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2	STATE OF MICHIGAN
3	DETROIT BOARD OF POLICE COMMISSIONERS
4	VIRTUAL REGULAR MEETING
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7	Taken via BOPC Remote
8	Detroit, Michigan
9	Commencing at 3:00 p.m.,
10	Thursday, September 17, 2020
11	Before Diane L. Szach, CSR-
12	Notary Public, County of Oakland
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1	APPEARANCES:
2	CHAIRPERSON WILLIE E. BELL, District 4
3	VICE CHAIRPERSON ANNIE HOLT, At-Large
4	COMMISSIONER MARTIN JONES, At-Large
5	COMMISSIONER DARRYL D. BROWN, Distrist 1
6	COMMISSIONER SHIRLEY A. BURCH, District 3
7	COMMISSIONER WILLIAM M. DAVIS, District 7
8	COMMISSIONER JIM HOLLEY, At-Large
9	COMMISSIONER JESUS HERNANDEZ, At-Large
10	COMMISSIONER EVETTE GRIFFIE, District 2
11	COMMISSIONER WILLIE E. BURTON, District 5
12	SECRETARY MELANIE WHITE
13	ROBERT BROWN, Board Staff
14	TERESA BLOSSOM, Community Relations Coordinator
15	1st ASSISTANT POLICE CHIEF LASHINDA STAIR
16	COMMISSIONER LISA CARTER, District 6
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- 1 Detroit, Michigan
- 2 Thursday, September 17, 2020
- 3 3:00 p.m.
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- 5 MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, and welcome to
- 6 the Detroit Board of Police Commissioners meeting.
- 7 Today's date is Thursday, September 17, 2020. And
- 8 please note the following Zoom reminders on Zoom.us
- 9 regarding the meeting logistics.
- 10 A message regarding Zoom policies.
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- phone into them meeting. Phone numbers will be masked
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- 15 Zoom account, they may be prompted for a name and
- 16 email. The email is not visible to panelists or
- 17 attendees. This is a prompt from Zoom, not the City
- 18 of Detroit. Additionally, the email address does not
- 19 need to be your true email address. It can be
- 20 non@none.com, or anything similar would be fine for
- 21 logging in.
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- reminder, please adhere to the board's bylaws and
- 24 Zoom's policies of using this forum appropriately.
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- 18 Police Commissioners at bopc@detroitmi.gov, or call
- 19 (313) 596-1830 to provide your email address to
- 20 receive the draft agenda distributed each Tuesday to
- 21 over 360 people.
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- 23 receive BOPC new, alerts and draft agendas. And you
- 24 may also sign up on the detroitmi.gov home page, and
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- 1 which is also available on the board's Facebook page.
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- 3 virtual meeting will use a form for public comments,
- 4 and that form is available on the board's website, and
- 5 you can sign up on Smart Sheet without an email
- 6 address. The Board of Police Commissioners allows one
- 7 hour from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. for the public to request
- 8 to speak during public comments or oral communications
- 9 on the agenda. To make a request without Smart Sheet,
- 10 meeting participates may use raisehand.com on the
- 11 website, or press *9 on the telephone.
- 12 Important reminders for public comments
- 13 again. Upon joining the meeting, participants will
- 14 join the meeting muted. Please do not start your
- 15 video unless invited to do so by the host. And video
- 16 images or unprotected speech deemed inappropriate by
- 17 the chair will result in your dismissal from the
- 18 meeting. Please remember that you may complete the
- 19 Smart Sheet form, you may use the Zoom controls on
- 20 your computer screen to raise hand, and you may dial
- 21 *9 from a mobile device to be acknowledged for public
- 22 comment. And please use any one of these options by
- 23 4:00 p.m. for acknowledgment for public comments.
- 24 Regarding public comments, each speaker
- 25 will have two minutes to speak. BOPC staff will



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- 2 respectful and professional and refrain from violating
- 3 the board's bylaws, Zoom's terms of service, and other
- 4 relevant laws and ordinances which are posted on all
- 5 meeting access forums.
- 6 At this time please silence your cell
- 7 phones and other background sounds to prevent
- 8 interrupting the meeting. And thank you.
- 9 And now Vice Chairperson Holt.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you,
- 11 Ms. White. And thank you, Chair Bell for allowing me
- 12 this opportunity to share additional information as
- 13 relates to the 2020 census.
- Now let's understand low census counts,
- 15 present low census counts are not necessarily unique
- 16 to the City of Detroit. In fact, the situation is
- 17 very pervasive throughout the United States. So much
- 18 so that a bipartisan group of senators is offering a
- 19 potential solution which -- by introducing a bill
- 20 which is to have the census continue through
- 21 October 31st, which was proposed in April of this year
- 22 as well.
- Now, if the census is discontinued on
- 24 September the 30th, it is quaranteed that cities will
- 25 be undercounted and the federal funds of the \$5,000



- 1 per person not counted for each of the next ten years
- 2 will be lost to those cities.
- Now, we in Detroit need to continue to
- 4 encourage anyone who has not submitted a 2020 census
- 5 to do so immediately. It's a very, very simple
- 6 process. All the person needs to do is on their
- 7 phone, you don't necessarily have to have a computer,
- 8 it's you go to the my2020census.gov. And I promise
- 9 you that website will be very anxious to accept your
- 10 census information.
- Now, if a person is uncomfortable about
- 12 using the phone in that manner, the individual can
- 13 call 1-844-330-2020, that's 1-844-330-2020.
- 14 Thank you Chair Bell for this opportunity.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Vice Chair
- 16 Holt, for that public service announcement which is
- 17 crucial to the City of Detroit and the State of
- 18 Michigan and to this nation that we be properly
- 19 represented by the census process.
- 20 As Chair of the Board of Police
- 21 Commissioners, I'm going to call the meeting to order
- 22 at this time.
- Ms. White, would you introduce the Chaplain
- 24 for invocation, please.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Chaplain Curtis



- 1 Longstreet is on the line to provide the invocation.
- 2 Chaplain Longstreet.
- 3 (Invocation given.)
- 4 AUDIENCE: Amen.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Chaplain
- 6 Longstreet.
- 7 The next point of business will be to
- 8 introduce our commissioners, and I'm going to start
- 9 with our Vice Chair.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Good afternoon
- 11 again, Annie Holt, At-Large.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 1.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Good afternoon. It's
- 14 Darryl Brown of the 8th Precinct, Champs of the
- 15 Intramural Police Department's baseball team over here
- 16 at District 1.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 2.
- 18 COMMISSIONER GRIFFIE: Good afternoon.
- 19 Commissioner Evette Griffie, District 2.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. District 3.
- MS. WHITE: I know she was on the line
- 22 earlier.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We'll come back to her.
- 24 District 4 is Commission Bell, present.
- District 5. District 5. We will come



- 1 back.
- 2 District 6?
- 3 COMMISSIONER CARTER: Good afternoon. Lisa
- 4 Carter for District 6.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Good afternoon, it's
- 6 good to see you. Thank you.
- 7 District 7.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Good afternoon
- 9 everyone. Police Commissioner William Davis, District
- 10 7.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 12 Starting At-Large will be Hernandez, Commissioner
- 13 Hernandez.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: (Technical
- 15 difficulties.)
- MS. WHITE: I did slightly hear
- 17 Commissioner Hernandez, but I believe we are
- 18 experiencing --
- 19 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Good afternoon.
- 20 Commissioner Hernandez At-Large.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.
- 22 Commissioner Jones At-Large?
- 23 COMMISSIONER JONES: Good afternoon,
- 24 commissioners. Commissioner Martin Jones, At-Large.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, sir.



- 1 Reverend Commissioner Jim Holley, At-Large, from the
- 2 historic Little Rock Baptist Church.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: You know I'm here.
- 4 Jim Holley present.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you
- 6 for your attendance.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Commissioner Bell, I
- 8 did hear you. I apologize, I was not unmuted on my
- 9 end. I'm Commissioner Shirley Burch of the famous
- 10 District 3, love where you live. Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you.
- 12 District 5. Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, we have a quorum.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We have a quorum?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. The next
- item would be approval of the agenda for September the
- 18 17th meeting. What is your pleasure, commissioners.
- 19 (Motion moved and seconded.)
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: So moved and supported.
- 21 Any opposition? No.
- Ms. White, the motion passed?
- MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think the next item
- 25 would be approval of minutes for September the 10th,



- 1 2020. What is your pleasure, commissioners?
- 2 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: So moved.
- 3 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Second.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 5 and supported. Any discussion? Any opposition? No.
- 6 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: No.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner.
- 8 Duly noted, Commissioner Davis.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Motion passed.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At this time
- 11 I see a First Assistant Chief Stairs is with us.
- 12 I'm sorry, Ms. White, would you introduce
- 13 the staff.
- MS. WHITE: Good afternoon, honorable
- 15 board. Through the chair the Department of Innovation
- 16 and Technology is monitoring the board's meeting today
- 17 and also the court reporter this afternoon is
- 18 Ms. Diane Szach.
- 19 And for the board, staff introductions, the
- 20 following staff members are in attendance today,
- 21 Mr. Robert Brown; Ms. Teresa Blossom, the Community
- 22 Information Coordinator, Ms. Jonya Underwood,
- 23 Administrative Assistant; Ms. Tiffany Stuart, assigned
- 24 to the board's staff; Interim Chief Investigator,
- 25 Lawrence Akbar; Supervising Investigator, Lasonya



- 1 Sloan; Supervising Investigator, Ainsley Cromwell; and
- 2 Senior Investigator, Rosalia Madrigal, and that's the
- 3 staff introductions at this time.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- Now, our First Assistant Chief.
- 6 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIRS: Good afternoon,
- 7 Board. Today I have with me Deputy Chief until
- 8 Monday, September 21st, Todd Bettison, who will be the
- 9 new assistant chief here with us; Deputy Chief Haas,
- 10 chief legal advisor; Director Stein from support
- 11 services; Director Graveline and Commander McGinnis
- 12 from Professional Standards; and Captain Aric Tosqui.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Assistant
- 14 Chief Stair. Thank you. We move on to -- Ms. White,
- do we have any elected officials or representatives of
- 16 elected officials or any other VIP personnel?
- 17 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair. We do
- 18 have Lieutenant Mark Young, President of the
- 19 Lieutenants and Sergeants Association. And that
- 20 concludes the special VIPs at this time.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 22 And thank you for all those in attendance. Hopefully
- 23 I said good afternoon to all in terms of the panelists
- 24 and commissioners and the VIPs. We hope to do a
- 25 timely meeting, take care of business, and also -- so



- 1 we hope to move to that point in time, and bear with
- 2 us, but if you have any critical concerns that we need
- 3 to address, you need to contact Ms. White by email or
- 4 text, and she would entertain that and if we can
- 5 handle it, we will. If not, we'll pass it on to the
- 6 proper channels whether it's the Chief of Police or
- 7 his staff or the commander that represents that
- 8 particular concern.
- 9 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Before we get to my
- 11 comments, I just want to have a couple of talking
- 12 points that Ms. White worked up on my behalf for our
- 13 retiring Assistant Chief White, James White. As you
- 14 well know we will celebrate his retirement tomorrow,
- 15 and I will probably make these remarks, but I just
- 16 want to share with those of you in the audience who
- 17 might not be in attendance. A.C. White did so much,
- 18 and a single resolution cannot include it all, so the
- 19 board wants to point to a few special achievements in
- 20 his remarkable work with us and for his contributions
- 21 that he made to this community.
- 22 Assistant Chief White worked extensively to
- 23 help bring the department into compliance with two
- 24 federal consent decrees. Even after federal oversight
- 25 ended, A.C. White still made sure audits and other



- 1 operational practices continued to protect civil
- 2 rights and keep DPD in compliance.
- 3 A.C. White sat at the board table with us
- 4 many, many Thursdays, but he also worked extensively
- 5 with us every day -- every other day and on
- 6 everything, audits, policy development, policy
- 7 revision, office space. He was responsible when the
- 8 board moved to public safety headquarters and when we
- 9 moved to the Office of Chief Investigator and OCI
- 10 staff to Merrill Plaissance. And he always showed the
- 11 same respect, professionalism, and commitment no
- 12 matter what the task was.
- The Board must say more about his work on
- 14 policy, especially those involving body-worn cameras
- 15 and tasers, because he made sure the equipment was
- 16 right, the training was right, the implementation was
- 17 right, and the use in the field is right today. Even
- 18 as he was leaving, he still was ensuring that those
- 19 details are in order -- and that's why Detroit is the
- 20 only major department in the state to have and deploy
- 21 body cameras throughout the department and to require
- 22 they work and get turned on.
- 23 A.C. White facilitated and managed access
- of Department's advanced technology systems that
- 25 enhance the OCI's investigative efforts as well as the



- 1 Department's investigation: Records Management
- 2 System, Computer Aided Dispatch System (CAD),
- 3 WatchGuard System, and much more of the nuts and bolts
- 4 essential to police work and public oversight,
- 5 oversight and accountability.
- 6 So I just want to commend him in terms of
- 7 his contribution and efforts, and his work in an area
- 8 that we all our concerned about. So I'm looking
- 9 forward to that relationship with retiring A.C. White.
- 10 I don't think we're going to have another A.C. White
- 11 any time soon, but I know he's got some big shoes to
- 12 fill, but he has that professional -- and I was so
- 13 happy when he got initiated into DPD Fit and we got
- out there and not only (inaudible), he led the academy
- in terms of the fitness. I think a lot to my academy
- 16 days with Officer Travis, Ernest Travis. I was a
- 17 track and field guy, and this guy was a challenge to
- 18 me, and I just think that type of physical capacity of
- 19 A.C. White. I just want to share that with you.
- 20 MS. WHITE: I just want to also indicate --
- 21 Mr. Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I can hear you.
- MS. WHITE: Yes. Just for the record, we
- 24 are hearing some technical difficulties from your
- 25 microphone. And so if there is anyway where, you



- 1 know, everyone can make sure that we have the
- 2 headphones and the volume appropriately so we can hear
- 3 every word that you're saying. I did just want to
- 4 share that with you so we hear all your remarks, sir.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you, ma'am
- 6 okay. In what experts call the largest sustained
- 7 mobilization in modern history, some 23 million people
- 8 across the U.S. have attended the demonstrations since
- 9 George Floyd's death. Specific polls from mid June
- 10 suggest, demonstration against racism and police
- 11 violence led to more than 7,800 arrests in the United
- 12 States of America. According to a national survey of
- more than 600 people, widely attended --
- MS. WHITE: Mr. Chair.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Can you hear me?
- MS. WHITE: Now we can hear you. There was
- 17 a little gap, yes, sir. We can hear you now.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't know, is that my
- 19 end or what?
- 20 MS. WHITE: I believe it is some technical
- 21 connectivity issue on your end, but we can hear you
- 22 now. I believe Commissioner Hernandez was trying to
- 23 reach you as well.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Yes, sir,
- 25 Commissioner Hernandez.



- 1 MS. WHITE: Okay. Okay, Chair Bell.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay.
- 3 (Technical difficulties.)
- 4 MS. WHITE: I'm sorry, through the Chair.
- 5 I believe Commissioner Hernandez may have been trying
- 6 to offer some information as it relates to the
- 7 technical piece, but I know it is a very sensitive
- 8 situation, and we just have to remain still to get all
- 9 of the comments out, because there are some technical
- 10 difficulties.
- 11 Commissioner Hernandez, are you still
- 12 there?
- Okay, it looks like he left.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Maybe he'll rejoin us.
- 15 Okay. And we can make sure that we send this out
- 16 properly without interruption. But when it came to
- 17 arrests, the faces were less diverse. While there is
- 18 no racial breakdown of protest arrests nationwide,
- 19 some city and county records in the first week after
- 20 Floyd's showed that many of those who were jailed were
- 21 white. I'll while give you an example. Of the 2,172
- 22 people in Chicago, that the Chicago police department
- 23 arrested May 29th through May 31, more than 7 percent
- 24 were black and 10 percent were white. That's the
- 25 disparity as pointed out.



- 1 The disparities go beyond arrests. When we
- 2 come down to employment, arrests or conviction can
- 3 decrease the likelihood of getting a call back for
- 4 jobs. So how they impact, unlike the civil rights
- 5 (inaudible), and then they're incarcerated, you know.
- 6 But in this day and age they make a difference upon
- 7 arrests. I just I hope that (technical difficulties).
- 8 every level of the system and not just focus on
- 9 the police officer. We need to look at the judges, we
- 10 need to look at the jury, we need to look at the
- 11 parole board, the criminal just system needs to be
- 12 reformed. So we do need to take the whole
- 13 responsibility, and I hope that what we have witnessed
- 14 with A.C. White in reference to this department and
- 15 reform, we're on the right track, and perhaps with due
- 16 diligence we'll stay on the right track, and that's
- 17 why we engage with the commissioners and also with
- 18 Chief Craig all the concerns that we address, we must
- 19 do make sure we have accountability. Thank you.
- Now we move on to the resolution for
- 21 Assistant Chief James White. That would by provided
- 22 by Vice Chair Holt.
- VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you,
- 24 Commissioner Bell. The resolution honoring Assistant
- 25 Chief James E. White.



- 1 Whereas the distinguished career of
- 2 Assistant Chief James White brought him into constant
- 3 contact with the Board of Police Commissioners in the
- 4 vital role of civilian oversight both in law
- 5 enforcement and in civil rights. In every endeavor
- 6 A.C. White showed the utmost knowledge, expertise, and
- 7 pride in being a law enforcement professional and a
- 8 member of the Detroit Police Department.
- 9 And whereas James E. White was appointed to
- 10 the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996 upon
- 11 graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police
- 12 Academy, Police Officer White began his career in the
- 13 6th Precinct. He was also assigned to internal
- 14 controls. On October 27, 2000 Officer White was
- 15 promoted to the rank of sergeant and reassigned to the
- 16 6th Precinct and later to Northwestern District IOU.
- 17 Sergeant White was promoted to the rank of lieutenant
- 18 on June the 1st, 2006 and assigned to the operation
- 19 Portfolio.
- 20 And whereas on December 3rd, 2007
- 21 Lieutenant White was appointed to the rank of
- 22 Commander and assigned to the northeastern district,
- 23 western district, special projections, second training
- 24 staff, office of the assistant chief of police, and
- 25 officer of civil rights.



- 1 Commander White was appointed to the rank
- of Deputy Chief on December the 20th, 2012 and
- 3 reassigned to the Assistant Chief of Police Office on
- 4 February 27th, 2013. Deputy Chief White was appointed
- 5 to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police, and whereas
- 6 A.C. White with vision, leadership, teamwork, and
- 7 attention to detail excelled in administration and
- 8 policy. His close and effective collaboration with
- 9 the Board of Police Commissions helped ensure the best
- 10 policy, practices, and procedures to keep Detroit a
- 11 national leader in transparency and accountability.
- 12 Assistant Chief White worked extensively to help to
- 13 bring the department into compliance with the United
- 14 States Consent Decree Judgment.
- 15 And whereas he is a graduate of Wayne
- 16 County Community College and Wayne State University.
- 17 He holds an Associate's degree in general studies and
- 18 a Bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration
- 19 in psychology.
- 20 MS. WHITE: Madam Vice Chairperson? Okay.
- 21 Excuse me, through the Chair, I believe again we are
- 22 experiencing technical connectivity issues. The
- 23 Department of Innovation and Technology is checking on
- that right now, but it seems that we have lost Madam
- 25 Vice Chair for the moment.



1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Do you want to continue 2 on reading the resolution, please, if you can see it. MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. And I do want to 3 indicate that the resolution that was being read was 4 5 not the most up-to-date resolution. And so with the 6 honorable board's permission, Chairperson Bell, I would like to read the most up-to-date resolution. 7 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. MS. WHITE: For the resolution honoring 9 Assistant James E. White, whereas the distinguished 10 career of Assistant Chief White brought him in 11 12 constant contact with the Board of Police 13 Commissioners in the vital role of civil oversight 14 both in law enforcement and in civil rights, in every 15 endeavor A.C. White showed the utmost knowledge, 16 expertise, and pride in being a law enforcement professional and a member of the Detroit Police 17 18 department. 19 And whereas James E. White was appointed to the Detroit Police Department on January 8, 1996 upon 20 graduation from the Detroit Metropolitan Police 21 Academy. Police Officer White began his career in the 2.2 23 6th Precinct. He was also assigned to internal police controls. On October 27th, 2000 Officer White was 2.4



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- 9 staff, Office of the Assistant Chief of Police, and
- 10 Office of Civil Rights. Commander White was appointed
- 11 to the rank of Deputy Chief on December 20th, 2012 and
- 12 resigned to the Assistant Chief of Police Office. On
- 13 February 27th, 2013 Deputy Chief White was appointed
- 14 to the rank of Assistant Chief of Police.
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- 21 leader in transparency and accountability.
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- 23 help bring the department into compliance with the
- 24 United States Federal Consent Decree Judgement.
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- 1 County Community College and Wayne State University.
- 2 He holds an Associate's degree in general studies and
- 3 a Bachelor's degree in sociology with a concentration
- 4 in psychology. He earned a Master's of Science in
- 5 counseling from Central Michigan University in 2018.
- 6 He earned an MBA certificate from the Wayne State
- 7 Leadership Academy and the Mike Ilitch School of
- 8 Business. He is a member of the International
- 9 Association of Chiefs of Police and an ex-official
- 10 member of Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement
- 11 Standards. A state certified counselor, he is
- 12 involved with numerous organizations where his
- 13 contributions and leadership will continue.
- Now therefore be it resolved that the
- 15 Detroit Board of Commissioners speaking on behalf of
- 16 the Detroit Police Department and the citizens of the
- 17 City of Detroit recognizes and honors the commitment
- 18 and devoted spirit of Assistant Chief James E. White.
- 19 His unmatched and relentless pursuit of effective
- 20 organizational management is greatly appreciated and
- 21 has proven to be an invaluable asset for the entire
- 22 department. We thank and congratulate you for a job
- 23 well done Assistant Chief James E. White.
- 24 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Mr. Chair, I move
- 25 that we accept the resolution for A.C. White.



- 1 MR. HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It being properly moved
- 3 and second, discussion? No discussion.
- 4 Those in favor aye.
- 5 BOARD: Aye.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed.
- 7 The motion carries.
- 8 Thank you Ms. White and Vice Chair Holt.
- 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you. I think
- 10 my granddaughter had her computer on, so she had to
- 11 turn it off. So I think I'm on for the duration.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you, Vice
- 13 Chair Holt. We understand the technology and we
- 14 understand grandkids, too.
- Now we're going to move onto the second
- 16 resolution for Corporal Bryant Searcy, and that would
- 17 be Commissioner Jones.
- 18 COMMISSIONER JONES: You know what, I'm
- 19 having a little bit of a problem over here, too. I
- 20 don't have a copy of it in front of me.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL. Okay. Neither do I.
- 22 Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: Yes. If it is your pleasure,
- 24 we have just pulled it up through the shared screen
- 25 feature. And please advise if you would like to read



- 1 it from the shared screen, or I can read that as well.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones?
- 3 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes, if you can read
- 4 it, because I'm trying to pull it up now.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We understand. Thank
- 6 you.
- 7 MS. WHITE: A resolution honoring Corporal
- 8 Bryant Searcy Posthumously.
- 9 Whereas Bryant Searcy was educated in the
- 10 Detroit Public School System and graduated from
- 11 Detroit Central High School. Corporate Bryant Searcy
- 12 was a loving husband and father to his wife Sherry and
- 13 daughter Chassidy (ph). And whereas Bryant Searcy
- 14 grew up in a loving home and accepted Christ into his
- 15 heart at a young age under the leadership of Pastor
- 16 E.L. Branch of Third New Hope Baptist Church. He was
- 17 a dedicated and active member of the church singing in
- 18 the youth chorale, volunteering, and serving as a
- 19 senior saint in the security ministry.
- 20 And whereas Bryant Searcy was hired by the
- 21 Wayne County Sheriff Department as a police officer in
- 22 November 2002. His leadership and aptitude in his
- 23 assignments was acknowledged, and Deputy Searcy was
- 24 appointed to the rank of corporal on November 12th,
- 25 2005.



- 1 And whereas Corporal Searcy loved and lived life to the fullest and encouraged those around him to 2. do the same. His favorite quote was "Live in the 3 moment and enjoy the journey." 4 During his law enforcement career, he 5 received numerous awards, letters of appreciation, and 6 other accolades. Corporal Searcy was a consummate 7 professional and was well-loved by his co-workers. 8 And whereas Corporal Searcy diligently 9 served the Wayne County Sheriff Department and the 10 citizens of Wayne County for 18 years. His loyalty, 11 12 integrity, professionalism, and standard of commitment 13 was a credit to the Wayne County Sheriff Department. 14 And now therefore be it resolved that the 15 Detroit Board of Police Commissioners speaking for the 16 citizens of the City of Detroit and the Detroit Police Department awards this resolution posthumously for 17 recognition of Corporal Bryant Searcy's dedicated and 18 19 diligent public service, his professionalism, 20 integrity, and devotion to the citizens of Wayne County and throughout the City of Detroit, and merits 21 our highest regards. Detroit Board of Police 2.2 23 Commissioners. 2.4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, what is
- 25 your pleasure?



- 1 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Chair, I move that we
- 2 adopt this resolution to the Board archives.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Support.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Properly moved and
- 5 supported. Discussion?
- Those in favor, yes.
- 7 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those opposed.
- 9 The motion carried.
- 10 Thank you, Ms. White, and thank you
- 11 Commissioner Jones.
- I just want to say I was -- it was brought
- 13 to my attention that prior to him joining Wayne County
- 14 Sheriff Department, I tried to encourage him to join
- 15 Department Police Department. He was a great staff
- 16 member at St. John Hospital, and when his wife was
- 17 pregnant with their first child, they gave him a baby
- 18 shower. That's how much love the nurses and the
- 19 doctors had for this young man.
- 20 So I would reach out to his wife in terms
- 21 of making sure that we have contact and hand deliver
- 22 that resolution in terms of the family. Such a loss,
- 23 such a bright young man. He was a spirit-filled young
- 24 man, so we just pray for his family and pray for the
- 25 Wayne County Sheriff as we always do for our law



- 1 enforcement family.
- Now, Ms. White, we are going to bring on
- 3 our Assistant Corporation Counsel to speak to an issue
- 4 that we all have been dealing with.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes. Through the Chair, Chief
- 6 Legal Counsel of Special Projects, Attorney Megan
- 7 Moslimani from the City of Detroit Law Department.
- 8 Her microphone is unmuted at this time, and she can go
- 9 ahead and speak with regards to the matter of facial
- 10 recognition technology and the Board's authority.
- 11 MS. MOSLIMANI: Hello everybody. Hope
- 12 you're all doing well. So I know it's been made a
- 13 motion at several meetings as I understand about the
- 14 facial recognition technology and software. However,
- 15 I did want to provide a legal opinion today during the
- 16 meeting. And it's my legal opinion that that is not a
- 17 power -- it's not within the powers delegated by the
- 18 charter of the Board of Police Commissioners. I do
- 19 not think that the board has the power to revoke the
- 20 use of facial recognition technology at the Detroit
- 21 Police Department. The board does have supervisory
- 22 powers, however, those are broad.
- 23 And I think it's important to remember it's
- 24 not on how the police perform their day-to-day duties
- in preserving the public peace, preventing crime,



- 1 making arrests and enforcing the laws of the State of
- 2 Michigan and the United States Constitution. You
- 3 know, it's on the police to do that day to day. The
- 4 Board of Police Commissioners does have, you know,
- 5 oversight on whether police officers -- and final say
- 6 and authority on discipline and things of that nature
- 7 and approving the budget. However, we have to look
- 8 towards the charter, and the charter does not specify
- 9 our powers specifically related to what this motion is
- 10 based on, and we can't interpret language that isn't
- 11 there.
- 12 So at this time based on the current
- 13 charter, it's the legal opinion of City of Detroit Law
- 14 Department that this board does not have the power to
- 15 tell the police department they cannot use that
- 16 software.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you,
- 18 Ms. Moslimani.
- 19 MS. MOSLIMANI: You're welcome.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White, we're going
- 21 to move on to A.C. Stair representing the Chief of
- 22 Police.
- MS. WHITE: Yes, Chair.
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: Good afternoon
- 25 honorable board. I absolutely am happy to be here



- 1 with you all today on behalf of the chief who had a
- 2 previous meeting that overlapped the time of your
- 3 board meeting.
- I also wanted to say what a beautiful
- 5 tribute to Corporal Searcy.
- 6 And then also at it relates to my partner,
- 7 Assistant Chief White, who absolutely was always a
- 8 professional, who had tremendous impact as a police
- 9 officer and police executive on this police
- 10 department, but I'll take note and just say that he
- 11 was an even better friend, or is a better friend,
- 12 because he'll still be my friend once he leaves here.
- 13 And we're all super excited, and what a really nice
- 14 resolution from the Board of Police Commissioners.
- 15 I'll jump right into crime. Homicides, we
- 16 have 38 more homicides this year as compared to last
- 17 year at the same time for a 21 percent increase. We
- 18 have 199 less sexual assaults this year as compared to
- 19 last year for a 31 percent decrease. Aggravated
- 20 assaults we're up 23 percent. Nonfatal shootings
- 21 we're up 52 percent today as compared to last year
- 22 this same time. Robberies were down 17 percent with
- 23 274 less robberies this year as compared to last year.
- 24 We're down 8 percent in carjackings. The total Part 1
- 25 crimes we're still up 12 percent. Part 1 property



- 1 crimes, we're down a total of 22 percent.
- 2 Last week our officers confiscated 101
- 3 handguns, 7 long guns, and made 97 CCW arrests. I
- 4 also wanted to take note, I checked with
- 5 communications just to get an idea of the number of
- 6 calls that our officers are going to that have some
- 7 kind of gun nexus, and from last Thursday until today,
- 8 they went to 783 calls to service that had a gun
- 9 nexus, which really again reinforces the fact that our
- 10 members are courageous and unrelenting when it comes
- 11 to serving and protecting the citizens of the City of
- 12 Detroit. We have some illegal gun stats -- or illegal
- 13 drifting stats as well. Last Saturday we had an
- operation September 12th. The officers made 77
- 15 traffic stops, wrote 118 tickets, towed 19 vehicles.
- 16 There were 6 felony arrests and 5 weapons recovered
- 17 just on that night alone.
- 18 As it relates to protests, the last protest
- 19 in the City of Detroit was the last Friday. There is
- 20 not one scheduled this weekend in Detroit. However,
- 21 there is a protest that is scheduled in Warren.
- 22 We still have four officers who are on the
- 23 critically injured in the line of duty. Police
- 24 Officer Mark Robbins (ph) still continues to undergo
- 25 physical therapy after he was injured critically in a



- 1 traffic accident. Detective Beckham (ph) although
- 2 showing some improvement per police medical, she still
- 3 continues to be off and attends PT or physical therapy
- 4 two to three times a week after suffering a gunshot
- 5 wound. Sergeant Mark Bailey as you may recall was one
- of our members who was injured in the earlier days of
- 7 the protest on May 31st. He is being treated now by
- 8 orthopedic specialists. And then finally Keith
- 9 Anthony was recently injured and sustained both a head
- 10 injury and some major injuries to his lower
- 11 extremities and is recovering from surgery at home at
- 12 this time.
- 13 Covid numbers are that we have currently
- 14 9 members who last tested positive for Covid. So a
- 15 total of 365 members of the Detroit Police Department
- 16 tested positive for Covid at some point in time since
- 17 the pandemic hit. And as of today we have 18 members
- 18 who are quarantined or isolated, 4 of which are
- 19 civilians. The other 14 are sworn.
- 20 I also wanted to make note, I'm sure
- 21 everybody saw that our officers were on a 30-hour
- 22 standoff on the west side of Detroit which resulted in
- 23 a safe release of the two hostages, but unfortunately
- 24 a death of a suspect, a suicide, who suffered mental
- 25 illness. And I know that was a discussion last week



- 1 as well. And with speaking to the Chief, he
- 2 definitely wanted me to convey to Commissioner Burton
- 3 that he's really looking forward to, you know, doing
- 4 some work with him as he helped to volunteer on last
- 5 week.
- 6 And then finally, we have a recruit
- 7 graduation tomorrow as well of 27 new police officers
- 8 who will be assigned on Monday the 21st, and that
- 9 graduation is at Campus Martius. 4.
- 10 That ends my report, sir.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Assistant
- 12 Chief Stair. Do we have any questions?
- 13 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have a question.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I think Davis, and then
- 15 Commissioner Burch.
- 16 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes. My question is
- 17 do we have an update on the environmental audit? I
- 18 know one was initiated in the 6th Precinct, but we
- 19 probably should get an assessment for it city-wide,
- 20 because there is a number of people that still think
- 21 there is a number of officers that do racist things.
- 22 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: I do not have an
- 23 update on the environment audit, sir, but I will reach
- 24 out to you directly with an update after this call
- 25 once I talk to the folks involved.



- 1 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Thank you.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Burch.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Thank you,
- 4 Mr. Chair. I just wanted to say regarding first to
- 5 the attorney, she might be gone, but I am so grateful
- 6 that this issue about facial recognition will now be
- 7 put to rest off of our shoulders as commissioners. So
- 8 I thank her personally for coming on the program today
- 9 to put it to rest.
- I also wanted to say, Mr. Chair, to A.C.
- 11 White is a wonderful human being as far as his heart
- is for mental health. That's what we're dealing with
- 13 all over this world, and I'm so proud that he's going
- 14 to be a part of that, hopefully with Conrad Malek, let
- 15 but in knowing -- this is on a personal level, we also
- 16 had the African Museum, the Charles H. Wright African
- 17 Museum where he was there supporting one of his
- 18 officers for the organization called Detroit I. And
- 19 they come from London to hear the story about
- 20 Detroiters. So I know A.C. White on a different
- 21 level, a very kind man. I look forward to working
- 22 with him in the community of the ideas that he have.
- 23 Thank you, Mr. Chair.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you for your kind
- 25 remarks.



- 1 Any other commissioner? Commissioner
- 2 Brown.
- COMMISSIONER BROWN: To A.C. Stair, just
- 4 always want to thank the men and women of the
- 5 department for all they do. I'm happy to hear that
- 6 the guns are coming off the street. I just wondered
- 7 if they found any of mine that were stolen years ago.
- 8 On a serious note, it was good to be out to
- 9 see the men and women in the department get out and
- 10 participate in some activities where they could relax
- 11 and reset with the intramural softball tournament,
- 12 which I was happy to know that the winners are the 8th
- 13 Precinct are the champs. But it was good to see
- 14 everybody get out and come together and relax and just
- 15 reset, you know, have some time to themselves, and it
- 16 was good to see that.
- 17 Also -- well, I also want to talk about the
- 18 policy issues later, but just thank you -- thank the
- 19 men and women for their service, and I really
- 20 appreciate that we're staying on top of it with the
- 21 guns. That's very important to me. And I wasn't
- 22 joking, I did have two stolen out of my home in a BE
- 23 about ten years ago.
- 24 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: Through the Chair,
- 25 certainly, Commissioner Brown, we can look into that,



- 1 and absolute it's important for our membership to, you
- 2 know, be able to get a chance to unwind, because
- 3 they -- again they're relentless in the work that they
- 4 do to serve the citizens of City of Detroit.
- 5 And if I could through the Chair, to
- 6 Commissioner Burch, when you met Assistant Chief White
- 7 for I Detroit, he was supporting me, because you and I
- 8 both will be a part of that population.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Oh, thank you. So
- 10 that's you. Bless your heart. Thank you.
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: Yes, ma'am. I have
- 12 a picture of all of us in my office.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, thank you so
- 14 much. I do, I kept the picture.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chair, just one
- 16 more thing. And this is to anyone who wants to answer
- 17 it, but mainly to A.C. In just looking at the point
- 18 of complaints that come in, I was going through the
- 19 software and the issue and talking it over. Have we
- 20 gone away from complaints that could be settled and
- 21 resolved right there in the station as opposed to
- 22 everything going to OCI? I mean, because some
- 23 complaints that I was looking at and following up
- 24 through were things that could have just been easy to
- 25 resolve right there in the station and with the MPO's.



- 1 So have we totally left from that practice, or --
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Brown, that
- 3 was back in my day. You can no longer -- by our SOP
- 4 and charter mandate, we cannot resolve complaints at
- 5 that level. We have to take the complaint and work it
- 6 out administration-wise. Back in the day supervisors
- 7 could talk to the complainant and try to resolve it,
- 8 and we took those steps, but that's been out the
- 9 window a long time ago. Is that correct, Assistant
- 10 Chief Stair?
- 11 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: That is correct,
- 12 sir. And, you know, it protects the citizen and the
- officer at that point, and whoever is going to be the
- 14 investigating supervisor who gets the initial
- 15 complaint, they have to forward it over to the Board
- 16 of Police Commissioners, OCI.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. I just want
- 18 to say back in the day, I keep saying back in the day,
- 19 when we got a man with a gun run, we was excited, you
- 20 know to respond. But it appears this is a different
- 21 day and age with all these guns out here and all these
- 22 shootings. And I just want to commend these officers
- 23 with the potential danger that's there because people
- 24 are strapped and they do not hesitate to use them on
- others and the police. So we have to really be very



- 1 cautious in terms approaching people, because out of
- 2 nowhere they might respond. Thank you.
- 3 Before we leave Assistant Chief White one
- 4 more time, I want to acknowledge Commissioner Holley
- 5 for working up this beautiful plaque for A.C. White.
- 6 And I don't know if we can show it at this time or at
- 7 some later time.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I have one more
- 9 question.
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Davis.
- 11 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes, sir. Of the
- 12 27 new officers from the recruiting class, how many
- 13 are from Detroit and how many are black?
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I can respond to that.
- 15 I spoke to that class this morning myself and
- 16 Investigating Chief Akbar, and I was impressed with
- 17 that class. Over half of the class are
- 18 African-Americans. I don't know about all of them
- 19 from -- I mean, what percentage from Detroit. Maybe
- 20 A.C. Stair can speak to that. But the youngest was
- 21 19, the oldest was 36. And I mean, it was a great
- 22 class to interact with. I'm looking forward to their
- 23 career path. But I say that recruiting and the
- 24 academy -- maybe I should extend this to A.C. Stair on
- 25 this. Would you respond?



- 1 ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAIR: Yes, sir. So I
- 2 don't have the demographics of the graduating class,
- 3 but obviously I can pull them for you. What I can see
- 4 is that the classes that we are hiring and graduating
- 5 continue to be very diverse. Certainly, you know, the
- 6 number of members who live in the city aren't that
- 7 high, but I will tell you that so many of us who don't
- 8 live in the city have and certainly are stakeholders,
- 9 because we have family and friends in the city and we
- 10 care about the people who we serve every day.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. And what
- 12 you're seeing is this outstanding plaque worked up by
- 13 Commissioner Holley, and it reads Assistant Police
- 14 Chief James E. White, In recognition of your
- 15 unwavering dedication and leadership to the citizens
- 16 of the Detroit and to the men and women of the Detroit
- 17 Police Department, and it's outstanding. Thank you,
- 18 Commission Holley. When you see the legendary figures
- 19 from John Brown, Frederick Douglas, Dr. Martin Luther
- 20 King, and my President, Barack Obama, it is
- 21 outstanding. I don't know how Commissioner Holley,
- 22 when I first saw this when there was a recognition for
- 23 the chief and the executive team, I said, wow, this is
- 24 something that perhaps we can share with our board,
- 25 and he has been so kind. This is something that you



- 1 would treasure on receiving this, and it would be
- 2 prominently displayed. I'm going to put Assistant
- 3 Chief White on my speed dial to make sure that we have
- 4 that ongoing interaction that Commissioner Burch just
- 5 mentioned that as he has a wealth of knowledge. So
- 6 I'm so pleased. And thank you, Commissioner Holley,
- 7 on behalf of the Board.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: If there are no other
- 10 questions, thank you Assistant Chief Stair. Thank you
- 11 for reporting out.
- 12 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: Yes, sir. Thank
- 13 you, sir.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We can deal with the
- 15 policy now, Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: Yes sir. Through the Chair, as
- 17 we are bringing up the power point presentation for
- 18 this afternoon, honorable board, again good afternoon,
- 19 and good afternoon 1st A.C. Stair, and the DPD
- 20 executives and all meeting attendees.
- Just to give a brief update on the four
- 22 follow policy directives that are set for your review
- 23 and vote on today. They consist of the following,
- 24 body-worn cameras, tasers, X2 conducted energy
- 25 weapons, property control, and foot pursuit. Please



- 1 note that these policies have been under the board's
- 2 purview or jurisdiction for some time, and one of the
- 3 directives most recently transmitted based on recent
- 4 updates was the body-worn camera policy directive.
- 5 So I just wanted to just give you some
- 6 background in terms of staff has been reviewing and
- 7 evaluating all four policies, and we've conducted
- 8 extensive research and analysis into all of the best
- 9 practices, best standards across the country, and even
- 10 common practical approaches that would be beneficial
- 11 to include in those policy directives in connection
- 12 with the Detroit Police Department.
- I should mention that these policy
- 14 directives, most of them were developed and created
- 15 back in 2017 with the Detroit Police under the
- 16 leadership of course of the honorable board, Chief of
- 17 Police Craig, 1st A.C. Stair, and all of the DPD
- 18 executives, but more specifically with Assistant Chief
- 19 James White as was indicated earlier, with A.C. White
- 20 on a number of policies and policy directives for the
- 21 development of sound, comprehensive, and safe policy
- 22 directives. So much of the work that you see before
- 23 you today with these four policy directives,
- 24 specifically body-worn cameras and tasers, was
- 25 developed and created from the support operations unit



- 1 headed under Assistant Chief White and again under the
- 2 leadership of the honorable board, Chief Craig, 1st
- 3 A.C. Stair, and the DPD executives.
- 4 So just give some brief background
- 5 information and just updates for your review, and then
- 6 I also would like to mention that the honorable board
- 7 of course had the opportunity to review the policy
- 8 directives along with the public and the community, we
- 9 always generally post the policy directives on the
- 10 board's website for public feedback and review and
- 11 inspection. And of course we always receive the
- 12 honorable board's recommendations or any additional
- 13 feedback. And of course I'm sure there will be some
- 14 additional updates as well from your honorable body.
- 15 So just starting with -- if we move to the
- 16 next slide, it's actually Slide 3 Regarding the
- 17 body-worn camera policy. So as I indicated earlier,
- in 2017 the department started its pilot program on
- 19 the body-worn cameras deploying segments of the
- 20 department with the body-worn cameras to test out the
- 21 equipment, test it out and identify any lessons
- 22 learned and any best practices for the policy
- 23 directive, and of course the department shared that
- 24 policy directive with the board for its review and
- 25 evaluation and its contribution in terms of any policy



- 1 recommendations.
- 2 And so at that time the board did make
- 3 substantial policy recommendations based on again
- 4 research and analysis into best practices consisting
- of and not limited to NACOLE, the National Association
- 6 for Civil Oversight of Law Enforcement, best
- 7 practices, the President's Task Force, President
- 8 Barack Obama, the task forces of 21st Century
- 9 Policing, and other best practices that are available
- 10 in terms of law enforcement policy directives. And so
- 11 with that research, the Board made the following
- 12 recommendations, and I'm just going to highlight just
- 13 a few and not go into any specifics, but I did already
- 14 share the actual directive, so if it's your pleasure
- 15 you can review those directives in detail.
- But just to highlight a few of those
- 17 recommendations that the board made in 2017 with
- 18 respect to body-worn cameras, they consist of
- 19 secondary employment officers being required to wear
- 20 body-worn cameras -- body-worn camera footage, and I
- 21 believe I'm actually a slide ahead, but I will just
- 22 continue to go on. Also the Board made a
- 23 recommendation for department members to wear
- 24 body-worn cameras during the execution of search
- 25 warrants based on citizens complaints of alleged



- 1 police misconduct during narcotic raids, search
- 2 warrant executions. The Board also in 2017 made
- 3 recommendations for the department to require that the
- 4 body-worn camera remain activated during the entire
- 5 police-citizen encounter for transparency and
- 6 accountability. And also the board has recently --
- 7 or, excuse me, the board also made recommendations in
- 8 terms of the Office of Chief Investigator having
- 9 access to the body-worn camera system for a citizen
- 10 complaint investigation.
- 11 So those were just some of the
- 12 recommendations, some of the highlights of the
- 13 recommendations that the board provided back in 2017.
- 14 Since that time the department has -- and of course
- 15 the board has continued to review and update the
- 16 policy directives because we know that the policies
- 17 are a living, breathing document and they can be
- 18 changed and updated at any given time on an as-needed
- 19 basis. So based on that particular review, some of
- 20 the highlights that the department has recently made
- 21 to the body-worn cameras consist of the following:
- 22 A requirement of the Board of Police
- 23 Commissioners and OCI to access body-worn camera video
- 24 and audio based on not only citizen complaint
- 25 investigations but disciplinary investigations in



- 1 whole, because the board also investigates, reviews
- 2 and hears matter concerning suspensions without pay
- 3 and other disciplinary matters. And then also the
- 4 department of the board to receive access to the
- 5 body-worn camera system based on policy compliance or
- 6 to ensure that policy compliance is being adhered
- 7 with.
- 8 Also the recommendation was added for
- 9 investigative commands to secure and activate
- 10 body-worn cameras when executing search warrants or
- 11 effecting an arrest. And then additional training
- 12 requirements were made to the body-worn camera policy
- 13 directive as well as the assignment of body-worn
- 14 cameras to members, and then outlining supervisory
- 15 responsibilities in terms of making sure that audits
- 16 and inspections are being -- are taking place and that
- 17 the equipment is assigned and that it's operable
- 18 during the officer's or during the member's entire
- 19 tour of duty.
- 20 So again, all of these provisions are
- 21 contained in the actual directive, and the details are
- 22 all there. I would also like to just briefly
- 23 highlight, too, in the body-worn camera policy
- 24 directive, the update, one of the last major updates
- 25 that was made by the department consisted of the use



- 1 of body-worn cameras for members assigned to a task
- 2 force with federal partners. So this particular
- 3 provision outlines the requirements to activate
- 4 body-worn cameras when executing a search warrant or
- 5 effecting an arrest. It also outlines the
- 6 requirements for saving the body-worn camera footage
- 7 pursuant to the department's retention period, and
- 8 then list the procedures regarding when a concern
- 9 might arise as relates to whether or not the officer
- 10 should continue to have their body-worn camera
- 11 activated during those joint task forces.
- 12 So all of those details again are outlined
- 13 in the policy directive. And if the honorable board
- 14 has additional recommendations at this time or
- 15 additional concerns with respect to the policy, we
- 16 have asked, you know, for that information to be sent
- 17 to us so that we can include it in our transmission to
- 18 the department. But based on all of those details and
- 19 all of those requirements and updates that were
- 20 included based on both the board's recommendations and
- 21 the department's additional research and analysis, we
- 22 are recommending that the body-worn camera policy
- 23 receive a vote of approval for today.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioners, what is
- 25 your pleasure?



- 1 (Motion was moved and supported.)
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 3 and supported. We'll take a roll call vote.
- 4 Commissioner Vice Chair.
- 5 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Oh, I'm sorry, yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 7 District 1.
- 8 District 2.
- 9 MS. WHITE: I believe, through the Chair,
- 10 Commissioner Griffie, had to step away.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: That was a yes for
- 12 District 1, Brown.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Okay.
- District 3.
- 15 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Support.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. Yes,
- 17 Commissioner Bell.
- District 5.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, I would
- 20 like to table this until next week. I'm just now
- 21 getting to -- seeing this for the first time, and this
- 22 hasn't been -- whatever these changes are have not
- 23 been talked about at this table before this body and
- 24 the public, and I think we have some great concerns,
- 25 but I would like to see what changes -- what changes



- 1 are we making?
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. District 6 has
- 3 stepped away.
- 4 District 7?
- 5 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Commissioner
- 7 Hernandez, At-Large.
- 8 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones,
- 10 At-Large.
- 11 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley,
- 13 At-Large.
- 14 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: The motion passed.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 17 MS. WHITE: The second policy directive is
- 18 regarding Tasers X2 Conducted Energy Weapons, and we
- 19 are moving to just a couple of pages through the Power
- 20 Point presentation. And, please, honorable board, all
- 21 of these directors have been shared during or shared
- 22 with this week's packet, last week's packet, and
- 23 several times throughout the past month, and it's been
- on the board's website for quite some time as well
- 25 just to give the honorable board some time to look



- 1 through the policy directives and also to allow the
- 2 public to weigh in on any policy recommendations that
- 3 they might have had.
- 4 So with respect to the Taser X2 Conducted
- 5 Energy Weapon, again this policy directive was
- 6 previously reviewed, evaluated, researched back in
- 7 2017 by the honorable board. And there were extensive
- 8 panel discussions, extensive meetings, and extensive
- 9 meetings even between the Board of Police
- 10 Commissioners and the Detroit Police Department and
- 11 Assistant Chief White and the entire staff on DPD as
- 12 it relates to the policy act of the actual less lethal
- 13 weapon of the Taser X2. And so with that, the board
- 14 did approve a policy directive in 2017. However, the
- 15 department implemented a training directive for its
- 16 pilot program. So the department started out the
- 17 pilot program to test out the weapon to see if there
- 18 were any additional policies that needed to be added
- 19 to the actual directive before they implemented it
- 20 into a final directive, which is what you have in your
- 21 packet this afternoon.
- 22 So that is what this policy consists of,
- 23 the final product of the lessons learned, best
- 24 practices, and additional information that the
- 25 department learned during that pilot program. But as



- 1 it relates to the board's recommendation that it made,
- 2 the board made some 13 to 15 recommendations
- 3 substantive recommendations to the policy directive,
- 4 all of which the department accepted, and they
- 5 include, but are not limited to, ensuring that the
- 6 policy directive concerning tasers considered the --
- 7 if we go back one slide, considered the special
- 8 populations when deploying and discharging this less
- 9 lethal weapon. Also the board made recommendations as
- 10 it relates to the notification and reporting
- 11 procedures regarding the deployment and discharge of
- 12 the less lethal weapon. And then the board made
- 13 substantial recommendation as it relates to the
- 14 department being required to conduct random audits of
- 15 the actual data downloads and recertification, and
- 16 those audits are conducted by the Civil Rights
- 17 Division of the department.
- 18 And then there were several recommendations
- 19 made to the department, all of which is contained in
- 20 the policy directive and itemized for your review in
- 21 the additional policy before that you received.
- 22 And if it is your pleasure at this time,
- 23 the recommendation is for the board to approve the
- 24 policy given that the board has already worked with
- 25 the department extensively in developing the final



- 1 draft of the directive that you have in front of you.
- 2 And given that the Board already approved this policy
- 3 directive back in 2017, it's just now been codified
- 4 into a permanent directive as opposed to a temporary
- 5 training directive.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 7 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Chair, we are
- 8 accepting a motion at this time?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 10 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I move that we
- 11 accept the Taser X2 Conducted Energy Weapons as
- 12 explained by Ms. White.
- 13 (Motion supported.)
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 15 and supported. Discussion?
- VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Through the Chair,
- 17 I think Commissioner Brown has a discussion item.
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. I just wanted to
- 19 be clear on one point on the policy change, that it
- 20 did say that they're not going to be allowed to carry
- 21 tasers while at secondary employment?
- 22 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, that is correct. And
- 23 also in addition to -- well, as an aside to your
- 24 point, it is prohibited off-duty as well, and then
- 25 there is a specific provision within the policy



- 1 directive that talks about the procedures as it
- 2 relates to investigating those concerns regarding the
- 3 conducted energy weapons.
- 4 And so again the recommendation, and the
- 5 honorable board just previously approved the use of
- 6 force policy directive, but the recommendation is to
- 7 approve the Taxer X2 Conducted Energy Weapons as long
- 8 as it is in connection and in alignment with the use
- 9 of force policy that was just approved previously by
- 10 the honorable board.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Roll call.
- 13 Vice Chair Holt.
- 14 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Yes.
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 16 District 1.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 19 District 3.
- 20 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Did you call me?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am. District 3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4. Bell, yes.
- 24 District 5.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, once



- 1 again I'm unable to vote on this today due to the
- 2 fact --
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURTON: -- that community
- 5 hasn't seen this policy in this form. (Technical
- 6 difficulties.)
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 8 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. And At-Large,
- 10 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 11 At-Large, Commissioner Jones.
- 12 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 13 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Hernandez, yes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 15 Holley.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White.
- MS. WHITE: The motion passed.
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 20 MS. WHITE: The third policy directive is
- 21 relating to property control, 306.3. And just a few
- 22 key updates that the department made to these two
- 23 directives, or this directive, and again these are
- 24 directives that have been in place, and only updates
- 25 have been made and revisions have been made to these



- 1 directives. So this -- the last two directives,
- 2 property control and foot pursuit, are not brand new
- 3 directives.
- 4 Again, the property control directive will
- 5 ensure the property that is in the DPD's possession is
- 6 properly received and recorded, securely stored, and
- 7 proper disposition is made according to the law. So
- 8 the key updates include, but are not limited to
- 9 defining key terms for clarity and operation,
- 10 outlining procedures for outside agencies recovering a
- 11 firearm stolen from within Detroit city lines, and
- 12 also specifies procedures for forfeited firearms and
- 13 the responsibilities of supervisors or officers -- and
- 14 officers in charge of the case. And also the policy
- 15 directive also codifies the process for forfeiting
- 16 guns through the Michigan State Police and outlines
- 17 that procedure detail.
- 18 And so again at this time the
- 19 recommendation is to request a vote of approval for
- 20 Property Control 306.3.
- 21 (Motion moved and supported.)
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly and
- 23 supported. Discussion.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you
- 25 know, I would just like to know why we are in a rush



- 1 to push these policies today, when the community
- 2 hasn't been given a chance to weigh in on each one of
- 3 these line items. We do have policies already in
- 4 place for instance for body-worn cameras and use of
- 5 tasers and so forth, but the community has not been
- 6 able to weigh in on these different changes.
- 7 I am -- these changes -- I have not been
- 8 able to review these changes. I'm just now learning
- 9 about it today in this session. These are very good
- 10 topics, and I'm sure the policy may do some good, but
- 11 we want to know what is really in the policy. We want
- 12 to know, you know, what the policy is today versus
- 13 what changes, you know, you're trying to implement.
- 14 Something like this should have been brought before
- 15 the community, allow them to weigh in, some continuing
- 16 conversation or dialogue versus -- prior to taking a
- 17 vote on these things today.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Row call vote.
- 19 Vice Chair?
- VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Yes.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: No.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 24 District 3.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, yes.
- 2 District 5.
- 3 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm going to abstain
- 4 because this --
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 6 District 7.
- 7 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At-Large
- 9 would be Commissioner Hernandez.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Commissioner
- 12 Jones.
- 13 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes
- MS. WHITE: Motion passes.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you,
- 18 Ms. White. Thank you, Commissioners. Is that the
- 19 extent of our policies?
- MS. WHITE: We just have one last one.
- 21 Through the Chair.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay, one more. Thank
- 23 you.
- MS. WHITE: The last one is foot pursuit,
- 25 202.7 This particular directive, the purpose of this



- 1 policy is to provide guidelines and possible
- 2 alternatives to assist members of the department in
- 3 making decisions on when to pursue on foot and when to
- 4 terminate that pursuit.
- 5 Again, honorable board, these policies have
- 6 been under the board's jurisdiction for months, and we
- 7 have conducted again extensive research in terms of
- 8 the policy, best practice, and also awaiting any
- 9 recommendations that the community may have, the
- 10 honorable board, or any additional research that we
- 11 might gain, you know, as the days go on, because as we
- 12 know policies change from day to day. But we try to
- 13 we make sure to incorporate all of the best practices
- 14 that we have learned from NACOLE, from some of the
- 15 other industry standards that we have been reviewing
- 16 as it relates to the President's Task Force, President
- 17 Barack Obama, the International Association of Chiefs
- 18 of Police, the Brennan Justice Center, and then there
- 19 is a list of references that are listed at the end of
- 20 this Power Point presentation and always included in
- 21 the board's records for your review in terms of
- 22 identifying the research that we actually conducted
- 23 and looked into to come up with the policy
- 24 recommendations.
- But again, this policy, Foot Pursuit, is in



- 1 line with best practices outlined primarily in the
- 2 IACP, the International Association of Chiefs of
- 3 Police and other best standards. And some of the key
- 4 updates that were made to this policy directive just
- 5 consisted of the following, adding additional
- 6 consideration regarding when to pursue, when not to
- 7 pursue. So understanding or informing department
- 8 members that the legal standard for pursuing on foot
- 9 is involving reasonable suspicion. And so the officer
- 10 or the member has to have knowledge and information
- 11 that the individual that they are seeking to pursue
- 12 has committed a crime, is committing a crime, or will
- 13 commit a crime. So that consists of reasonable
- 14 suspicion standard, and so that's required. And then
- 15 there are a list of provisions that the department
- 16 walks through in terms of considerations for when to
- 17 pursue and when not to pursue an individual.
- 18 Also the updates consisted of outlined risk
- 19 factors associated with engaging in a foot pursuit.
- 20 And so the risk factors take into account that the
- 21 department member may have other alternatives to
- 22 pursue an individual and may not need to engage in a
- 23 foot pursuit at that time. Some of the other
- 24 alternatives include assistance through air support,
- 25 containment of the area, conducting a canine search,



- 1 saturation of the area with patrol personnel, and/or
- 2 the apprehension at another time and place when the
- 3 member knows the identity of the subject or has enough
- 4 information to pursue a later apprehension. And so
- 5 those additional provisions were added to the policy
- 6 directive.
- 7 And then also the last update consisted of
- 8 procedures for termination of a foot pursuit. And so
- 9 again the policy directive walks through those
- 10 procedures in which the department member would
- 11 terminate the foot pursuit. Also gaining the
- 12 assistance from the supervisor in making sure that all
- of the information is properly documented and
- 14 accounted for and included on their activity logs and
- 15 various reports.
- And so at this time the recommendation is
- 17 to receive a vote on the Foot Pursuit Directive 202.7.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The chair will entertain
- 19 a motion, and we will get to discussion.
- 20 (Motion was made and second.)
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The motion was properly
- 22 moved and supported.
- Now Commissioner Burch, discussion.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes, thank you. I
- 25 just wanted to ask Ms. White was this part of what we



- 1 call the foot pursuit, this was not involving the
- 2 officer having a weapon of the person in pursuit,
- 3 right?
- 4 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, I'm not sure
- 5 I understand the question.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Okay. You called it
- 7 foot pursuit.
- 8 MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I'm saying if the
- 10 officer is doing foot pursuit, and if he has a weapon,
- 11 he's not supposed to use it on the suspected victim or
- 12 criminal? That's what I'm asking you. That's not in
- 13 this?
- MS. WHITE: Well, so foot pursuit there are
- 15 number of provisions that outline -- I'm sorry.
- The policy directive walks through a number
- 17 of provisions in terms of when the officer is to
- 18 engage in a foot pursuit, and again it's supposed to
- 19 be done while in a safe manner where it is not harmful
- 20 to anyone in the area, it's not harmful to -- it does
- 21 not pose, you know, any threat or harm to the officer
- 22 or the member -- or the individual which they are
- 23 pursuing. And so again, it walks through the
- 24 provisions in which it would be safe to conduct that
- 25 foot pursuit, and then it also works through



- 1 provisions in which it would not be safe, and it would
- 2 be time to terminate the pursuit or not to engage in
- 3 that foot pursuit. So those specific outlined
- 4 provisions are included in the directive that we
- 5 transmitted. So I'm not sure if that might answer
- 6 your question.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I think so, Ms. White.
- 8 Thank you.
- 9 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Discussion?
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Roll call. Or
- 11 discussion, go ahead.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I had some discussion
- 13 as well. I didn't get to weigh in, Chairman.
- MS. WHITE: Through the Chair?
- 15 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 17 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman, you
- 18 know, based off of this policy recommendation, we
- 19 already have a foot patrol policy already put in
- 20 place. Once again this is brought to my attention
- 21 here at the 12th hour in this board session. We have
- 22 not talked about this continuing in our meetings where
- 23 the community was able to weigh in on whatever this
- 24 new Section Number 202.7. Something like this should
- 25 have been brought up as far as changes so we could see



- 1 what the policy says today as far as what language you
- 2 want to put in it going forward.
- 3 This is something that we have not talked
- 4 about from a community standpoint, and I just think
- 5 that this is not the time to start pushing someone's
- 6 agenda at the 12th hour when the community has not
- 7 been included in the conversation who doesn't really
- 8 know the best practices or procedures because we
- 9 haven't talked with other civilian oversight boards
- 10 nor have we brought this matter up before NACOLE,
- 11 which this Board of Police Commissioners falls under
- 12 that umbrella.
- I would like to know the best practice and
- 14 procedures for all of these different things, and it
- 15 would have been nice had those individuals come up
- 16 before this body to talk about their best practices
- 17 and procedures and allow the board as a whole along
- 18 with the community to weigh in on these different
- 19 things. I think it really does a disservice to the
- 20 community, to the commissioners who haven't read this,
- 21 but still rubber stamping this today, because we owe
- 22 it to the community when they elected us to serve
- 23 them. So I wish this would have came before us
- 24 sooner.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We'll call a vote. Vice



- 1 Chair Holt?
- 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 4 District 1.
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 6 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 7 District 3.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, yes.
- 10 District 5.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Abstain due to the
- 12 fact that I'm just seeing it for the first time.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 6.
- 14 District 7.
- 15 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 17 Hernandez.
- 18 Commissioner Jones?
- 19 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 21 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Yes.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Ms. White?
- 23 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: I believe that might have been
- 25 Commissioner Hernandez.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Okay. Thank you. Do we
- 2 have a majority?
- 3 MS. WHITE: Yes.
- 4 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 5 Thank you, Ms. White, and thank you, Board.
- 6 That is the completion off all of the policies.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 9 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Commissioner Holley.
- 10 Please let me ask a question, and I'm sorry about my
- 11 naiveness or my ignorance, but where are we with the
- 12 no-knock policy. Where are we with that?
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We don't have a no-knock
- 14 policy in the State of Michigan.
- 15 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: We don't.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: And the Assistant Chief
- 17 can speak to that.
- 18 ASSISTANT CHIEF STAIR: What I do know,
- 19 sir, is that there was a meeting conducted at 2 p.m.
- 20 this afternoon in regards to the subject at least. I
- 21 don't have an update, but I certainly can make sure
- 22 that the board is provided with one.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Thank you.
- 24 MS. WHITE: Through the Chair, we'll make
- 25 sure to follow up with 1st A.C. Stair on that.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, thank you. Thank
- 2 you, Commissioner Holley.
- We can move on, Ms. White.
- 4 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir. Honorable board,
- 5 again if you will please refer to your agenda. All of
- 6 the incoming correspondence for this week is included
- 7 on the agenda, and I'd just like to highlight just a
- 8 few items because we have gone through the policy
- 9 directives extensively today, and again it's been on
- the board's website and in the board's weekly packets
- 11 for maybe four or five, probably six months or so. So
- 12 they have been transmitted previously to the honorable
- 13 board.
- But just to highlight the other items, the
- 15 FOIA request from the Law Offices of Attorney Jermaine
- 16 Wyrick. We did receive that correspondence, and we
- 17 forwarded that FOIA request to the City of Detroit Law
- 18 Department for their review and further action.
- 19 And also the honorable board received a
- 20 weekly DPD Facial Recognition Report for the week of
- 21 September 7th, 2020 through September 13th, 2020.
- 22 And then lastly the National Association
- 23 for Civilian Oversight of Law Enforcement, they are
- 24 holding their 2020 conference meeting next week, and
- 25 the honorable board should have received that notice



- 1 to RSVP for that meeting to attend a NACOLE meeting
- 2 and learn more information not just about oversight on
- 3 the whole, but about the NACOLE organization and its
- 4 operations.
- 5 And also, through the Chair, we know that
- 6 Chairperson Bell sits on the NACOLE Board and is a
- 7 member at-large for that organization. During that
- 8 meeting they will also not only go through conference
- 9 details and logistics in terms of number of
- 10 registrants and attendees and the outcome and the
- 11 results of the conference and wrapping up that
- 12 conference, but they will also hold elections for
- 13 upcoming seats that are vacant on the NACOLE board.
- 14 So if you would please be sure to RSVP for that
- 15 meeting to cast your vote, it would be greatly
- 16 appreciated. And staff will also make sure you
- 17 receive the notice if you have not.
- 18 And that concludes the incoming
- 19 correspondence at this time.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Ms. White.
- 21 Unfinished business.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair?
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: I move that we begin
- 25 to post a position for OCI with the City of Detroit's



- 1 main HR department.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We are not prepared at
- 3 this time. We would be -- you just received the
- 4 director of personnel resume including the criteria
- 5 for that. We'll move on that first, and we should be
- 6 acting on that next week. We can work on that other
- 7 criteria, but the director of personnel as I stated is
- 8 the most priority in reference to that particular
- 9 matter.
- 10 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: I second his motion.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Any new business.
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, we
- 13 have a second on the table, on the floor right now,
- 14 Mr. Chairman. You've got to honor the second. It's
- 15 been properly seconded.
- 16 CHAIRPERSON BELL: What is the pleasure of
- 17 the board?
- 18 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Is there a question?
- 19 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The question is that we
- 20 move on working up the interim -- I mean, the position
- 21 for chief investigator.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Do we need a roll
- 23 call?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We'll conduct a roll
- 25 call and then discussion.



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- 2 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I abstain.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 6 District 3?
- 7 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, no.
- 9 District 5.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 12 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 14 Hernandez.
- 15 MS. WHITE: I do see Commissioner Hernandez
- 16 still on the line.
- 17 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Abstain.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I'm sorry?
- 19 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez?
- 20 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: He abstained.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 22 COMMISSIONER JONES: No.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 24 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Did I call District 2.



- 1 Yes. Ms. White?
- 2 MS. WHITE: Yes, the motion passed.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. At this time
- 4 we move onto any new business?
- 5 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 6 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes. Go ahead,
- 7 Commissioner Darryl.
- 8 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Only one person at a
- 9 time.
- 10 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Go ahead.
- 11 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Thank you for being so
- 12 polite. Thank you, Commissioner. I just wanted to
- 13 bring up as far as Mr. Bell, I think the
- 14 recommendations today, and I want to say to Ms. White,
- 15 I was not disrespecting her. I sent in
- 16 recommendations to Ms. Blossom, to yourself, and to
- 17 Mr. Brown and to Ms. Underwood of things that I think
- 18 would help this board. I'm just wondering is that
- 19 going to be read, sir, what I sent in this morning?
- 20 That's the first thing.
- 21 And then I wanted to recommend that this
- 22 board since we work so closely with the police
- 23 regarding the guns that they continually collect, that
- 24 this board takes the position, Mr. Bell, where we
- 25 would somehow decrease advertising buy guns out of the



- 1 pawn shops in African American neighborhoods. They
- 2 post these billboards, and I think it should be
- 3 something if we did it together at least post it with
- 4 the board's agreement that we do not need negative gun
- 5 advertising in our neighborhood. That's one thing.
- 6 And then when you add it to the other questions that I
- 7 had that I sent to Ms. Blossom and the rest of the
- 8 people, or may I read what I sent them?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: We will take a look at
- 10 it, Commissioner Burch. We will take a look at it and
- 11 we'll have discussion on that matter. Thank you.
- MS. WHITE: Through the Chair.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- MS. WHITE: Excuse me, Mr. Chair, also the
- 15 honorable board. I did not receive the correspondence
- 16 that Commissioner Burch is referring to, so please
- 17 also send -- feel free to send me that document as
- 18 well because I never received it. Thank you.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 21 COMMISSIONER BURTON: For new business, I
- 22 move that the Board of Police Commissioners create a
- 23 policy with the police department's relationship with
- 24 the 1033 program with the Department of Defense,
- 25 create a policy based off of the relationship



- 1 throughout the program that they are with called the
- 2 1033 Program to protect citizens. The 1033 Program is
- 3 when they buy military grade equipment. So right now
- 4 the Detroit Police Department does not have a policy,
- 5 and a policy does fall under the Board of Police
- 6 Commissioners jurisdiction.
- 7 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes, I second the
- 8 motion.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly
- 10 moved. Discussion?
- 11 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes. Mr. Chair, I
- 12 just wanted to ask a few questions to A.C. Stair if
- 13 she knows. Do we already have an agreement set up
- 14 already or a soft policy or something or directive of
- how we're dealing with the 1033 Program so far?
- ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAIR: I believe, through
- 17 the Chair, there is a soft policy agreement. I'm not
- 18 sure if I would call it an agreement. I know
- 19 Commissioner Burton I think back in July, sir, sent in
- 20 a request for some information in regards to it, and
- 21 we forwarded the information over. However, I can
- 22 always follow back up with you and the honorable board
- 23 with additional information.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Okay. Thank you.
- 25 ASSISTANT CHIEF CHAIR: Yes, sir.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Mr. Chairman.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: Are we doing
- 4 discussion right now or a motion?
- 5 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Discussion, yes, sir.
- 6 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: I don't mind the
- 7 motion. My concern is should we not have some
- 8 discussions before we have a policy of pros and cons
- 9 so we understand it from the beginning to the end in
- 10 terms of what we're really voting on. Should we not
- 11 have a debate or discussion before we get to a policy?
- 12 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I agree with you,
- 13 Commission Holley. It's a point in time. We don't
- 14 set a policy by itself, it's a joint effort with the
- 15 chief representing the department, and also with
- 16 Mayor. So basically that discussion should take
- 17 place. However, there is a motion on the floor, so we
- 18 would move for a roll call vote at this time.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Under discussion as
- 20 well. Based off of looking at what is taking place
- 21 across the country, we saw -- you know, we saw what
- 22 happened when we turn on the news, and what we see on
- 23 the news is not pretty whatsoever. And as elected
- 24 officials being part of the bridge between the police
- and the community, it's our responsibility to create



- 1 policies, work with law enforcement, but create
- 2 policies together in a partnership that's going to be
- 3 best useful in protecting our community, but not
- 4 harming our community.
- 5 And so right now across the country we want
- 6 to see police reform, and I know more importantly
- 7 Detroit wants to stand out and step out and be leading
- 8 this conversation, and so -- especially from the
- 9 community standpoint. And I just think that knowing
- 10 that there is not a policy in place as of yet, we as a
- 11 board can approve today to create a policy. The
- 12 policy is not going to be created overnight. But the
- 13 fact that a policy can come before this body, and I
- 14 just, you know -- so I call that we as a board
- 15 exercise our judicial responsibility and approve today
- 16 for a policy. The policy can be created, you know,
- 17 before the year is out, but we do need a policy,
- 18 because the 1033 Program with the Department of
- 19 Defense allows the departments and agencies to buy
- 20 substantial military grade equipment. And so the
- 21 community doesn't want to see this type of equipment
- 22 being deployed in their community.
- 23 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: And won't be that
- 24 long, can I just rebuttal that?
- 25 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, go ahead.



- 1 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: What I'm saying,
- 2 Commissioner Burton, we may get there, but I think we
- 3 ought to have an intelligent discussion, debate,
- 4 information and research, and we may get where you
- 5 want to get, but I don't think you have a policy
- 6 before you have the agreement to go get the policy
- 7 without discussion. That's all I'm saying here.
- 8 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Well, the motion has
- 9 been --
- 10 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Thank you.
- 11 Commissioner Burton, you already stated your position.
- 12 Okay. A roll call vote.
- 13 Commissioner Holt, a roll call vote.
- 14 VICE COMMISSIONER HOLT: May I have a
- 15 repeat of the motion.
- MS. WHITE: Through the Chair. The motion
- 17 was for the Board and the department to create a
- 18 policy regarding the 1033 Program based on the
- 19 department's 1033 Program.
- 20 And then also for the record, Commissioner
- 21 Hernandez is trying to get in on the discussion.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Commissioner
- 23 Hernandez.
- 24 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Mr. Chairman,
- 25 Commissioners, we're not voting on the policy today.



- 1 We're voting to approve a policy going forward. So
- 2 the policy is not going to be created today.
- 3 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Are you able to
- 4 hear me?
- 5 MS. WHITE: Yes, now we can hear you,
- 6 Commissioner Hernandez.
- 7 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I think my mic
- 8 might be delayed. So as a point of clarify, is this
- 9 motion or through this motion would we be approving
- 10 that Commissioner Burton take the lead to draft a
- 11 policy? Just as a point of clarification. I'm trying
- 12 to understand.
- COMMISSIONER BURTON: No, that the Board of
- 14 Police Commissioners and the chief's office will work
- 15 together on creating a policy going forward. Right
- 16 now there isn't a policy, but we are not going to
- 17 draft a policy today. But the board can work in
- 18 agreement with the chief's office, with the department
- 19 for creating a policy, and also have the community to
- 20 weigh in as well. But under the board's jurisdiction
- 21 we can't create a policy, rules and regulations. So
- 22 right now this is a program that's in place without a
- 23 policy. So we won't be approving a policy today, but
- 24 we are saying that --
- 25 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 2 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Through the Chair.
- 3 Commissioner Burton, so would we count on you given
- 4 that you're bringing this motion to light, that you
- 5 would lead that effort to draft that policy? Is that
- 6 what you're committing to? That's the point of
- 7 clarity that I'm trying to make to the entire to the
- 8 entire board.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't think we should
- 10 that get that clarity. He indicated that's really --
- 11 the motion is somewhat out of order, because --
- 12 COMMISSIONER BURTON: It's not out of
- 13 order.
- 14 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Because he already spoke
- 15 to that issue. But we can take a roll call vote.
- 16 Vice Chair Holt.
- 17 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: No.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 1.
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Yes.
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 2.
- 21 District 3.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Yes.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 4, no.
- 24 District 5.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Yes.



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: District 7.
- 2 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Yes.
- 3 CHAIRPERSON BELL: At-Large, Commissioner
- 4 Hernandez.
- 5 MS. WHITE: Commissioner Hernandez?
- 6 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: No.
- 7 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Jones.
- 8 COMMISSIONER JONES: Yes.
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Commissioner Holley.
- 10 COMMISSIONER HOLLEY: No.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Ms. White?
- MS. WHITE: The motion failed.
- 13 COMMISSIONER BURTON: Through the Chair, I
- 14 have counted the motion as passing.
- 15 MS. WHITE: Yes, sir, excuse me. Through
- 16 the Chair, the motion passed.
- 17 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- Any new announcements?
- 19 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Mr. Chairman, can you
- 20 hear me?
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 22 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I still have just a
- 23 comment on the new business.
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir, go ahead.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: What I wanted to say



- 1 is that I disagree with the decision from corporate
- 2 counsel on the position, because there was some things
- 3 in there she was not clear on, what she stated on the
- 4 authority of the board.
- 5 We do have supervisory control, and she was
- 6 saying how broad it was. So it does fall under the
- 7 purview of the board to approve the operating and
- 8 budget of items and things as it relates to the police
- 9 department with our supervisory control and budgetary
- 10 oversight. So I'm going to pursue this outside of the
- 11 board and the City and maybe go to the Attorney
- 12 General to get another opinion so it's just unbiased.
- 13 So we just take it out of the hands and the opinions
- of us and the City so that there is no conflict, and
- 15 let's see what the Attorney General's response would
- 16 be to that. And I will write the letter and draft it
- 17 and send it on.
- 18 And also, second, I did request a closed
- 19 session to discuss the things that you're talking
- 20 about with the policies and stuff like that. Where
- 21 are we on that? I haven't heard anything about
- 22 scheduling any closed sessions coming up. And I know
- 23 I did send in a letter for a young man who wanted an
- 24 appeal about applying to the department. Where are we
- 25 on that?



- 1 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Well, I don't know. I
- 2 would hope that you direct it to Ms. White, and we'll
- 3 respond.
- 4 Announcements, the next meeting is going be
- on Thursday, September the 24, 2020. Thereafter
- 6 October 8th, 2020.
- 7 At this point in time we can move on to
- 8 oral communications/public comments.
- 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: I have an
- 10 announcement. Through the Chair.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, ma'am.
- 12 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Thank you. Under
- 13 the leadership of Governor Whitmore, the Michigan
- 14 Department of Health and Human Services has expanded
- 15 the testing of Covid communities. Several churches
- 16 are involved in that effort, Harper Memorial Baptist
- 17 Church, Historic King Solomon Baptist, and even WCCC.
- 18 If folks are interested in having what they call the
- 19 noninvasive Covid testing done, they can call
- 20 1-888-535-6136. That's 1-888-535-6136 to make an
- 21 appointment. Thank you.
- 22 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you.
- 23 COMMISSIONER BROWN: Under announcements,
- the Shriner's in addition with Councilwoman Pro Tem
- 25 Sheffield in District 5 with Commission Burton, there



- 1 will be food drive this Saturday at Tennessee Baptist
- 2 Church. I will send out a flyer to Ms. White that I
- 3 just finally got that she can send it out that if we
- 4 know of anyone that is in need of any food or meals or
- 5 that wants to come by and volunteer to pass food out,
- 6 you're more than welcome. But we'll be over there,
- 7 and also conducting our voter registration drive, and
- 8 you would be able to sign up for the census.
- 9 VICE CHAIRPERSON HOLT: Oh, Wow. Thank
- 10 you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you. Oral
- 12 communication from the public?
- 13 ROBERT BROWN: Good afternoon, Mr. Chair
- 14 and this honorable board. I currently have 13
- 15 speakers. The first three speaks will be JW, followed
- 16 by Lieutenant Mark Young, and Minister Eric Blount.
- JW: Can you hear me?
- 18 ROBERT BROWN: Yes.
- 19 JW: Great, it works today. Okay. First
- 20 you all, I would just like to say Chairman Willie
- 21 Bell, you are just blatantly biased to my Commissioner
- 22 Willie Burton, and if I had a child watching this
- 23 meeting, I would be embarrassed for the leadership of
- 24 this body, and it's just really unbecoming of this
- 25 body. The way you treat him, cut him off, don't take



- 1 him seriously, it's just bad. So I really would
- 2 recommend you think about that, sir, because I went
- 3 and was looking for the documents. I couldn't find
- 4 the body cam policy, which was not followed by the
- 5 police officer that slammed me to the ground last
- 6 summer. It would be nice if someone is checking
- 7 whether that was really a malfunction or something
- 8 else.
- 9 And by the way, that officer, I don't know
- 10 if your policy talks about where the camera is, but
- 11 this gentleman had his camera at his belt. So what
- 12 are they making videos of I would like to know.
- So, no, the information was not there.
- 14 You're a body that's supposed to be for the public,
- 15 not the police. So I do agree with Commissioner
- 16 Willie Burton. I didn't hear -- well, I did miss a
- 17 couple meetings, but, yes, this should be discussed
- 18 before the public. You can hear back from the public
- 19 like that little tidbit about where this police
- 20 officer was wearing his camera, then claimed he didn't
- 21 have it or that it malfunctioned.
- So I'm glad that somebody unmuted me and I
- 23 was able to speak. But please, Commissioner Bell,
- 24 really your treatment of my commissioner is just
- 25 unacceptable. So hopefully you can change your



- 1 behavior and make this body more honorable.
- 2 ROBERT BROWN: Lieutenant Mark Young.
- 3 LIEUTENANT MARK YOUNG: Violence is
- 4 increasing without no fear of punishment. Everyone
- 5 wants to be in charge without accepting the risk.
- 6 Anti-police rhetoric, police political pontification
- 7 is backfiring. There is going to be a ban. The
- 8 moment that you ban the equipment that protects the
- 9 men and women that's going out here against barricaded
- 10 gunman, I'm going to call for a ban of our own. Ban
- 11 you from politically pontificating at our services, at
- 12 our bedside, and our grave sides. That is disgusting.
- We've seen numerous barricaded gunmen over
- 14 the last few months, it is increasing with no risk,
- 15 with no risk or punishment for these violent
- 16 offenders. I support and applaud the men and women of
- 17 the Detroit Police Department. They are going out
- 18 there and doing a fabulous job. We should be appalled
- 19 and angry and sickened by the actions against our law
- 20 enforcement officers. We do not support innocent
- 21 citizens being victims by law enforcement or anybody
- 22 else. The members of the department are dependable,
- 23 not expendable, and their sacrifice is great, and we
- 24 should be appreciating them to the fullest. If you
- 25 really want to make change, suit up, because we're



- 1 hiring.
- 2 Lastly, lastly. The census, if people fail
- 3 to follow the census, we will be in bankruptcy part
- 4 two, and it will be a bad situation and you don't have
- 5 to worry about the city.
- I yield the rest of my time.
- 7 ROBERT BROWN: Minister Eric Blount.
- 8 MINISTER BLOUNT: Can you hear me, Board?
- 9 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes.
- 10 MINISTER BLOUNT: For the record, this is
- 11 Minister Eric Blount, a lifelong Detroiter, and my
- 12 comments are as follows. All Detroiters should be
- 13 extremely afraid of the Detroit Police and the city
- 14 leaders, and here is why. This week a federal judge
- 15 rejected DPD and the city's request to continue
- 16 terrorizing Detroiters, even peaceful protesters. The
- 17 major reason for the judge's decision is, and I quote,
- 18 "The city and the police department lack a factual
- 19 basis for their motion." This conclusion by a federal
- 20 judgment that the police lacked facts to support their
- 21 actions. The police who have the power on their hips
- 22 to take a life, to arrest, detain, and request a
- 23 warrant. It is with this reality that I again beg all
- 24 Detroiters to video record all police contacts with
- 25 the public, especially people of color. All of the



- 1 recent police brutality situations were reported by
- 2 concerned citizens who just happened to be on the
- 3 scene. The police department and many others continue
- 4 to deploy a strategy of delay and deny the public
- 5 release of body-worn cameras. I pray that this
- 6 federal judge's decision will lead to what will be the
- 7 third consent decree forced upon DPD as a result of
- 8 its systemic exploitation of the citizens of Detroit,
- 9 the city I love and people I care for.
- 10 As far as no-knock warrants, even the death
- of or own seven-year-old Aiyana Stanley Jones and the
- 12 2020 murder of Breonna Taylor, why is there not a
- 13 policy on no-knock warrants, not even a fast track
- 14 effort. On foot pursuits, the definition of
- 15 reasonable suspicion is very low.
- 16 ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three
- 17 people will be Mr. Anthony Scinell (ph), Susan
- 18 Steigerwalt, and Detroit DSA.
- 19 Mr. Scinell. Go ahead, sir.
- 20 MR. SCINELL: Hello. Yes, a City of
- 21 Detroit resident and taxpayer, I'm calling for the
- 22 either immediate resignation or termination of what I
- 23 call the Liar and Chief of Police James Craig who is
- 24 waging a manufactured and phony law and order
- 25 political campaign in concert with the fascist



- 1 President Donald Trump to cover up (inaudible) with AG
- 2 William Barr, and a land bank bandit, corporate
- 3 conspirator, Michael Duggan, and it's neither the
- 4 safety nor the enforcement of law in Detroit, but the
- 5 chief's own personality propelled media agenda which
- one on one hand would say that demonstrators are
- 7 outsides, but police, his police agents are not. So
- 8 I'm calling for the immediate termination of the
- 9 chief's employment with the city.
- 10 And also the corporate counsel's opinion
- 11 that you can't rule on facial recognition, that's
- 12 really a ridiculous opinion in my view.
- 13 And finally, I support Commissioner
- 14 Burton's attempt to formulate a policy on the 1033
- 15 program, which I personally believe should not exist,
- 16 and the United States Congress needs to abolish it.
- 17 Thank you.
- 18 ROBERT BROWN: Ms. Steigerwalt.
- 19 Ms. Steigerwalt?
- We're going to Detroit DSA.
- 21 DETROIT DSA: Hello, this is Anthony
- 22 Dellicolli from Detroit Democratic Socialists. I
- 23 would like to comment on this Board claiming that it
- 24 doesn't have the authority to ban facial recognition
- 25 technology. Regarding DPD's use of the technology



- 1 following the false arrest of Robert Williams,
- 2 Commissioner Griffie in the meeting on June 25th
- 3 requested a full report and said, quote, "If I cannot
- 4 attest to the effectiveness of the program, I will
- 5 shut it down. I will work with my colleagues, and we
- 6 will not allow you to use it any more, "end quote. So
- 7 either that was all a charade to diffuse the
- 8 controversy surrounding the jailing of an innocent
- 9 man, or Commissioner Griffie and the rest of this
- 10 board knows that they have the authority to ban it,
- 11 but choose to allow Chair Bell to make excuses about
- 12 why they cannot.
- Do what many other major cities have
- 14 already done, which by the way have much less
- 15 population of African-Americans, vote to ban facial
- 16 recognition technology and recommend that city council
- 17 do the same, and that will be the end of it. Thank
- 18 you.
- 19 ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair, the next three
- 20 speakers will be Ashley Smith followed by Richard
- 21 Newman followed by People Power.
- Ms. Smith.
- MS. SMITH: I'm Ashley Smith, sister of
- 24 Detroit Police victim Sheldy Smith. One, we need to
- 25 end no-knock warrants, they're being removed from all



- 1 all different places in the country. We need to stop
- 2 Project Green Light, Justice for Sheldy. Chief Craig
- 3 and also members of this board, you guys need to step
- 4 down.
- 5 And then Lieutenant Mark Young, you've got
- 6 to stop drinking the Kool-Aid. There is a lot of
- 7 issues going on in this police department, and I think
- 8 we have room for improvements that are realistic.
- 9 I've been around the world, and I'm
- 10 literally afraid for Detroiters and their pets who
- 11 have been victims of the police board and the police
- 12 department. I have asked on several occasions for
- 13 several months to get an update for the promotion of
- 14 Dewayne Jones. I still have not received that. I'm
- 15 just asking, because it just -- I don't -- it's just a
- 16 little bit ridiculous at this point. I'm disappointed
- 17 with the conduct today. We have to give our
- 18 commissioners the ability to do their jobs. And I do
- 19 believe that we should be able to communicate about
- 20 different policies being enacted that effect
- 21 Detroiters. Remember Detroiters pay taxes and you're
- 22 responsible for them. I yield my time.
- 23 ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Newman.
- 24 MR. NEWMAN: Hello, can you hear me?
- 25 ROBERT BROWN: Yes, sir.



- 1 MR. NEWMAN: Hi. My name is Richard
- 2 Newman. I'm in District 3 in Detroit in the
- 3 Conant-Davison neighborhood. First of all, I wanted
- 4 to voice my support for what Commissioner Brown said
- 5 about taking outside opinions about the powers of the
- 6 police board and get an independent legal advice to
- 7 really determine like what the powers are, because it
- 8 seems clear from the charter that the police board has
- 9 the power to establish policies rules and regulations,
- 10 and also to guide policy through budget approval. And
- 11 under those items in the charter, it seems that the
- 12 Board of Police Commissioners could take a stand on
- 13 facial recognition technology and the 1033 program. I
- do want to applaud the board for deciding to establish
- 15 some policies on the 1033 program. I hope the
- 16 policies will be not to use it. But regardless, this
- 17 is -- you know, this is the job of the board.
- So I really am looking forward to that
- 19 independent review of these powers, and I really hope
- 20 we can move forward with banning facial recognition
- 21 technology, banning the involvement in the 1033
- 22 program. And even if it's not within your legal
- 23 authority, you have a moral imperative to take a stand
- 24 on these things. So I'm really looking forward to
- 25 hearing from you next week and the weeks to come and



- 1 see how you move forward with these really important
- 2 policies for Detroiters. Thank you so much. I yield
- 3 my time.
- 4 ROBERT BROWN: People Power.
- 5 PEOPLE POWER: September 24th, 2020 for
- 6 immediate release. By unanimous vote the Detroit
- 7 Board of Police Commissioners has decided to end the
- 8 Detroit Police Department's use of facial recognition
- 9 technology. At today's Board of Police Commissioners,
- 10 the BOPC voted ten-zero with Commissioner Carter in
- 11 absentia to immediately end DPD's use of the
- 12 controversial facial recognition program. I could no
- 13 longer sit by and see innocent men and women
- 14 unlawfully arrested, said Commissioner Shirley Burch,
- 15 District 3, who made the motion to ban facial
- 16 recognition. As a Christian I was guided Isaiah 1:17,
- 17 learn to do good, seek justice, correct oppression.
- 18 Commissioner Burch was seconded by Chairman Willie
- 19 Bell in the motion to ban FRT who noted in the spirit
- 20 of the late John Lewis, now is the time for us to make
- 21 good trouble and stand up to those who continue to
- 22 pressure the Board to allow DPD to use this broken and
- 23 racist tool. I clearly read that our first duty in
- 24 the 2012 charter is to in consultation with the Chief
- 25 of Police and with the approval of the Mayor



- 1 established policies, rules and regulations will now
- 2 make the revelation that facial recognition shall not
- 3 be used.
- 4 All go with whatever Chairman Bell said,
- 5 added Vice Chair Annie Holt. Debate on the matter was
- 6 short and powerful said Commissioner Holley, At-Large.
- 7 I hear the cries of the public on this matter, and let
- 8 the citizens of Detroit know I know my Christian duty,
- 9 I am with you, I will protect you. We will end this
- 10 facial recognition program today. Commissioner Evette
- 11 Griffie noted that many times DPD has come on BOPC
- 12 calls and used circular and extraneous arguments to
- 13 defend the program. She added facial recognition
- 14 technology is not DNA. If the tool is broken, it
- 15 can't be used.
- 16 Commissioners Burton, Brown and Davis who
- 17 long supported the ban expressed gratitude for the
- 18 actions of the board. It feels like the first action
- 19 we've taken as a real civilian oversight board noted
- 20 Commissioner Burton. Public comment at the time end
- 21 of the meeting was overwhelmingly in support of the
- 22 action. It's a start, it's about time, noted an
- 23 justice activist on the call. The facial recognition
- 24 technology ban should goes into effect immediately.
- 25 ROBERT BROWN: Mr. Chair, your next three



- 1 speakers will be Ms. Tawana Petty, followed by
- 2 Ms. Michelle George, followed by Ms. Susan
- 3 Steigerwalt.
- 4 Ms. Petty.
- 5 MS. PETTY: Thank you for bringing in the
- 6 law department to discuss facial recognition. I found
- 7 it extremely confusing that the opinion would be that
- 8 this board could not regulate DPD's use considering
- 9 they passed policy. You all passed the policy
- 10 approving use. So it's just -- I think that if the
- 11 Attorney General determines that you don't have that
- 12 power, then we need to re-evaluate why you can pass
- 13 policies that you can't undue. However, I don't
- 14 expect that community members will let up about this
- issue because of a verbal opinion anyway.
- 16 Fighting face recognition and mass
- 17 surveillance isn't just about the inevitable targeting
- 18 and criminalization, it's also about the foreseeable
- 19 exclusion, social control, and further marginalization
- 20 of communities who are already regulated to the
- 21 margins of society. We need to have confidence that
- 22 this body can offer responsible oversight and will
- 23 oversee this technology. You should not be passing
- 24 any policies that you don't have the power to
- 25 regulate. That makes absolutely no sense. Think



- 1 about that.
- 2 So any policy that you're passing through,
- 3 especially without scrutiny, because I'm seeing
- 4 policies just get waved and passed through, they're
- 5 going to have an impact on the entire City of Detroit,
- 6 and then when it comes to hold folks accountable to
- 7 those policy, you opt out of it. And that is very
- 8 discouraging.
- 9 So if I was serving on any body and I was
- 10 told that I can't regulate a policy that I'm passing,
- I would be in an uproar. And so all I'm asking is
- 12 that you consider that when you make decisions, what
- is your ultimate ability to hold people to the fire on
- 14 the decisions that you're making. Thank you for your
- 15 time.
- 16 ROBERT BROWN: Ms. Michelle George.
- MS. GEORGE: Can you hear me? Hi,
- 18 Mr. Brown.
- 19 To the Chair and to A.C. Stair, because I
- 20 just want to get that in, A.C. Stair, I'm going to try
- 21 to email you, because there is a missing young lady in
- 22 the last two months, and I asked that question before,
- 23 but no one gave me an answer, so maybe I can email
- 24 you. I've just noticed that we've been having a lot
- of missing young ladies, but also some found, but some



- 1 have not, I want to make that comment.
- 2 Also to Chairman Bell and to this honorable
- 3 board, and I was listening to the policy, just like
- 4 what Ms. Petty was stating, Detroit isn't an apartheid
- 5 system. We have with the Mayor, and I respect the
- 6 Office of Mayor, with the Mayor we have a Financial
- 7 Review Commission, School Board, Emergency Management,
- 8 all of these things, but if we keep hollering enough,
- 9 the Lord will hear our prayer, that facial recognition
- 10 will be banned, because if Portland can ban a most
- 11 racist system that China used to control human
- 12 behavior, and to -- and talk about race, that's how it
- 13 began if you look at China.
- I pray for the families, and also my
- 15 condolences to the family of Bryant Searcy they buried
- 16 last week, his family.
- But Chairman Bell, you can hear and see
- 18 that you control the microphone and the power. Thank
- 19 you Commissioner Burch for putting that in there,
- 20 Commissioner Bell, but if we cry out to the Lord, he
- 21 will hear us. It will be banned hopefully under a new
- 22 administration, a new African-American Attorney
- 23 General. And I don't want to see the Detroit Police
- 24 Department on a consent decree, but it looks like you
- 25 may wind up down that path. We see the racism -- I



- 1 just did a video Racism and Your Health. With Breonna
- 2 Taylor, and this is not -- we know their Law
- 3 Enforcement Act, serve and protect, but we see what is
- 4 happening with black faces. But Detroit Board of
- 5 Police Commissioners, some of you, you are
- 6 perpetuating the racists upon our system with
- 7 apartheid. So we will fight this and we will win, and
- 8 let's vote next year with Mayor. Thank you, bye-bye.
- 9 ROBERT BROWN: Ms. Steigerwalt.
- 10 Ms. Steigerwalt?
- 11 Through the Chair, it seems like she's have
- 12 trouble, so Ms. George is the last speaker.
- 13 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Thank you, Mr. Brown.
- 14 If there is no other business here, the Chair will
- 15 entertain a motion for adjournment.
- 16 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: I thought you had
- 17 another speaker. Are we going to allow
- 18 Ms. Steigerwalt to speak, or what are we doing with
- 19 that?
- 20 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I quess she's not
- 21 responding.
- 22 COMMISSIONER DAVIS: Is she still on the
- 23 line?
- 24 CHAIRPERSON BELL: I don't know.
- 25 COMMISSIONER BROWN: I've been unmuting her



- 1 from the last.
- 2 CHAIRPERSON BELL: The Chair we'll
- 3 entertain a motion for adjournment.
- 4 COMMISSIONER BURCH: Mr. Chair, before you
- 5 have make that motion, I would just like to say that
- 6 when you do speak to me regarding the recommendations,
- 7 that we meet with the board so they can help make that
- 8 decision, please don't just let it be you what I have
- 9 to say. And Ms. White, I will forward the message to
- 10 you. Thank you.
- 11 CHAIRPERSON BELL: You can always speak to
- 12 the board, Commissioner Holt, you can communicate
- 13 through email, attach whatever that is.
- 14 The Chairman will entertain a motion for
- 15 adjournment.
- 16 COMMISSIONER BURCH: I'm Commissioner
- 17 Burch.
- 18 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Burch, thank you for
- 19 clarifying that.
- 20 COMMISSIONER JONES: Motion to adjourn.
- 21 CHAIRPERSON BELL: Yes, sir.
- 22 COMMISSIONER HERNANDEZ: Second.
- 23 CHAIRPERSON BELL: It's been properly moved
- 24 and second. Any discussions?
- Those in favor yes?



1		THE BOARD: Yes.
2		CHAIRPERSON BELL: Those in no.
3		COMMISSIONER BURTON: No.
4		CHAIRPERSON BELL: Motion passed. Thank
5	you.	We stand adjourned.
6		(The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.
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5	deposition of said witness was taken before me at the time and place hereinbefore set forth; witness was by
6	me first duly sworn to testify to the truth; that thereupon the foregoing questions were asked and
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