warwick?

23 MS. WARWICK: Yes, hello. May I be heard?

24 MR. BROWN: Yes.

25 MS. WARWICK: Thank you for having in these

1 strange times. My condolence and sympathies to the
2 families who have lost loved ones and my best wishes to
3 all the first responders out on the front lines. So I'm
4 concerned about this promotion of Corporal DeWayne
5 Jones. Using that kind of force it really sends a
6 terrible signal not only to the other officers but to
7 the people of the city of Detroit. And while Mr. Boman
8 cited some things I haven't thoroughly reviewed but it
9 does seem that from what I can tell that it is the final
10 authority is this board. I did not hear Mr. Ha cite the
11 authority for why the arbitration would trump the
12 charter. And maybe he can fill us in on that.

13 Another thing I want to say is that I also
14 in looking at the charter I did not see a section that
15 says that when a person makes a complaint to the board
16 of police commissions or to the -- and chief inspector
17 that they must file a FOIA to get a copy of the report.
18 That doesn't seem right. I requested a FOIA report; I
19 was granted it; I was charged money and then all of a
20 sudden I got the check mailed back to me, oh, I can't
21 get the report. So that's not right.

22 Also, in terms of nonessential businesses
23 the Detroit Land Bank through its realtors are selling
24 properties. If construction is not allowed, that should
25 not be allowed. It's not fair to let people that may be

1 able to, I don't know, function on the other side of the
2 digital divide. It just doesn't seem right when the
3 people are getting the big economic squeeze. I did
4 write the attorney general's office about it. I let the
5 board city council president know and I haven't seen any
6 action on that.

7 There was another thing I wanted to say when
8 Reverend Holley expressed concern about people not
9 understanding this and my heart went out to Chief
10 Bettison because it's, you know, police officers don't
11 have a magic wand to make people understand this but I
12 think had we started off right away taking severe
13 precautions, everyone wearing a mask, then maybe we'll
14 get there. So maybe everybody wearing a mask will start
15 getting people to understand this.

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you. Your time
17 is up.

18 MR. BROWN: Mr. Eric Blount. I'll find him.

19 MR. BLOUNT: I'm un-muted by the host.

20 MR. BROWN: Yes.

21 MR. BLOUNT: Okay. Thank you all. Yes, I
22 think we need an update on officer DeWayne Jones'
23 status. And any official documents regarding the change
24 in his position or employment. Related to this issue
25 please somebody explain how the city charter can be made

1 mute and void by another authority? As you begin this
2 meeting you talk about the city charter and what section
3 gives you the authority to do what you say you can do
4 and the city charter is clear that the power of the
5 Board of Police Commissioners has power over promotions
6 of officers and the Board of Police Commissioners did
7 vote not to promote DeWayne Jones. Next in light of
8 this promotion, you know, if it stands, and we hope it
9 doesn't, what other authorities have the power to
10 override the city charter?

11 And lastly, I am demanding that this Board
12 of Police Commissioners issue a public statement against
13 this promotion and also include a formal request to the
14 Wayne County prosecutor's office to appeal the judge's
15 decision to remove the felony charges against DeWayne
16 Jones before this (inaudible). And there is precedent
17 in doing this. April 7th of this year the Genesee
18 County prosecutor did appeal felony charges, so please
19 consider this in your deliberation. Thank you very
20 much.

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you Mr. Blount.

22 MR. BROWN: Ms. Ashley Smith.

23 MS. SMITH: Yes. Can you hear me?

24 MR. BROWN: Yes.

25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes.

1 MS. SMITH: Hi, I'm the sister of the victim
2 and right now I'm super -- I'm actually embarrassed as
3 someone who lived in Detroit. I don't understand how an
4 arbitrator is overall -- makes an overall decision
5 because if that's the case, we don't need you guys
6 there. You might as well not exist as a board. There's
7 a charter, I believe in the constitution. I'm a veteran
8 so I don't -- this is not only shocking but the
9 perception of Detroit to allow him to not only get
10 promoted but to receive backpay it's a slap in the face.
11 My sister nor has anyone in our family not one of us
12 have received an apology. I haven't seen anything that
13 shows any type of remiss or as if an apology towards
14 these actions. But if this is a decision, and I agree
15 with Mr. Blount who said that there should be a public
16 statement because the perception is that not only are
17 you guys okay with this but you support it. Everyone
18 doesn't know; everyone's not going to read, everybody's
19 not going to go through the proper protocols. It's
20 about visuals as well, so visually this is appalling.
21 I'm disappointed. It's disgusting. And words cannot
22 express the anger that I feel right now. So that's the
23 rest of my time. You guys can have it back.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Mss. Smith.

25 MR. BROWN: Ms. Cindy Dara. Madam Chair, I

1 don't believe she has an audio attached. Ms. Dara, if
2 can you hear us, can you hit star 9 on your phone?
3 While she's doing that we'll go to Ms. Brenda Hill.
4 Ms. Hill?

5 MS. HILL: Yes, I can hear you. Yes, so I
6 have a couple of things. First of all, I appreciate
7 that you all are safe and healthy and I hope you all
8 stay that way. As we go forward in coming out of this
9 lock down are there or are you putting processes in
10 place at the headquarters as far as how we enter the
11 building? Meaning does the -- do the people who screen
12 us are they going to change gloves between each person
13 who goes through there? I'd like to know those
14 processes and maybe you don't have them ready; and also
15 how the police officers are going to interact with the
16 community, do they change gloves each time they come in
17 contact with the community? We need to know that before
18 this rolls out.

19 Also I agree with all the other callers
20 about their concerns with this promotion of Jones. If
21 you all don't have final authority and anyone the
22 arbitrator can come in and decide what's going to happen
23 with an officer that you all have said that not only
24 should he not be promoted but he should have been fired,
25 then why are you in any position? And also does

1 anything change with you when we go -- when the
2 president has a national emergency, the governor has a
3 state emergency and we see with Duggan who says I'm the
4 power at this point, does anything change with your
5 powers under Duggan as the mayor in this time? Thank
6 you.

7 MR. BROWN: Madam Chair, that was your last
8 speaker.

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Mr. Brown.
10 And I just want to speak to the promotion of Corporal
11 Jones. As you all know the board did vote not to
12 approve his promotion. His promotion was granted
13 through arbitration, which is legal and binding through
14 their contract. And Attorney Wyrick if you're on the
15 line you can speak more to it as far as what's the
16 authority of the board at this time. We are in the
17 process of preparing a statement and a resolution with
18 regards to Corporal Jones' promotion. We understand
19 your frustration. We are frustrated too. As I said we
20 did vote for his promotion to be denied -- or we did
21 deny his promotion. And through the union, the process,
22 the arbitrator ruled that he shall be promoted. I'm
23 pretty sure that's what it stated that he shall be
24 promoted and they granted -- the arbitrator granted the
25 backpay and the promotion not this board. So we will

1 look into our legal, what we can do legally to pursue
2 any actions that we can take but at this time the
3 arbitrator's ruling is binding. So with that we will go
4 to the next agenda item and we will keep you informed.
5 Like I said we do have a letter that's forthcoming.
6 Mr. Wyrick, you're un-muted. You prepared something
7 today but what happened?

8 COMMISSIONER BELL: We lost him.

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: We lost him, okay.
10 We're in the process of preparing -- Mr. Wyrick? Lost
11 him again. Okay we'll just come back to it. But we are
12 in the process of preparing like I said a resolution and
13 a letter -- a statement for -- to be put out.
14 Mr. Wyrick?

15 ATTORNEY WYRICK: Yes. Can you hear me?

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Yes, we can hear you.

17 ATTORNEY WYRICK: Yes, we are -- there is a
18 1977 Michigan Court of Appeals case that came out of
19 Detroit that basically says that an arbitrator's ruling
20 can be appealed based upon public policy grounds. The
21 only differentiation here is that in that particular
22 case the officer was convicted of a felony criminal
23 sexual conduct.

24 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Okay. All right.

25 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair?

1 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Bell.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: I would hope that our
3 legal team can pursue any legal recourse not
4 withstanding what he just said. We perhaps can take it
5 up and see if there's a possibility in a legal
6 challenge. I think we should explore all options,
7 whether it be a misdemeanor. This person is on
8 probation as you well know, he's doing community service
9 and I would hate to see that this sergeant newly
10 promoted would be assigned to patrol division. We
11 should try to weigh in on that particular issue because
12 it's quite concerned me that the community is concerned,
13 we are concerned. So any legal step we can take to
14 appeal the decision, then we should take those steps.
15 Thank you, Madam Chair.

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
17 Bell. Okay at this time, Commissioners, all right new
18 business. Discussion regarding the change in status to
19 administrative leave without pay but with medical
20 benefits for police officer Stanley Saunders. A motion?
21 To go into closed session? No motion? Okay.

22 SECRETARY WHITE: Madam Chairperson, I
23 believe we've getting some feedback but some of the
24 commissioners may not have heard the actual question and
25 what you were -- the motion to recess at this time to go

1 into closed session.

2 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair, I so move
3 that we move into closed session for this personnel
4 matter (sic).

5 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Support.

6 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
7 supported that we go into closed session. Is there any
8 discussion? Those in favor?

9 ALL: Aye.

10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? The
11 motion carries. Thank you. We will go into closed
12 session at this time. You're more than welcome to stay
13 on the line. We will be coming back after the closed
14 session to vote on anything that's necessary after we
15 complete the closed session, so thank you all for tuning
16 in. Thank you for your comments and concerns. And Stay
17 home, stay healthy, stay safe. Thank you. Ms. White,
18 you'll let us know --

19 (Off the record at 4:29 p.m.)

20 (Back on the record at 4:59 p.m.)

21 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Is there a motion to go
22 back into session?

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: So moved.

24 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Second.

25 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and

1 supported that we return to session. Is there any
2 discussion? Those in favor?

3 ALL: Aye.

4 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? The
5 motion carries. Commissioners, with regards to the
6 chief's recommendation to change the duty status to
7 administrative leave without pay but with medical
8 benefits for Police Officer Stanley Saunders.

9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Madam Chair.

10 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Holt.

11 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I move that we
12 support Chief Craig's recommendation to move the status
13 of Police Office Stanley Saunders to leave without pay
14 but for medical benefits.

15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I second.

16 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
17 supported that we support the chief's recommendation to
18 change the duty status to administrative leave without
19 pay but with medical benefits for Police Officer Stanley
20 Saunders. Is there any discussion?

21 COMMISSIONER BELL: Madam Chair.

22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Commissioner Bell.

23 COMMISSIONER BELL: I think there's a couple
24 issues raised in this particular matter and I hope that
25 we will review those two issues. I'm not going to

1 outline them here 'cause we going to vote on this matter
2 but I think there's two issues I spoke to suspension
3 with and without pay of individual in DPD. It's amazing
4 to me a person could be incarcerated immediately and
5 that person still on our payroll. And second, we need
6 to be aware of all status (inaudible) without pay but
7 that's a side part we need to have in the future. Thank
8 you, Madam Chair.

9 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Thank you, Commissioner
10 Bell. Any other discussion? Those in favor?

11 ALL: Aye.

12 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? Hearing
13 none, the motion carries. Thank you, Commissioners. At
14 this time if there's no other business before this body,
15 I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.

17 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Second.

18 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: It's been moved and
19 supported that we adjourn. Is there any discussion?
20 Those in favor?

21 ALL: Aye.

22 CHAIRPERSON CARTER: Those opposed? The
23 motion carries. Commissioners, and residents of the
24 city of Detroit, thank you all for attending our meeting
25 and we will see you next week. Remember to stay home,

1 stay safe and be healthy. Thank you. Have a good
2 evening.

3 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you.

4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: You as well.

6 (Meeting concluded at 5:02 p.m.)

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